

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, OPRITA, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, BRUCKNER AND ARMBRUSTER
 MEMBERS ABSENT: KISH
 ALSO PRESENT: PAUL BAILEY, TOWNSHIP AUDITOR WITH UHY, LLP
 KEVIN PETRU, PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE OF MICHIGAN DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE
 PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF
 LISA SHAGENA, ASSESSOR
 ROB MONTGOMERY, FORMER TRUSTEE
 DAVE NORRIS

Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Armbruster, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of December 16th, 2020, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: * NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Oprita, to approve the Agenda, with the addition of Item #3, NEW BUSINESS: Interlocal Agreement for St. Clair County to Approve the Designated Assessor for the Period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,838,126.06
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 808,895.53
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 292,361.84
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 364,459.98
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 125,007.85
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 32,562.55
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 1,314,446.77
TOTAL	\$ 4,775,860.58
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,321,456.17
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 6,097,316.75

Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Bruckner, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 6,097,316.75.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

NO ACTION TAKEN to pay bills.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bruckner, to adopt Resolution Amending Appendix "A" (2021-001), increasing water/sewer rates, becoming effective with January 1st, 2021 consumption and billed on the April 1st, 2021 billing, as follows:

AMENDMENT(S):

I. Quarterly Water Consumption:

1. Quarterly Water Consumption Charge for metered users shall be based upon the amount of metered water consumed quarterly and the size of the meter installed, computed, as follows:
 - (A) Thirty Seven and 50/100 (\$ 37.50) Dollars per Thousand Cubic Feet
 - (B) Meter Charge/Ready to Serve Fee of Thirty Two and 50/100 (\$ 32.50) Dollars per Quarter

II. Quarterly Sewer Treatment Charges:

1. Quarterly Sewer Treatment Charges for metered water users or metered sewer users shall be based on metered water or metered sewage and computed, as follows:
 - (A) Thirty Four and 75/100 (\$ 34.75) Dollars per Thousand Cubic Feet

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION:
- * Mr. Bailey discussed the proposed 2021 water/sewer rate increases suggested. He explained the suggested rates were to cover the Township internal costs, as well as the City's costs. The City of Port Huron's Capital Improvement Plan estimates just under \$15,000,000 of improvements to the Wastewater Plant.
 - * Township's aging sewer lines.
 - * Township has capacity rights of 13.8% of the Sewer Treatment Plan, which obligates us to pay toward a portion of improvements.
 - * Possibility of bonding out the funding for improvements.

Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Bradley, to accept the quote, from Carrot-Top Industries, Inc., totaling \$613.39, for the purchase of Hardware & Supplies for the 2021 Memorial Day *Fallen Hero's Community Banner Project*.

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION:
- * Memorial banners to be placed on light poles in front of the Municipal Center, ten (10) days before and ten (10) days after Memorial Day. Banners will be provided by Veteran Affairs.
 - * Brackets could be used to place other banners throughout the year.

Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Oprita, to approve the *Interlocal Agreement for St. Clair County to Approve the Designated Assessor for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.*

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION:
- * County has hired a designated Assessor, as required by State Law. This individual would step in if a local assessor is not performing their duties.
 - * Each municipality is required to pay a \$250.00 Retainer Fee in the event the Designated Assessor is needed, in the future.

Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- This fall, the Township has had seven (7) Township employees/families effected by COVID.
- Zoning Board of Appeals position; and Building Clerk's Position.
- Kevin Petru, Presbyterian Village of Michigan Director of Real Estate Development was introduced and spoke regarding Phase II of Lake Huron Woods.
- Procedural Audit of the November, 2020 Election, to be held on January 14th, 2021.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- Rob Montgomery regarding *Bill by Usage* upon completion of changing out water meters. Still working toward that goal.
- Lisa Shagena regarding Designated Assessor and explained the Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR) will begin next year.

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bradley, to adjourn. Time, 7:58 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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