

**\*\*\* Due to the State of Emergency, declared by St. Clair County Board of Commissioners, this meeting was held via ZOOM.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, OPRITA, BUECHLER, BRUCKNER AND ARMBRUSTER  
 MEMBERS ABSENT: KISH AND BRADLEY  
 ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF  
 LISA SHAGENA, ASSESSOR

Motion by Oprita, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Armbruster, to approve the Agenda, with the correction that the State of Emergency was declared by the St. Clair County Board Commissioners, not by MDHHS. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,317,591.97
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,300,520.80
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 485,924.76
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 897,936.29
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 498,911.05
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 35,034.06
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 1,134,563.32
TOTAL	\$ 6,670,482.25
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,420,560.27
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 8,091,042.52

Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Buechler, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 8,091,042.52.**

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 60,954.86
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 14,318.26
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 7,815.16
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 80,975.90
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 56,874.77
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,304.39
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 509,044.82
TOTAL	\$ 731,288.16
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.)	\$ 3,500.00
(BRACE/TICE BOND DEBT)	\$ 750.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 735,538.16

Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Oprita, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 735,538.16.**

\* 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: Captain, Matt Pohl

Total Calls for Service for the month of March, 2021, (325). Number of Patrol Hours, (1116). 17 Animal Complaint; 1 Assault & Battery; 29 Assist Other Depts.; 46 Assist Public; 26 B&E/Alarm; 1 B&E/Building & Vehicle; 1 Child Abuse/Neglect; 8 Disorderly Persons; 13 Domestic Assault; 10 Fraud; 10 Harassment & Threats; 8 Juvenile Matter; 6 Larceny; 4 MDOP; 1 Narcotics; 4 PI Traffic Crash; 23 PD Traffic Crash; 7 Retail Fraud; 2 Sex Offense; 30 Suspicious Incidents; 5 Trespasser; 69 Misc.: School Checks/Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hang-ups, etc.; 153 Traffic Stops; 70 Tickets Issued.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total runs for the month of March, 2021, (136). 12 Fire; 93 Rescue/EMS; 5 Hazardous Condition (No Fire); 6 Service Calls; 5 Good Intent Calls; 14 False Alarm/False Call. Total Cost, \$ 28,298.50.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of March, 2021, (25). 8 Residential Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 156,255); 5 Residential Accessory Structure (Val. 38,480); 8 Fence (Val. 30,232); 1 Manufactured Home (Val. 12,000); 1 Commercial Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 462,675); 1 Commercial Demolition (Val. 10,000). Total Valuation, \$ 709,642.00. Total Fees, \$ 3,171.50.

**PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of March, 2021, (26). 20 Mechanical (3,115.00); 6 Plumbing (948.00). Total Fees, \$ 4,063.00.

**ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of March, 2021, (10). Total Fees, \$ 2,007.00.

**ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:** NONE

**CORRESPONDENCE:** NONE

Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Bruckner, to accept Reports, as presented. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):** NONE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Oprita, to adopt the Resolution (2021-005) Authorizing the Collection of 2021 Millage Levy (0.6173 Mills per \$1,000 TV) on the December (WINTER) 2021 Property Taxes.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* 0.6173 Mills per \$1,000 Taxable Value

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the purchase of a mini-kiosk to show the Bridge-to-Bay Trail, at a total cost to the Township of \$3,285.00, with the stipulation that the Board will evaluate a proper location in the future.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Total cost with Grant is \$6,570.00, with Fort Gratiot Township's portion being \$3,285.00.  
\* Proposed location at the intersection of Keewahdin Road and 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the existing bench. Proposed location can be revised prior to installation if a better location is determined.  
\* Display of Bridge-to-Bay Trails; and Township Trails.

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

**NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:**

**3. PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

4/21/2021	BUDGET AMENDMENTS				
GENERAL	Transfer FROM:	101-000-965-213	County Road Drain Program	\$24,000.00	
	Transfer TO:	101-000-697-000	Use of Fund Balance		\$24,000.00
FIRE	Transfer FROM:				
	Medical Equipment	206-000-739-000	Medical Supplies	\$6,000.00	
	Ice Rescue Kit	206-000-740-000	Supplies/Operating	\$4,300.00	
	Data Plan for iPads	206-000-850-000	Communications-Fire Dept.	\$2,800.00	
	6 iPads - 1 for each truck	206-000-929-001	Equipment Purchases under \$1,000	\$3,000.00	(\$500 each)
	20 APX Radio Batteries	206-000-930-000	Radio Equipment & Accessories	\$2,540.00	(\$127 each)
	APX Programming Software	206-000-930-000	Radio Equipment & Accessories	\$267.15	
	Front Truck Bay Window Tint	206-000-932-000	Repair/Maintenance-Bldg.	\$2,000.00	
	6 - 5" Supply Hoses 100' each	206-000-933-000	Repair/Maintenance-Equipment	\$3,600.00	(\$600 each)
	10 handheld radios	206-000-970-000	Capital Outlay	\$52,000.00	(\$5,200 each)
	Automatic Defibrillator	206-000-970-000	Capital Outlay	\$3,000.00	
	4 sets of Bunker Gear	206-000-970-000	Capital Outlay	\$12,000.00	(\$3,000 each)
	5 - 1.5" fire nozzles	206-000-970-000	Capital Outlay	\$5,000.00	(\$1,000 each)
	2.5" fire nozzle	206-000-970-000	Capital Outlay	\$1,300.00	
	2 Ice Rescue Suits	206-000-970-000	Capital Outlay	\$2,400.00	(\$1,200 each)
				<u>\$100,207.15</u>	
	Transfer TO:	206-000-697-000	Use of Fund Balance		\$100,207.15

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Oprita, to approve 2021 Budget Amendments, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 5/0.  
**MOTION PASSED.**

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- Three (3) days of MTA's 2021 Virtual Conference
- Keewahdin Road Beach Improvements
- Last week was 1<sup>st</sup> session in the progress of Township becoming *Redevelopment Ready Community* with MSHDA.
- Medical and Recreation Marijuana Regulations
- COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for Fort Gratiot Businesses & Employees to be held at Fort Gratiot Fire Department, 3720 Keewahdin Road from 11 am - 1 pm. 1<sup>st</sup> Dose: Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose: Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>.  
 Registration Deadline: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 - - **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- Boards' desire for future meetings - Current order of the County Commissioners allows ZOOM meetings through June 30<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board Meeting will be held via ZOOM.
- Status of reopening of Township Lobby to public

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

Rob Montgomery, Zoning Board of Appeals Member - regarding possibility of future "Hybrid" meetings. The need for all Boards and Commissions to follow suit, whether meeting by Zoom or in-person. He also asked about the status of Proposed Legislation regarding Spoiled Ballots and the Partisan portion of ballots.

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Oprita, to adjourn. Time, 7:37 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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