

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, OPRITA, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, KISH, BRUCKNER AND ARMBRUSTER
 MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE
 ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF
 LISA SHAGENA, ASSESSOR & BILL SHAGENA, FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPTAIN
 LOGAN DUPAGE, FIRE DEPARTMENT
 ROB MONTGOMERY, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
 DEAN MARLAR, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
 MICHAEL PETRICK, PARKS COMMISSION
 PETE IRLAND, PARKS COMMISSION

Motion by Oprita, seconded by Buechler, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of February 2nd, 2022, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: * NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Agenda, with the addition of Item #6, NEW BUSINESS: Letter of Engagement from UHY, LLP. to conduct Annual Audit for Fort Gratiot Charter Township. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. AGENDA APPROVED, AS AMENDED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,444,615.60
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,365,285.03
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 248,050.01
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 793,433.23
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 573,663.16
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 65,094.58
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 1,555,146.56
TOTAL	\$ 7,045,288.17
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,777,443.30
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 8,822,731.47

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Bruckner, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 8,822,731.47.**

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 36,977.03
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 3,156.70
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 82,388.43
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 56,779.29
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 145.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 21,272.70
TOTAL	\$ 200,719.15
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (BRACE/TICE BOND DEBT)	\$ 26,700.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 227,419.15

Motion by Armbuster, seconded by Oprita, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 227,419.15.**

* 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 January, 2022, (347). Number of Patrol Hours, (1116). 6 Animal Complaint; 36 Assist Other Depts.; 80 Assist Public; 30 B&E/Alarm; 1 B&E/Building & Vehicle; 3 Disorderly Persons; 11 Domestic Assault; 3 Fraud; 9 Harassment & Threats; 9 Juvenile Matter; 5 Larceny; 1 MDOP; 1 Narcotics; 2 PI Traffic Crash; 41 PD Traffic Crash; 5 Retail Fraud; 3 Stolen Vehicle; 26 Suspicious Incidents; 4 Trespasser; 71 Misc.: School Checks/Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hang-ups, etc.; 97 Traffic Stops; 63 Tickets Issued.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE SHERIFF: *

Dean Marlar - Drivers using turn lane as a passing lane on North River Road.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total runs for the month of January, 2022 (146). 4 Fire; 117 Rescue/Emergency Medical Service; 6 Hazardous Condition (No Fire); 8 Good Intent Calls; 11 False Alarm/False Calls. Total Cost, \$ 25,359.90.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of January, 2022, (5). 1 New Home (Val. 220,000); 2 Residential Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 6,979); 1 Deck/Porch (Val. 8,000); 1 Commercial Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 25,000). Total Valuation, \$ 259,979.00. Total Fees, \$ 1,834.00.

PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of January, 2022, (20). 13 Mechanical (2,045.00); 7 Plumbing (1,424.00). Total Fees, \$ 3,469.00.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of January, 2022, (5). Total Fees, \$ 724.00.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: Total complaints for the month of January, 2022, (17). 1 RV Storage; 1 Sheriff's Dept.; 4 Misc. Ordinance Violation; 11 Business License. Total Hours, 15. Total Miles, 62.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Tri-Hospital EMS, *From the President* (Volume 8, Issue 4 - 2021 Fourth Quarter).
2. St. Clair County Road Commission Annual Township Meetings, via ZOOM - February 23rd, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Oprita, to appoint Eric Trexler to the Fort Gratiot Charter Township Parks Commission for a term to expire on November 20th, 2022.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Letters of Interest received from John W. Bozick, Jr. & Eric Trexler.
* Mr. Bozick was present and introduced himself to the Board.
* Mr. Trexler was not present.

Roll Call Vote, 5/2, Kish and Armbruster voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Armbruster, to approve the Fire Chiefs request to purchase a 2022 Ford F150 Super Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup from Signature Ford, at a cost of \$39,875.00.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Included in 2022 Budget to replace 2009 Ford Explorer
* Priced using 2022 Vehicle State of Michigan Contract
* 2009 Explorer will be put out for bid.

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

2. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the appointment of Patti Bundy as an Alternate Member of the Township Board of Review.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Requirements to be a Board of Review Member

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

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

3. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Oprita, to approve the State Tax Commission (STC) Application for MCL 211.7u Poverty Exemption, as mandated.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Mandated for every Municipality within the State of Michigan.

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

4. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to adopt Poverty Exemption Application Board of Review Guidelines.
Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

5. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to adopt the Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test (2022-003). Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

6. Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Bradley, to accept the *Letter of Engagement*, from UHY, LLP, to conduct 2021 Annual Audit for Fort Gratiot Charter Township.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Cost not to exceed \$28,800, includes a 5% increase over 2020 Audit

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

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Successful kick-off Meeting with Spicer Group held 02/08/2022. Next meeting will be March 23, 2022.
- Attempting to get meeting with Fort Gratiot Little League Board do discuss current Lease Agreement.
- Notification of Grant approval for ADA Walkway at Keewahdin Road Beach.
- Parker Road Waterline Extension.
- Possible postponement of 03/02/2022 Regular meeting, as three (3) Trustees will be unavailable.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: *

Rob Montgomery regarding Parker Road Waterline Extension; and water rates.

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Kish, to adjourn. Time, 7:43 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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