

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, OPRITA, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, KISH, BRUCKNER AND MONTGOMERY

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF
 LISA SHAGENA, ASSESSOR
 SHARON WILTON, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR / COMMUNITY EVENTS COORDINATOR
 PATTI BUNDY, UTILITY BILLING CLERK
 AJ ARMBRUSTER, INCOMING TRUSTEE

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of October 21st, 2020, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: * NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Oprita, to approve the Agenda, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,778,205.14
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 801,339.92
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 278,949.68
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 417,565.21
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 156,350.75
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 39,748.19
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 1,574,718.46
TOTAL	\$ 5,046,877.35
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,462,966.41
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 6,509,843.76

Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Bradley, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 6,509,843.76.**

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 11,621.10
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 2,043.92
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 7,815.16
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 1.40
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 55,596.09
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 188.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 529,655.14
TOTAL	\$ 606,920.81
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.)	\$ 3,500.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 610,420.81

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Oprita, to pay bills, as presented.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Legal fees

Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 610,420.81.**

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Oprita, seconded by Buechler, to set the Public Hearing Date to review and hear citizen comments, questions and/or objections and to take action on the 2020 Special Assessment Rate for Fire Protection; and the Proposed 2021 Budget, on Wednesday, November 18th, 2020, beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m.
Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Oprita, to approve Grounds Maintenance request to purchase a 6' x 9' Utility Trailer from J & J Trailers of Kimball Twp., at a cost of \$2,100.00.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Funds available from 2020 Budget
* Used for hauling trash

Roll Call Vote, 6/1, Kish voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Kish, to approve Grounds Maintenance request to purchase Rtv1140 Utility Vehicle and accessories, from Jones Equipment Rental Sales & Service, Fort Gratiot, at a cost of \$17,091.90.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Funds available from 2020 Budget
* Will replace the John Deere Gator they currently use, which will, then, go to the Cemetery

Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to adopt Resolution 2020-016, Adjusting Assistance to Senior Citizens for Water and Sewer Services, increasing the Household Income Requirement to \$25,000.00.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Adjusting *Household Income Requirement* from \$20,000 to \$25,000.
* Current requirement rate of \$20,000 was established in 1999, noting it was to be adjusted regularly for cost of living. It hasn't been acted on or adjusted since.
* Approximately 20/25 residents currently enrolled in the program and due to COLA adjustments to their Social Security, some have phased out. This coming year, even more will be phased out because they will be getting upward of that \$20,000 threshold.
* Marysville and Kimball Township has set their requirement level at \$25,000 also.
* Thirty (30%) percent discount on water/sewer bill.
* Must be over 65 and proof of meeting income requirement. Must be renewed annually.

Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

5. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Oprita, to accept the Proposed Agreement with Spicer Group for providing professional engineering assistance for the Risk and Resilience Assessment for the Township's Water and Wastewater Systems, at a total cost of \$54,000.00; and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * \$27,000 FOR Water and \$27,000 for Wastewater, totaling \$54,000.00
* \$25,000 / per day fine for not complying with EPA requirement; deadline is end of June, 2021.
* Study required by EPA for municipalities having over 5,000 customers.
* This requirement went into legislation in 2016 and is, now, required.
* Appears another submission will be required in five (5) years.

Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Three (3) Year Fire Department Budget Plan (2021-2022-2023)
PILOT Program for Lake Huron Woods and runs to different senior living communities
- Clerk Buechler reported 71% voter turnout for November 3rd, 2020 General Election. He thanked the voters, Election Inspectors, the AV Counting Board workers, and other Fort Gratiot employees that assisted with the election. Clerk Buechler also thanked the USPS for ensuring that ballots were delivered in time to be counted, noting that the local Postmaster drove to Pontiac to retrieve and deliver ballots Election night.
- 2021 Budget
- Status regarding retiree healthcare, AP Clerk and Code Enforcement issues that were discussed at previous meetings

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: NONE

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to adjourn. Time, 8:01 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED.


ROBERT D. BUECHLER, CLERK
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, SUPERVISOR
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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