

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, OPRITA, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, KISH, BRUCKNER AND ARMBRUSTER
 MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE
 ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF
 PATTI BUNDY, UTILITY BILLING CLERK / ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
 DEAN MARLAR, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
 STEVE GOUDY, FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Kish, seconded by Oprita, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of January 18th, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: * NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,168,639.64
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,491,224.50
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 112,378.14
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 626,392.06
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 516,250.62
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 94,965.34
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 1,754,119.81
TOTAL	\$ 6,763,970.11
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,032,569.06
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 7,796,539.17

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bradley, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 7,796,539.17.**

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 119,527.25.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Annual Meeting with St. Clair County Road Commission and Fort Gratiot Township, Monday, February 20, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Road Commission's Central Service Center Conference Rooms, 21 Airport Dr., St. Clair 48079.
2. Invitation to St. Clair County Chapter of the MTA's 2023 Annual Dinner Meeting on February 16th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Solitude Links Banquet Center in Kimball Township. (Cost - \$35.00/person)
3. Letter from St. Clair County Road Commission regarding Local Limestone Match Program.
4. 15th Annual State of the County, Monday, February 27, 2023 at the Blue Water Convention Center at 11:00 a.m.

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bruckner, to accept correspondence, as presented. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Oprita, to authorize hiring an Accounting Clerk, effective immediately, at an annual salary of \$45,000.00. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Invoice, in the amount of \$5,224.78, for 2023 Treatment Service and EGLE Application/Permit Fee for the Fort Gratiot Pond.
POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Includes Annual EGLE Application/Permit Fee
* 3% Prince Increase from 2022
Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Kish, to authorize the hiring of DPW Utilities Laborer, Level IV (No "S" License), at a rate outlined in the 2023 Bargaining Agreement of \$26.37 per hour.
POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Worker will fill vacancy created by retiring Mark Smith, on March 1st; and the promotion of Tyler Peters from DPW Laborer to Grounds Maintenance Foreman.
* Posted on Township Website and Facebook through Friday, February 3rd, 2023.
Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the request to cancel the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of Wednesday, April 19th, 2023, due to the lack of a quorum.
POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Four (4) out of Seven (7) Board Members will be at the MTA's Annual Conference.
Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Election Procedural Audit
- Document Storage/Retention
- Fire Truck Repairs
- Update on Fire Runs decision, at County level

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: NONE

Motion by Kish, seconded by Armbruster, to adjourn. Time, 7:13 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

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