

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, OPRITA, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, KISH, BRUCKNER AND ARMBRUSTER  
 MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE  
 ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF  
 BRENT WOOLMAN, FIRE DEPARTMENT, KIM WOOLMAN AND JERRY WOOLMAN, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
 JACOB PLATZER, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
 ADAM MARSH, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
 LISA SHAGENA, ASSESSOR AND BILL SHAGENA, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
 DEAN MARLAR, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER  
 ROB MONTGOMERY, PARKS COMMISSIONER / ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER  
 DAVE NORRIS

Motion by Kish, seconded by Oprita, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

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

Mr. Marlar suggested a *moment of silence* for the students of Michigan State University (MSU). Supervisor Crawford added, also for those in the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Agenda, with the addition of NEW BUSINESS, ITEM #3: Fire Chief's request to hire Full-Time Fire Fighter. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,331,473.15
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,709,260.67
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 167,636.11
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 824,491.15
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 610,259.07
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 98,196.03
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 1,999,241.77
TOTAL	\$ 7,740,557.95
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,036,631.84
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 8,777,189.79

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Kish, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 8,777,189.79.

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 32,455.51
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,604.37
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 84,423.20
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 0.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 173,854.92
TOTAL	\$ 292,338.00
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.)	\$ 11,481.25
(KRAFFT RD. SEWER BOND)	\$ 3,677.50
(BRACE/TICE BOND DEBT)	\$ 26,143.75
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 333,640.50

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 333,640.50.

\* 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: Lieutenant, E. Stevens

Total Calls for Service for the month of January, 2023, (563). Number of Patrol Hours, (1116). 7 Animal Complaint; 47 Assist Other Depts.; 264 Assist Public; 23 B&E/Alarm; 3 Disorderly Persons; 18 Domestic Assault; 6 Fraud; 4 Harassment & Threats; 11 Juvenile Matter; 2 Larceny; 6 MDOP; 4 PI Traffic Crash; 35 PD Traffic Crash; 3 Retail Fraud; 2 Stolen Vehicle; 30 Suspicious Incidents; 3 Trespasser; 95 Misc.: School Checks/Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hang-ups, etc.; 122 Traffic Stops; 76 Tickets Issued.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total runs for the month of January, 2023, (131). 6 Fire; 102 Rescue/EMS; 6 Hazardous Condition (No Fire); 4 Service Calls; 2 Good Intent Calls; 11 False Alarm/False Call. Total Cost, \$22,675.55.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of January, 2023, (16). 10 Residential Addition / Alteration/Repair (Val. 198,559); 2 Accessory Structure (Val. 8,000); 1 Fence (Val. 6,000); 1 Multiple Residential (Val. 20,000); 1 Residential Demolition; 1 Commercial Sign (Val. 3,600). Total Valuation, \$ 236,159.00. Total Fees, \$ 2,872.50.

**PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of January, 2023, (15). 13 Mechanical (2,195.00); 2 Plumbing (286.00). Total Fees, \$ 2,481.00.

**ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of January, 2023, (10). Total Fees, \$ 1,690.00.

**ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:** Total Complaints for the month of January, 2023, (17). 5 Blight; 8 RV Storage/Parking; 1 Sheriff's Dept.; 3 Misc. Code Violations. Total Hours, 24. Total Miles, 57.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):** NONE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Fire Chiefs request to hire Lieutenant, Brent Woolman, Full-Time, beginning the week of February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, on the "C" Shift, at an hourly wage of \$22.00 per hour.

**POINTS OF DISCUSSION:** \* Mr. Woolman has been on the Township's Fire Department for 11 years.

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

2. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Armbruster, to adopt Resolution 2023-003, In Support of Submittal of an Application to the Michigan Township Participating Plan for a \$2,697.62 Grant to Assist in Funding the Installation of a Security System at the New Grounds Maintenance Building at 4743 Parker Road; and authorize the Township Supervisor or Township Clerk to sign the Grant Application on behalf of the Township. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. Motion by Kish, seconded by Oprita, to approve the Fire Chiefs request to hire a Full-Time Firefighter, at an hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- EDA Luncheon Meeting/MTA Annual Meeting.
- Annual Road Commission Meeting with Township Board Members on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.
- Lisa Skotcher appointed as Event Coordinator.
- Winter Tax Bills were due February 14<sup>th</sup>; can be paid at Township through end of February, 2023.
- November 2022 Election Audit

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

Rob Montgomery inquired about the "Sparks Grant". He was advised the Grant was not awarded to Fort Gratiot Township this round.

Mr. Montgomery also asked about a Traffic Study at Keewahdin (M-136) and State Roads.

Bill Shagena thanked the Township Board for their continued support of the Township Fire Department.

Jerry Woolman regarding abandoned home on Pine Grove Road at Bonisteel.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to adjourn. Time, 7:20 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