

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF
 LISA SHAGENA, ASSESSOR
 SHARON WILTON, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
 PATTI BUNDY, UTILITY BILLING CLERK
 ROB MONTGOMERY, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER
 DEAN MARLAR, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER
 PETE IRLAND, PARKS COMMISSION MEMBER

Motion by Oprita, seconded by Armbruster, to approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of December 15th, 2021 as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: *

Steve Goudy, Fire Department Member, opposed to Parker Road waterline extension. Also spoke regarding the Abel Drive fire fatality.

Rob Montgomery, opposed to waterline extension on Parker Road.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,109,520.12
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 767,807.15
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 80,225.18
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 228,686.91
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 76,177.21
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 72,422.07
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 1,637,071.73
TOTAL	\$ 4,971,910.37
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,761,315.60
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 6,733,225.97

Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Bradley, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 6,733,225.97.**

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL: * *Due to an illness, the bills will be included with the next regular meeting.*

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Buechler, to adopt the Resolution for Service Structure Application (2022-001), for work done within St. Clair County Road Commission Right-of-Way, 01/31/2022 thru 01/31/2023.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * For work within SCCRC Right-of-Ways

Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION 2022-001, ADOPTED.**

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

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

2. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Oprita, to adopt MDOT’s Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies (2022-002), for work done within MDOT Right-of-Way, in the year 2022.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * For work within MDOT Right-of-Ways

Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION 2022-002, ADOPTED.**

4. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the reappointment of Dean Marlar and Allan Eisenhauer, for a three (3) Year Term on the Zoning Board of Appeals, from 01/01/2022 thru 12/31/2024. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

5. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, approve the Annual Agreement between BMJ Engineers & Surveyors, Inc. and Fort Gratiot Charter Township, for Engineering & Surveying Services from January 1st, 2022 through December 31st, 2022. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

6. **BMJ ENGINEERS & SURVEYOR’S, INC. BID TABULATIONS AND LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD FOR PARKER ROAD WATERMAN EXTENSION - KEEWAHDIN ROAD TO CARRIGAN ROAD:**

BIDDER	BASE BID (D.I. PIPE)	BASE BID (D.I.PIPE) PLUS POLYETHYLENE PIPE SLEEVE ALTERNATIVE BID	PVC WATERMAIN ALTERNATIVE BID
Teltow Contracting	\$ 1,097,473.00	\$ 1,104,348.00	\$ 1,058,373.00
Murray Underground Systems	\$ 1,191,378.78	\$ 1,195,778.00	\$ 1,126,678.78
Pamar Enterprises	\$ 1,324,764.78	\$ 1,330,264.78	\$ 1,271,824.78
Boddy Construction Company	\$ 1,417,180.00	\$ 1,421,030.00	\$ 1,392,280.00
Raymond Excavating Company	\$ 1,456,537.40	\$ 1,469,077.40	\$ 1,386,446.60

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION:
- * BMJ’s opinions of construction costs for the Base Bid was \$ 903,740.00; Base Bid plus Polyethylene Pipe was \$ 909,240.00; and PVC Waterman Alternative was \$ 839,190.00.
 - * Sealed Bids were opened on 12/08/2021 at 10:00 a.m.
 - * Recommended Bid Award to Teltow Contracting, Inc., in the amount shown above for the selected alternative.
 - * Funding options and ARPA Fund restrictions.
 - * Suggestion for the need of a Master Plan, potential funding, a Business Plan, as well as a timeline in place.
 - * Previous plans for the Parker Road Property, beginning in 2015 for a sports complex with Little League through the present time. Parker Road infrastructure improvements were included in The Little League Agreement, as well as the Capital Improvement Plan that was required by EGLE and approved by the Township Board in 2019.
 - * Paving of Parker Road.
 - * Drainage areas and Wetlands area.
 - * State Road Ball Field and the improvements the Township has made there.
 - * Need for infrastructure in order to make plans for developing and building.
 - * 2021 vs 2020 Revenues. Master Plan development and Grant categories.
 - * Development by phases.
 - * Aging of our existing infrastructure and arising repairs.
 - * Governor has stated \$450,000,000 being allocated for local parks; anticipated monies will be made available through the three DNR Grant Programs.
 - * Officially, the Township has until 2024 to allocate ARPA Funds (\$1,000,000); and until 2026 to spend the funds. The Township will have to designate to the government what the funds will be used on.
 - * Upon receiving the Master Plan from BJM, the Township will have physical numbers to review. At that time, the Board can revisit the waterline.
 - * When the waterline was put out for bid, the stipulation was included that the contractor would have a year to construct it with the completion date of June, 2023.

Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Kish, to **TABLE/TAKE NO ACTION** on BMJ Engineers & Surveyor’s, Inc. Bid Tabulations and Letter of Recommendation of Award for Parker Road Waterman Extension - Keewahdin Road to Carrigan Road until the Master Plan is in place. Roll Call Vote, 6/1, Crawford voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**
ITEM #6 TABLED UNTIL MASTER PLAN IS IN PLACE.

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

7. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to accept the Supervisor's recommendation to award the Contract to create a Master Plan, for the 100 Acres Parcel located on the West side of Parker Road, to Spicer Group, at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.00.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Master Plan Proposals received: Spicer Group - \$20,000 to \$35,000
PM Blough, Inc. / BMJ Eng.- \$22,500

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

8. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Fire Chief's request to purchase 27 SCBA's, 28 Face Pieces, 54 Forty-Five Minute Bottles, 1 Rapid Intervention Pack and Bottle; and Compressor from Municipal Emergency Services for a total cost of \$278,211.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Existing bottles are becoming obsolete.
* Expense was included in the ten (10) year Equipment Replacement Plan.
* Price quoted includes going together with Burtchville and Grant Township Fire. (Savings of approximately \$2,500 per air pack).
* Delivery expected within 90 days
* Funds to be borrowed from 206 Fund Balance until Equipment Fund has the revenue to transfer back into the 206 Operations Fund.

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

9. Motion by Kish, seconded by Oprita, to accept the *Letter of Retirement* from Captain-Firefighter/EMT, Donald Nuss, from the Fort Gratiot Charter Township Fire Department, effective June 30, 2022.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * 40 Years of service upon retirement.

Vote, 6/1, Crawford voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- * Downed tree in the berm at the intersection of Lakeshore Road and M-25.
- * Damaged Utility boxes in Stoney Creek
- * *Shop With a Hero*, received \$5,000 Grant from Walmart. Able to provide funds for gifts and food for over 23 families.
- * Acknowledged recent fatal fire on Abel Drive and the dedication of our Fire Fighters.
- * Fire Department Members, Steve Goudy working with local communities on Smoke Detector Outreach Program; Nick Prevost working with local schools. Smoke Detectors and batteries are provided by the Fire Department for anyone in need.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: NONE

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to adjourn. Time, 8:12 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