

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF  
 ROB MONTGOMERY, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
 DEAN MARLAR, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
 PETE IRLAND, PARKS COMMISSION  
 COURTNEY WOLFF, PARKS COMMISSION  
 FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS: BILL SHAGENA, NICK PREVOST, BRENT WOOLMAN,  
 STEVEN GOUDY, LOGAN DUPAGE  
 ERIC TREXLER  
 DAVID NORRIS  
 MATTHEW GRAHAM

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

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

Steve Goudy regarding Parker Road Waterline Extension.

Rob Montgomery regarding Parker Road Waterline Extension.

Nick Prevost thinks we should all have free water.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,514,022.09
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,277,945.29
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 211,343.35
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 717,311.25
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 485,444.96
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 64,821.07
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 1,720,990.07
TOTAL	\$ 6,991,878.08
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,767,039.91
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 8,758,917.99

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Armbruster, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 8,758,917.99.

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 188,488.78
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 74,325.01
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 7,819.52
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 160,975.23
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 57,831.25
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,735.32
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 404,397.93
TOTAL	\$ 895,573.04
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.)	\$ 10,022.32
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 905,595.36

Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Bruckner, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 905,595.36.

\* 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 Pohl

Total Calls for Service for the month of December, 2021, (368). Number of Patrol Hours, (1116). 13 Animal Complaint; 3 Assault & Battery; 33 Assist Other Depts.; 62 Assist Public; 28 B&E/Alarm; 4 B&E/Building & Vehicle; 2 Child Abuse/Neglect; 10 Disorderly Persons; 4 Domestic Assault; 4 Fraud; 11 Harassment & Threats; 12 Juvenile Matter; 3 Larceny; 2 MDOP; 1 Narcotics; 4 PI Traffic Crash; 46 PD Traffic Crash; 3 Retail Fraud; 2 Sex Offense; 2 Stolen Vehicle; 29 Suspicious Incidents; 6 Trespasser; 84 Misc.: School Checks/Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hang-ups, etc.; 76 Traffic Stops; 40 Tickets Issued.

Captain Pohl spoke regarding Abel Drive fatal fire. Impressed with the compassion and professionalism of the Members of the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total runs for the month of December, 2021 (142). 7 Fire; 114 Rescue/Emergency Medical Service; 4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire); 1 Service Calls; 7 Good Intent Calls; 9 False Alarm/False Calls. Total Cost, \$ 21,621.00.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of December, 2021, (23). 1 New Home (Val. 210,000); 15 Residential Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 52,655); 2 Residential Accessory Structure (Val. 44,000); 1 Deck/Porch (Val. 3,000); 3 Commercial Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 197,608); 1 Signs (Val. 2,800). Total Valuation, \$ 610,063.00. Total Fees, \$ 5,153.50.

**PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of December, 2022, (16). 9 Mechanical (1,335.00); 7 Plumbing (901.00). Total Fees, \$ 2,236.00.

**ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of December, (11). Total Fees, \$ 2,278.00.

**ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:** Total complaints for the month of December, 2021, (4). 1 Blight; 1 RV Storage; 2 Misc. Ordinance Violation. Total Hours: 7.5. Total Mileage: 34.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. St. Clair County Road Commission's *Township Roads and Bridges Advisory Committee* Minutes of January 11, 2022.
2. Michigan Township Participating Plan's *Par Plan News* (January 2022 / Issue 142).

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

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):** NONE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bruckner, to remove Item #1, BMJ Engineers & Surveyor's, Inc. Bid Tabulations and Letter of Recommendation of Award for Parker Road Waterman Extension - Keewahdin Road to Carrigan Road, from the table.

**POINTS OF DISCUSSION:**

- \* The fact that this item was tabled by 6 of the 7 Board Members on January 5<sup>th</sup> until a Master Plan could be completed.
- \* Possibility of getting an extension from the bidders on the construction.
- \* Unexpected costs that may be associated with necessary repairs to existing water or sewer lines that may arise in the future.
- \* Using monies already available without bonding the project.
- \* Cost of the project now rather than increased costs later.

Roll Call Vote, 4/3, Armbruster, Oprita and Kish voting no.

Trustee Armbruster stated he believes it requires a two-thirds vote to remove an item from the table. This item will be left on the table until the matter is researched on the two-thirds vote requirement. In the meantime, the Supervisor moved on to NEW BUSINESS.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Oprita, to accept Nikki Puckett's *Letter of Resignation* from the Fort Gratiot Parks Commission, with regrets, effective immediately. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**
2. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Buechler, to approve T.G. Priehs Asphalt Paving & Excavating Contractor's Proposal for 2022 Pathway Paving, Project area #1, Parker Road Path Overlay, at a cost of \$26,500.00.  
POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Included in 2022 Grounds Maintenance Budget  
\* Posting and bidding process  
Roll Call Vote, 6/1, Armbruster voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**
3. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve T.G. Priehs Asphalt Paving & Excavating Contractor's Proposal for 2022 Pathway Paving, Project area #2, New Pathway and ADA Parking around Fort Gratiot Pond, at a cost of \$42,600.00.  
POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Included in 2022 Grounds Maintenance Budget.  
Roll Call Vote, 6/1, Armbruster voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**
4. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Armbruster, to approve the Fire Chief's request to fill two (2) Full-Time Fire Fighters positions.  
POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Included in 2022 Budget.  
\* 5 Full-Time Fire Fighters and a Full-Time Chief.  
Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
5. Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the request to amend the Fire Department Budget to allow moving up to \$45,000 from the Fire Department General Fund to aid in transitioning to 24 hour shifts by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.  
POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* In order to begin process of transitioning to 24/7 hour shifts by 08/01/2022.  
\* Federal Grant currently open for applications. Department's fund balance has resulted in rejection to receive grant monies in the past 3 years.  
\* 10% increase of Fire Protection Special Assessment for 2022.  
\* Number of calls and level of service.  
\* Numerous Grants applied for and denied over the past  
Roll Call Vote, 5/2, Bradley and Crawford voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**
6. Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Invoice, in the amount of \$1,711.00, for SEMCOG's 2022 Annual Membership Dues. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

With regard to Unfinished Business, Tabled Item #1, Clerk Buechler has reviewed *Roberts Rules of Order* during the course of the meeting and was unable to find anything that would require a two-thirds vote requirement for the removal of an item from the table.

Supervisor gave the timeline for the Parker Road Waterline Extension. Grant applications more likely to be awarded if utilities are in place.

After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that a two-thirds vote is not required to remove an Item from the table, therefore, Item #1, Unfinished Business was continued, at this time, on the original Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bruckner, to remove Item #1, BMJ Engineers & Surveyor's, Inc. Bid Tabulations and Letter of Recommendation of Award for Parker Road Waterman Extension - Keewahdin Road to Carrigan Road, from the table.  
Roll Call Vote, 4/3, Armbruster, Oprita and Kish voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS, ITEM #1, CONTINUED:**

BMJ ENGINEERS & SURVEYOR'S, INC. BID TABULATIONS AND LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD FOR PARKER ROAD WATERMAIN EXTENSION - KEWAHDIN 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 Watermain 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.
  - \* Approaching deadlines for Grant Application (01/21/2022) & Bid Expirations (02/06/2022).
  - \* Use of ARPA Funds or different options to fund the waterline extension.
  - \* The Boards need to serve the benefit of the Township, as a whole, by waiting for a Master Plan.
  - \* UHY Water Rate Study.
  - \* Meeting with Spicer Group on 02/08/2022 at 10 a.m.

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bruckner, to accept BMJ's recommendation and accept the low bid from Teltow Contracting, of Casco, Michigan, in the amount of \$1,058,373.00 for the PVC Watermain Alternative Bid.

- FURTHER DISCUSSION:
- \* Options of bringing an item back to the Agenda if it is denied.
  - \* Investigation as to whether contractors may offer a bid extension.
  - \* Option of selling the property.

Roll Call Vote, 4/3, Kish, Oprita and Armbruster voting no. MOTION PASSED.

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- 2022 MTA Annual Education Conference, April, 2022.
- Shipping container house located on Helen Avenue at Krafft Road.
- Light Poles for display of KIA Banners.
- Supervisors term of office.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

Rob Montgomery regarding Parker Road Waterline Extension, the *Safer Grant* and posting the meeting audio records On the website.

Brent Woolman regarding Parker Road Waterline Extension funding.

Steve Goudy regarding Parker Road Waterline Extension funding.

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Oprita, to adjourn. Time, 8:22 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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