

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, OPRITA, BUECHLER, BRUCKNER AND MONTGOMERY
 MEMBERS ABSENT: KISH AND BRADLEY
 ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF
 LISA SHAGENA, ASSESSOR AND BILL SHAGENA, FIRE DEPARTMENT
 SHARON WILTON, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR/COMMUNITY EVENTS COORDINATOR
 PATTI BUNDY, UTILITY BILLING CLERK

Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Buechler, to approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of August 19th, 2020, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: * NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Oprita, to approve the Agenda, with the addition of Item #1, NEW BUSINESS: Resolution amending the Retiree Health Care Benefit. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,762,976.87
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 875,054.89
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 374,296.74
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 520,392.22
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 269,053.09
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 17,067.20
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 1,242,146.43
TOTAL	\$ 5,060,987.44
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,403,305.66
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 6,464,293.10

Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Buechler, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTON PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 6,464,293.10.**

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 6,286.78
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 2,478.97
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 0.00
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 0.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 12,878.17
TOTAL	\$ 21,643.92
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.)	\$ 102,592.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 124,235.92

Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Montgomery, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 124,235.92.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from St. Clair County Economic Development Alliance (EDA) re: the Township's Membership
2. Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) memo regarding "Notification of New Drinking Water Requirements for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)"
3. Letter, from Bill McMurtrie, Brockway Township Supervisor, regarding the target marker product commonly known as Tannerite.
4. Email, from Steve Bonney of Fort Gratiot, re: concerns with regard to the deployment of 5G wireless technology.

* According to Section 6 of the Charter Township of Fort Gratiot By-Laws adopted 02/20/2003.

Motion by Oprita, seconded by Buechler, to accept correspondence, as presented. Vote, Unanimous.
MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Montgomery to modify the Retiree Healthcare Reimbursement to remove requirement of having health insurance; and changing the language to set the age at 59 rather than Social Security eligibility.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION:

- * Trustee Montgomery brought up under discussion with the previous Supervisor, Baldwin; and discussed with the Township Auditor, Paul Bailey. Mr. Bailey agreed with the proposed amendments and stated when it the current language which states "Social Security Eligible" it is actually harder to aggregate the unfunded liability for the OPEBS because the target is moving based on your social security age; it would be much easier if it was a fixed age and of years of service.
- * Township's contribution of 9% into 401a Retirement Fund. An employee can withdraw from the retirement fund at 59½ without penalty. But with the current retiree health care policy, it would cause a gap to social security eligibility, whatever that may be for them, thereby hindering an employee from retiring until their age of retirement.
- * Actuarial cost couldn't be provided by Mr. Bailey; cost would ultimately be less if an employee retired at 59½ and was not longer receiving all the fringe benefits, including healthcare.
- * Worth further decision but to make a decision tonight, more figures are needed.
- * Medicare doesn't apply until a retiree reaches the age of 65.
- * Possibility of buy-out offer
- * DPW Union Contract

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SUPPORT. Board Members are willing to look at this at the next meeting after getting further information from Mr. Bailey and further investigation.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- St. Clair County MTA Chapter Meeting - Picnic in the Park - Thursday, September 24th at 11:00 a.m. at the Fort Gratiot County Park, 3325 Metcalf Road, South Pavilion.
- Constitutional and Statutory Revenue Sharing Projections (FY 2020 Actuals and FY 2020 Projected) Executive Budget Recommendation - August Consensus.
- MTA's newest **Now You Know** learning initiative
- Healthcare Reimbursement
- Township Supervisor Update re: Office Hours; 2021 Budget; 2021 Road Work Projects & Funding; Landfill Cost Increases; 2021 Water Rates; Meter Upgrades; and new slide installed at North River Road Park; Bike Path Maintenance; Office Hours have returned to normal: 8 am - 4:30 pm; COVID Grant Dollars;
- Wage Comparison Study and Job Description reviews

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: NONE

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Oprita, to adjourn. Time, 7:35 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED.


ROBERT D. BUECHLER, CLERK
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, SUPERVISOR
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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