

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, OPRITA, BUECHLER, KISH, BRUCKNER AND ARMBRUSTER
 MEMBERS ABSENT: BRADLEY
 ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF
 JEFF PARENT AND RYAN RADIGAN, TOWNSHIP DPW
 SHARON WILTON, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
 DEAN MARLAR, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER
 ROB MONTGOMERY, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Oprita, to approve the Minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING of March 4th, 2022, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: *

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Armbruster, to approve the Agenda, with the addition of NEW BUSINESS: Item #6, Request to purchase DPW Crane Truck; and Item #7, Request to purchase Hybrid Pick-up truck for DPW. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED. AGENDA APPROVED, AS AMENDED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,741,629.90
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,627,012.87
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 318,855.63
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 987,560.76
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 600,905.28
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 62,991.17
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 1,767,496.94
TOTAL	\$ 8,106,452.55
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,772,882.54
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 9,879,335.09

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bruckner, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 9,879,335.09.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 21,157.68
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 6,097.77
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 82,388.43
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 0.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 202,343.16
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 311,987.04

Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Oprita, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 311,987.04.

* 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 February, 2022, (302). Number of Patrol Hours, (1008). 6 Animal Complaint; 1 Assault & Battery; 27 Assist Other Depts.; 93 Assist Public; 29 B&E/Alarm; 1 B&E/Building & Vehicle; 6 Disorderly Persons; 14 Domestic Assault; 2 Fraud; 3 Harassment & Threats; 6 Juvenile Matter; 2 Larceny; 1 MDOP; 3 PI Traffic Crash; 22 PD Traffic Crash; 6 Retail Fraud; 1 Stolen Vehicle; 13 Suspicious Incidents; 3 Trespasser; 63 Misc.: School Checks/Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hang-ups, etc.; 120 Traffic Stops; 53 Tickets Issued.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE SHERIFF: * NONE

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total runs for the month of February, 2022, (124). 4 Fire; 106 Rescue/EMS; 1 Hazardous Condition (No Fire); 4 Service Calls; 4 Good Intent Calls; 5 False Alarm/False Call. Total Cost, \$20,966.20.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of February, 2022, (8). 5 Residential Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 51,987); 1 Commercial Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 30,000); 2 Signs (Val. 17,685). Total Valuation, \$ 99,672.00. Total Fees, \$ 1,544.00.

PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of February, 2022, (17). 14 Mechanical (2,315.00); 3 Plumbing (501.00). Total Fees, \$ 2,816.00.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of February, 2022, (4). Total Fees, \$993.00.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: Total Complaints for the month of February, 2022, (6). 1 Blight; 1 RV Storage/Parking; 4 Misc. Ordinance Violations. Total Hours, 12. Total Miles, 44.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Michigan Farm Bureau's invitation to "Pizza and Politics" event at Beagio's Pizza in Kingston, MI on March 10th, 2022 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Buechler, to recommend approval of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Liquor Control Commission's Local Government Approval for On-Premises Tasting Room Permit for Scharnhorst Enterprises, doing business as Vinomondo Winery, located at 4505 Lakeshore Road, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Recommendation required by Michigan Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs MLCC
* Brett Scharnhorst, new owner, was present

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

2. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Oprita, to approve the promotion of Ryan Radigan to the position of Sewer System Foreman, at a pay rate of \$30.24 per hour, effective March 17th, 2022. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
3. Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Oprita, to approve the IT Service Agreement with St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA), at a cost of \$12,000 for the period covering July 1, 2022 through June 30th, 2023.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * \$12,000 for period covering July 1, 2022 thru June 30th, 2023. This is a \$600.00 increase over the '21/'22 term which was \$11,400.00.

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

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

4. Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Crawford, to approve the *Letter of Commitment - Agreement for Gypsy Moth (Lymantria dispar) Spray Blocks for 2022.*

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * 100% funded by St. Clair County Board of Commissioners for the 2022 Aerial Treatment
* Mid-May Treatment

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

5. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Keel Partnership Proposal, at an annual investment of \$6,000.00.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Annual Investment of \$6,000

Roll Call Vote, 4/2, Kish and Armbruster voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**

6. Motion by Kish, seconded by Oprita, to approve the purchase of a 2022 Ram 5500 Regular Cab 4x4 Crane Truck, from Tubbs Brothers in Sandusky, at a cost of \$169,946.00.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Included in 2022 Budget

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

7. Motion by Kish, seconded by Armbruster, to approve the purchase of a Ford F-150 Powerboost Hybrid, from Tubbs Brothers in Sandusky, at a cost of \$58,560.00.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Included in 2022 Budget to replace 2016 Ford F-150.

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

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Kubota offering five (5) \$100,000 Grants to non-profits and municipalities.
- Meeting with Spicer Group, March 23rd, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
- Parker Road Waterline.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Rob Montgomery regarding Zoning Board of Appeals

Brett Scharnhorst regarding Vinomondo Winery

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Oprita, to adjourn. Time, 7:46 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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