

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF  
 LISA SHAGENA, ASSESSOR  
 GREG RANDALL, DPW SUPERINTENDENT  
 LIZ AUSTIN, ACCOUNTING / CLERKS DEPARTMENT  
 PATTI BUNDY, UTILITY BILLING CLERK / ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

7:00 P.M. - SUPERVISOR OPENED PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET; and proceeded with the Regular Agenda, at this time:

Motion by Oprita, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,164,802.07
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,077,008.54
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 7,820.19
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 370,273.24
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 149,016.61
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 92,761.55
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 1,745,937.10
TOTAL	\$ 5,607,619.30
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,157,673.78
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 6,765,293.08

Motion by Buechler, 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 \$ 6,765,293.08.**

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 60,272.35
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 5,893.60
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 7,815.16
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 82,388.43
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 0.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 9,254.11
TOTAL	\$ 165,623.65
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.)	\$ 5,246.10
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 170,869.75

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Oprita, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 170,869.75.**

\* 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 October, 2022, (559). Number of Patrol Hours, (1116). 4 Animal Complaint; 34 Assist Other Depts.; 252 Assist Public; 20 B&E/Alarm; 1 B&E/Building & Vehicle; 4 Child Abuse/Neglect; 8 Disorderly Persons; 15 Domestic Assault; 5 Fraud; 8 Harassment & Threats; 4 Juvenile Matter; 6 Larceny; 1 MDOP; 4 PI Traffic Crash; 34 PD Traffic Crash; 6 Retail Fraud; 8 Sex Offense; 1 Stolen Vehicle; 33 Suspicious Incidents; 3 Trespasser; 108 Misc.: School Checks/Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hang-ups, etc.; 167 Traffic Stops; 96 Tickets Issued.

Brief discussion held regarding recent fatal accident on 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue (M-25).

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total runs for the month of October, 2022, (125). 12 Fire; 98 Rescue/EMS; 3 Hazardous Condition (No Fire); 2 Service Calls; 5 Good Intent Calls; 5 False Alarm/False Call. Total Cost, \$18,354.45.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of October, 2022, (22). 13 Residential Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 633,178); 2 Fence (Val. 18,800); 1 Deck/Porch (Val. 6,500); 3 Multiple Residential (Val. 401,200); 1 Pool (Val. 80,000); 2 Commercial Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 34,000). Total Valuation, \$ 886,454.00. Total Fees, \$ 6,888.00.

**PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of October, 2022, (14). 11 Mechanical (1,800.00); 3 Plumbing (549.00). Total Fees, \$ 2,349.00.

**ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of October, 2022, (14). Total Fees, \$ 3,129.00.

**ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:** Total Complaints for the month of October, 2022, (19). 3 Blight; 1 High Grass/Noxious Weeds; 2 RV Storage/Parking; 2 Unlicensed Vehicle; 11 Misc. Ordinance Violations. Total Hours, 21. Total Miles, 57.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Blue Water Area Transportation Commission's Invitation to 2022 Annual Partner Meeting on December 1, 2022, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Blue Water Convention Center. (Cost - \$15.00 per person).

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

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):**

1. PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET REVIEW:

CITIZEN COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND/OR OBJECTIONS: NONE

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Kish, to close the Public Hearing to review and hear citizen comments, questions and/or objections. Time, 7:05 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.**

Further review and action on the Proposed 2023 Budget will be on the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Agenda.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Armbruster, to authorize the sale of the Grounds Department's John Deere 2320 Tractor with 4' Brush Hog, Mower Deck and Snow Blower, to the highest bidder. Roll Call Vote, 7/0.  
**MOTION PASSED.**

2. **NO ACTION TAKEN** on the proposed termination of Fort Gratiot Little League Agreement.

3. Motion by Oprita, seconded by Kish, to post two (1) Parks Commission vacancy, for a remaining term to expire November 20, 2024.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* 11/08/2022 Election filled only one position with Rob Montgomery, leaving one (1) additional vacancy to be appointed by the Township Board.  
\* Holly Chapman and Eric Trexler's term expire 11/20/2024.

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

4. Motion by Kish, seconded by Buechler, to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to sign the St. Clair County Road Commission's 2023 Local Road Funding Assistance Program *Agreement*.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Board adopted Resolution 2022-013 on September 21, 2022 to make Application to the St. Clair County Road Commission for this culvert replacement, authorizing \$130,000.00 for the Township's contribution of the estimated project cost.  
\* Application was approved by Board of Road Commissioners on October 10, 2022.

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

5. **NO ACTION TAKEN** on the Proposed Contract, with UHY, LLP, Public Accountants, to conduct water rate study.

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 General Election went very well with a record number of in-person voting.
- Resident compliment to Department of Public Works (DPW) personnel for their assistance and professionalism.
- Resident contacted Supervisor congratulating the Clerk on his crew and how effectively they handled the election.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

- Pat Smith noted *Shop with a Hero* will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Walmart.
- Turkey Trot on the bike/walking trail, from the lot across from Fort Gratiot Middle School to behind the Township Fire Hall.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Armbruster, to adjourn. Time, 7:21 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**  
**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

ROBERT D. BUECHLER, CLERK  
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, SUPERVISOR  
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP