

MEMBERS PRESENT: OPRITA, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, KISH AND BRUCKNER  
 MEMBERS ABSENT: CRAWFORD AND ARMBRUSTER  
 ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF  
 DEAN MARLAR, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER  
 ROBERT MONTGOMERY, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

Kim Scheible, South Shoreview Drive, regarding Ordinance Enforcement and the deterioration of residential neighborhoods due to Ordinance violations, as well as the poor condition of the subdivision roadways.

Sara Hunger, North Shoreview Drive, also spoke regarding Ordinance Enforcement.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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| GENERAL FUND                  | \$ 2,224,961.96 |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND          | \$ 956,279.80   |
| FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND | \$ 456,228.12   |
| POLICE PROTECTION FUND        | \$ 468,693.04   |
| TRASH / RECYCLING FUND        | \$ 245,881.53   |
| BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND      | \$ 71,290.59    |
| UTILITY RECEIVING FUND        | \$ 1,356,198.10 |
| TOTAL                         | \$ 5,779,533.14 |
| MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS        | \$ 1,718,365.57 |
| GRAND TOTAL                   | \$ 7,497,898.71 |

Motion by Bradley, 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 \$ 7,497,898.71.**

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:**

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| GENERAL FUND                           | \$ 44,154.78  |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND                   | \$ 3,328.57   |
| FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND          | \$ 7,815.16   |
| POLICE PROTECTION FUND                 | \$ 0.00       |
| TRASH / RECYCLING FUND                 | \$ 56,952.39  |
| BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND               | \$ 130.00     |
| UTILITY RECEIVING FUND                 | \$ 13,438.22  |
| TOTAL                                  | \$ 125,819.12 |
| MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.) | \$ 3,500.00   |
| GRAND TOTAL                            | \$ 129,319.12 |

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 129,319.12.**

**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 Kish, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Fire Chief's request to hire Adam Ebejer, at the SOG approved Probationary pay rate of \$11.00 per run, effective immediately.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Chief Smith introduced Mr. Ebejer to the Board and noted his experience in Wildland Fire Fighting, Confined Space Training and High Angle Rescue Training.  
\* Department will send Mr. Ebejer to Fire Fighter I & II Academy in January, 2022, followed by the EMT class.  
\* This hire will bring Fire Department Membership up to 17.

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

2. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to accept the Petition to the Charter Township of Fort Gratiot Board of Trustee's to request DTE Energy Company **REMOVE** the existing light fixture from the utility pole that is located at the center of the tennis court area, under the authority of MCL 247.391 et. seq., as amended, thereby amending the Lake Huron Manor Subdivision Lighting Assessment District to reflect this change; and adopt Resolution (2021-014), Authorizing Preparation of Plans and Cost Estimates to REMOVE the exiting light fixture; and Resolution (2021-015), Resolution of Intent to AMEND Special Assessment District, setting the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing to review and hear citizen comments, questions and/or objections to the Petition on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* 66% Verified signatures received from total land area of property owners.

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

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- \* America Recovery Plan Funds (ARPA) to be received soon. Funds will be invested until the Board determines how to best use these funds.
- \* State Grant Funds - \$50,000.00 for extension of waterline on Parker Road, North of Keewahdin.
- \* Dead and dying trees still in the berm created the State near Lakeshore Road & 24<sup>th</sup>. Avenue intersection.
- \* Working with Insurance Company and Roofing Company and Fence Company to make repairs to the roof at the Pointe Community Center and the Dog Park Fencing, due to storm damage.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

Mrs. Scheible also noted the trees at the Northwest corner of the Birchwood Mall property and what a mess they have become.

Motion by Kish, 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

RDB/RCC/vo

ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, SUPERVISOR  
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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