

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: CRAWFORD

ALSO PRESENT: REP. ANDREW BEELER, DISTRICT 83  
 SHARON WILTON, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR  
 PATTI BUNDY, UTILITY BILLING CLERK  
 ROB MONTGOMERY, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
 JEFF PEMBERTON, PORT HURON

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as printed and posted. Voter, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

Jeff Pemberton, representing the Sheriff Dive Team and the Milkhouse Café on Keewahdin Road. Invited all to a fundraiser to be held on Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at the café. All proceeds from that day will go to the St. Clair County Sheriff Dive Team Auxiliary.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,341,967.16
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,081,271.45
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 473,185.00
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 707,137.81
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 416,396.06
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 80,392.15
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 1,128,652.59
TOTAL	\$ 6,229,002.22
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,748,646.61
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 7,977,648.83

Motion by Bradley, 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 \$ 7,977,648.83.**

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 188,562.71
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 7,613.96
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 1,315.81
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 84,856.80
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 57,265.82
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 401,024.89
TOTAL	\$ 740,639.99
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (KRAFFT SEWER BOND DEBT)	\$ 45,377.50
(MAINT. & IMP.)	\$ 3,500.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 789,517.49

Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Kish, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 789,517.49.**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. St. Clair County Road Commission notification of Large Culvert Replacement Program.
2. Letter from Ken Cummings, President/CEO of Tri Hospital EMS, regarding Tri-Hospital EMS Funding.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):** NONE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. State Representative, Andrew Beeler (District 83) - Legislative update discussing: State Budget process, Election Reforms, "Unlock Michigan" Petitions, Short Term Rentals.

Brief discussion regarding Online Gambling and monetary benefits to the State of Michigan and/or schools; Issues and concerns involved with Short Term Rentals; Mental Health Funding.

2. Motion by Oprita, seconded by Bradley, to approve paying Annual Dues for St. Clair County Economic Development Alliances, in the amount of \$5,554.00 (Invoice #5955), for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Armbruster, to adopt the Fort Gratiot Township Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy (TWP. POLICY #10).

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Required in order to apply and qualify for Federal ARPA Funds.

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

4. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to adopt Resolution 2021-012, In Support of the 2021 Large Culvert Replacement Program, to replace the Culvert at Meadowlawn Drive at the Intersection of Keewahdin Road.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Program allows for matching funds up to \$150,000.00.

- \* Cost estimates have not yet been received. The Resolution is required in order to apply and qualify for matching funds from the Road Commission. If the culvert is accepted and the culvert replacement cost comes in too high, the Township can forgo the project.

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

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- \* Email, from Bill Hazelton, regarding Cape Seal and Microsurface estimate for Old Farm Subdivision - \$195,000.00.
- \* Scarecrow Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

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Dave Norris asked if the Township could have the County look at and repair the intersection of Parker and Carrigan Roads. It appears someone did a burnout, creating about an 18" hole in the center.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Armbruster, to adjourn. Time, 7:31 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