

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: ARMBRUSTER

ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF  
 PATTI BUNDY, UTILITY BILLING CLERK  
 MARK SMITH, GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR  
 DEAN MARLAR, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
 ROB MONTGOMERY, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Motion by Kish, seconded by Oprita, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

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

Jill Lions, S. Shoreview Drive, regarding road repairs.

Rob Montgomery regarding Item #2, New Business.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,126,000.62
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,189,235.27
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 3,216.20
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 450,203.81
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 268,573.05
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 94,515.57
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 1,849,013.02
TOTAL	\$ 5,980,757.54
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,204,150.46
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 7,184,908.00

Motion by Kish, 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 \$ 7,184,908.00.

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 17,132.08
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 4,272.32
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 7,815.16
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 173.60
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 61,031.43
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 75.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 12,979.31
TOTAL	\$ 103,478.90
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.)	\$ 25,810.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 129,288.90

Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Buechler, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 129,288.90.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. SCC MTA Chapter Meeting, October 19, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. at Brockway Township, 7645 Sayles Road, Yale MI 48097.
2. *Thank You* card from Radio First Port Huron for Fort Gratiot Township's sponsorship of Community Roofsit 2022.

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to accept correspondence, as presented. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):** NONE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Oprita, to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Small Group Renewal Package for the Charter Township of Fort Gratiot, as presented; and authorize the Township Supervisor and/or Township Clerk to sign the renewal on behalf of the Township.  
POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* 7.54%  
Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
2. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Bruckner, to accept the Proposal, from Solid Barn Construction, to build a Grounds Maintenance Pole Building with Addition, as presented, at a cost of \$113,990.00.  
POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* 40' x 60' x 12' Pole Building and 40' X 20' x 8' Addition  
Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
3. Motion by Kish, seconded by Buechler, to approve the purchase of a 12' RhinoAG TS12 Flex-Wing Mower, from Wiles Sales in Carson City, Michigan, at a cost of \$19,280.00.  
POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Includes delivery  
\* Received an earlier quote from Jones Equipment of \$25,000 for a 12' Land Pride Mower.  
Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
4. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to approve the Fire Chiefs request to amend the Township's Policy on Holidays and Paid Time-Off (PTO) days for Fire Department Employees working 24 hour shifts, as presented.  
POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Based on surrounding and comparable departments.  
\* PTO begins January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year with no accumulation of days.  
Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
5. Motion by Oprita, seconded by Bruckner, to grant the Fire Chiefs request and approve SOG revisions and additions, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
6. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Oprita, to approve the Job Description for Township Event Coordinator.  
Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**
7. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Buechler, to approve the increase in wage for the Building Department Clerk, from \$18.54 per hour to \$ 21.32 per hour, effective October 15, 2022.  
POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Building Department Clerk taking on additional planning/zoning responsibilities after Sharon Wilton's retirement.  
Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

**NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:**

8. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the contracting with Jorja Baldwin for Zoning and Planning Consultant Services, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
  
9. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Kish, to set the Public Hearing Date to review and confirm the above Special Assessment Rolls and/or Millage Rates on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m.
  - 2023 Residential Solid Waste/Yard Waste and Curbside Recycling Collection and Disposal Services;
  - 2022 Special Assessment for Fire Protection;
  - 2022 Fire Capital Improvement Voted Millage;
  - 2022 Police Protection Voted Millage;
  - Township-at-Large Highway Lighting Assessment District; and Individual Lighting Assessment Districts

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

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- Amendment from Tri-Hospital EMS and Agreement from County regarding EMS millage.
- Disc Golf Course
- November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 General Election - Status of Absentee Voter ballots.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** NONE

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to adjourn. Time, 7:41 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED.**



ROBERT D. BUECHLER, CLERK  
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

RDB/RCC/v0

ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, SUPERVISOR  
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP