

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, OPRITA, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, KISH AND ARMBRUSTER
 MEMBERS ABSENT: BRUCKNER
 ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF
 LISA SHAGENA, ASSESSOR
 ROB MONTGOMERY, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER

Motion by Kish, seconded by Oprita, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of March 3rd, 2021, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: *

Gary Vaneeno, 5712 Laskeshore Road - Out of town and missed his opportunity to appeal his property assessment to the Board of Review. He wished to appeal to the Township Board.

Mr. Vaneeno was advised that property assessments are appealed through the Board of Review and not the Board of Trustees, in accordance to State laws. The Board advised Mr. Vaneeno to have his mail forwarded or picked up by someone who can screen time sensitive if he travels in the future. Because he didn't appeal to the Board of Review, he cannot appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. They also advised Mr. Vaneeno that he wouldn't have to appear in person to appeal to the Board of Review. His appeal can be written or he can have a representative. Because Board of Review is held annually, during the month of March, he should set some type of reminder to be on the lookout in the future.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,493,754.60
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,390,534.12
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 501,450.19
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 978,264.30
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 610,874.11
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 22,623.37
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 1,449,515.32
TOTAL	\$ 7,447,016.01
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,333,184.49
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 8,780,200.50

Motion by Kish, seconded by Buechler, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 8,780,200.50.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 30,957.60
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 4,772.62
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 80,656.70
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 0.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 7,604.96
TOTAL	\$ 123,991.88
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.)	\$ 3,500.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 127,491.88

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Oprita, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 127,491.88.

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

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT: Given by representative of Sheriff Department: S.E. Jones

Total Calls for Service for the month of February, 2021, (333). Number of Patrol Hours, (1008). 7 Animal Complaint; 4 Assault & Battery; 24 Assist Other Depts.; 54 Assist Public; 29 B&E/Alarm; 1 B&E/Building & Vehicle; 1 Child Abuse/Neglect; 7 Disorderly Persons; 11 Domestic Assault; 3 Fraud; 5 Harassment & Threats; 3 Juvenile Matter; 2 Larceny; 4 MDOP; 6 PI Traffic Crash; 37 PD Traffic Crash; 12 Retail Fraud; 1 Sex Offense; 1 Stolen Vehicle; 26 Suspicious Incidents; 4 Trespasser; 91 Misc.: School Checks/Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hang-ups, etc.; 122 Traffic Stops; 40 Tickets Issued.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE SHERIFF: * NONE

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total runs for the month of February, 2021, (111). 6 Fire; 91 Rescue/EMS; 3 Hazardous Condition (No Fire); 2 Service Calls; 4 Good Intent Calls; 5 False Alarm/False Call. Total Cost, \$25,902.50.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of January, 2021, (11). 8 Residential Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 79,695); 1 Residential Accessory Structure (Val. 4,330); 1 Commercial Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 30,000); 1 Signs (Val. 2,000). Total Valuation, \$ 116,025.00. Total Fees, \$ 1,762.75.

Total permits issued for the month of February, 2021, (7). 6 Residential Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 104,677); 1 Signs (Val. 3,000). Total Valuation, \$ 107,677.00. Total Fees, \$ 1,374.50.

PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of January, 2021, (10). 6 Mechanical (895.00); 4 Plumbing (1,175.00). Total Fees, \$ 2,070.00.

Total permits issued for the month of February, 2021, (10). 9 Mechanical (1,355.00); 1 Plumbing (160.00). Total Fees, \$ 1,510.00.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of January, 2021, (4). Total Fees, \$565.00.

Total permits issued for the month of February, 2021, (7). Total Fees, \$2,101.00.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

Motion by Kish, seconded by Buechler, to accept Reports, as presented. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion by Bradley, seconded by Oprita, to approve the St. Clair County Road Commission Agreement for Prep work along with chip seal and Micro Surface Application on Watson, Abernathy, Macdonald and Grace, from Fairway Drive to Lakeshore Road, at a total cost to the Township of \$13,250.00.

LOCATION	TYPE OF WORK	TOTAL PROJECT COST	COST TO TOWNSHIP (50%)
FAIRWAY DRIVE CONNECTIONS: Watson, Abernathy, MacDonald and Grace, from Fairway Drive to Gratiot Avenue	Prep work along with chip seal and micro surface application	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 13,250.00
TOTAL		\$ 26,500.00	\$ 13,250.00

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

- Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to grant approval for the Treasurer to petition the Court to remove uncollectable Delinquent Personal Property Taxes for 2010 - 2015, totaling \$51,598.56, from the Tax Rolls.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * 2010 Totals - \$13,906.54; 2011 Totals - \$19,684.03; 2012 Totals - \$12,323.06;
 2013 Totals - \$ 2,486.73; 2014 Totals - \$ 1,379.84; 2015 Totals - \$ 1,818.36
 * Personal Property Taxes for either deceased, bankrupted or no longer in business

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

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

3. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Fire Chief's request to use \$100,207.15, of Fund Balance, to replace outdated or failed equipment and purchase additional equipment, as listed.

EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	EXPLANATION
800 MHz Handheld	10	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 52,000.00	Handhelds 25 years old - Non Serviceable
APX Batteries	20	\$ 127.00	\$ 2,540.00	Extra Battery for APX Radios
APX Programming Software	1	\$ 267.15	\$ 267.15	Software
Automatic Defibrillator	1	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	20 years old - Non Serviceable
Bunker Gear (Coat/Pants/Boots)	4	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	2 sets ruined by sunlight thru front doors, 2 sets over age.
Front Truck Bay Window Tint	1	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	AV Ray Protection for Equipment
Medical Equipment	1	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	All equipment to license 1 additional medical truck
Fire Nozzle - 1.5 Inch	5	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Replacing nozzles 25+ years old
Fire Nozzle - 2.5 Inch	1	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	Replacing nozzles 25+ years old
5 Inch Supply Hose - 100 ft.	6	\$ 600.00	\$ 3,600.00	Replacing failed hose
Ice Rescue Kit	1	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,300.00	2 suits, ropes, throws, 3 rescue slings, life jackets, fins, grab stick, helmets & board
Ice Rescue Suit	2	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,400.00	Water/Ice rescue suits
iPad	6	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00	iPad for each truck
Data Plan for iPad	1	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	1 year Data Plan (AT&T)
TOTAL	60		\$ 100,207.15	

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: *

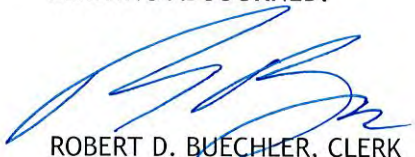
Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- MTA Virtual Conference in April, 2021.
- Parks Commission met on Monday, March 15th and focused on improvements to the Fort Gratiot Pond area in order to make it a "destination".
- Monies from Federal Government to State of Michigan for all municipalities.
- Vaccinations for Township Employees.
- Upon the declaration that in-person meetings may resume again, the County Health Department has the means to require virtual meetings until the end of the year, should things get worse rather than better with COVID-19.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: NONE

Motion by Kish, seconded by Oprita, to adjourn. Time, 7:40 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.
MEETING ADJOURNED.



ROBERT D. BUECHLER, CLERK
 FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

RDB/RCC/vo

ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, SUPERVISOR
 FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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