

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF  
 LIEUT., TRAVIS WOOLMAN, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
 ROB MONTGOMERY, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
 LISA SHAGENA, ASSESSOR  
 JORJA BALDWIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
 JACKIE SMITH, TIMES HERALD  
 DAVE NORRIS

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021; and the SPECIAL MEETING OF January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** \*

\* Robert Montgomery regarding comparable salaries for firefighters

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,193,179.86
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,125,299.43
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 397,953.44
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 669,114.20
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 484,039.32
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 27,975.19
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 1,233,814.90
TOTAL	\$ 6,131,376.34
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,320,717.08
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 7,452,093.42

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,452,093.41.

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 16,624.38
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 4,993.53
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 7,815.16
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 0.00
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 55,775.78
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 21,533.59
TOTAL	\$ 106,742.44
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (KRAFFT SEWER BOND)	\$ 5,377.50
(MAINT. & IMP.)	\$ 13,206.25
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 125,326.19

Motion by Oprita, seconded by Armbruster, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,326.19.

**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 Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Fire Chiefs request to hire Lieutenant, Travis Woolman, to Full-Time Fire Fighter/EMT position, at a starting salary of \$44,000 per 40 hour work week, effective February 15, 2021.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Travis will be coming into this position with the rank of Lieutenant, has his Officer 1 & 2 Certifications; and ten (10) years experience on Fort Gratiot Fire Department.  
\* Still eligible to run after hour Paid-on-Call Fire Runs  
\* Pay averaged out in comparison with three (3) different Fire Departments: Chesterfield, City of Port Huron and Macomb. Fort Gratiot Fire Department is at the lower end of all of those pay scales.  
\* Benefits in addition to hourly pay.

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

2. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Armbruster, to approve the request, from Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), and grant approval to perform construction at night on road construction scheduled on M-25 in 2022.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Section of M-25, from Hancock Street to M-136 (Pine Grove Road).  
\* Ordinance currently permits construction from 7 am - 9 pm

Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the BMJ Engineers & Surveyor's, Inc. Annual Agreement with Fort Gratiot Charter Township, for Engineering & Surveying Services.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Plan reviews and construction; these are the rates that are charged on Escrow accounts.


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

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- St. Clair County Road Commission's Annual Township Meeting via ZOOM at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- PACE facility on Lakeshore Road between Presbyterian Village and the Presbyterian Church.
- James Freed re: placement of "Welcome to Port Huron" sign on small Township parcel near Koppinger Auto Sales.
- State Election Audit of the November 2020 election.
- Blessing Box located along berm wall at entrance to Municipal Center.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** NONE

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to adjourn. Time, 7:23 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