

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, OPRITA, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, KISH, BRUCKNER AND ARMBRUSTER
 MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE
 ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF
 LISA SHAGENA, ASSESSOR
 ROB MONTGOMERY, FORMER TRUSTEE
 ED WEISCHLER, PROGRAM ADVISOR FOR THE BLUE WATER AREA FALLEN HEROS COMMUNITY
 BANNER PROGRAM AND U.S. AIR FORCE VETERAN

Motion by Oprita, seconded by Armbruster, to approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of November 18th, 2020, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: *

Rob Montgomery asked questions regarding Item #6, New Business - Request to purchase 19.9 acres North of the Fort Gratiot Pond.

Ed Weischler spoke regarding banners to be displayed with pictures of fallen heroes on them on Memorial Day, 2021.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$	1,928,199.74
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	775,072.13
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	271,184.36
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	342,549.19
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$	100,754.66
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	36,468.48
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	1,278,193.12
TOTAL	\$	4,732,421.68
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$	1,448,534.18
GRAND TOTAL	\$	6,180,955.86

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 6,180,955.86.**

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$	29,594.26
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	5,996.14
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	0.00
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	0.00
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$	0.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	0.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	10,824.11
TOTAL	\$	46,414.51
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.)	\$	3,500.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$	49,914.51

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 49,914.51.**

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from COMCAST regarding Price Changes, effective January 1, 2021.

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Oprita, seconded by Bruckner, to adopt Resolution (2020-027) to Establish 2021 Township Boards and Commissions Per Diem Rate of Pay, effective January 1, 2021, at \$75.00 per meeting attended. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
2. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to adopt Resolution (2020-028) to Establish Per Diem Rate of Pay for the Representative on the Blue Water Area Transportation Commission, at \$75.00 per meeting attended, effective January 1, 2021. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
3. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to appoint Robert Buechler as Township Board Member as Representative on the Township Planning Commission, for a term to expire 11/20/2024.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Board Member appointments to correspond with elected term.

Roll Call Vote, 6/0, with Trustee Bruckner temporarily off-line from loss of internet connection. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Oprita, to adopt MDOT's Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies (2020-029), for work done within MDOT Right-of-Way, in the year 2021.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * For work within MDOT Right-of-Ways

Roll Call Vote, 6/0, with Trustee Bruckner temporarily off-line from loss of internet connection. **MOTION PASSED.**

5. Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Buechler, to adopt the Resolution for Service Structure Application (2020-030), for work done within SCCRC Right-of-Way, 01/31/2021 thru 01/31/2022.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * For work within SCCRC Right-of-Ways

Roll Call Vote, 6/0, with Trustee Bruckner temporarily off-line from loss of internet connection. **MOTION PASSED.**

TRUSTEE BRUCKNER'S INTERNET CONNECTION RESTORED AND RETURNED TO THE ZOOM MEETING.

6. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the acquisition of 19.9 acre vacant lot, on Parker Road, North of the Fort Gratiot Pond, for \$175,000.00; and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Purchase Agreement and necessary document(s) on behalf of the Township Board. Roll Call Vote, 5/2, Kish and Armbruster voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

7. **NO ACTION TAKEN** on St. Clair County Road Commission Agreement to Cap Seal Old Farm Subdivision (Guilford Ln., Lantern Ln., Old Farm Ln., Old Forge Dr., Quaker Hill Dr., Sturbridge Ln., Surrey Ln., E. Surrey Ln., W. Surrey Ln. and Vineyard Ln.; or to pave Fairway Drive.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Approximately \$94,000 for Old Farm Subdivision; and approximately \$80,000 to pave Fairway Drive

8. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to approve the Fire Chiefs request to purchase a Bullard Thermal Imaging Camera for Engine 34, at a total cost of \$6,349.00.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Cost of new TI Camera is \$7,749.00; offering a \$1,400 for trade-in of the old camera

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

9. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to adopt the Fort Gratiot Charter Township *Principles of Governance*. Vote, Unanimous.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Asphalt cracking by mailboxes located at the Pointe Community Center.
- Grant to make Keewahdin Road Beach ADA accessible.
- Discussion regarding donation drop boxes and people using locations to discard old items

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: NONE

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to adjourn. Time, 8:06 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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