

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, OPRITA, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, BRUCKNER AND ARMBRUSTER
 MEMBERS ABSENT: KISH
 ALSO PRESENT: JORJA BALDWIN, PLANNING DEPARTMENT
 ROB MONTGOMERY, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS / PARKS COMMISSIONER

Motion by Oprita, seconded by Armbuster, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of February 15th, 2023, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: *

Dave Norris re: New Business Item #3 and concerns about septic fields. The area is on Septic and he doesn't want to be forced to connect to Sanitary Sewer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Agenda, with the Addition of Item #2, NEW BUSINESS: Introduction of Proposed Ordinance No. 227; and Item #3, NEW BUSINESS: Introduction of Proposed Ordinance No. 228. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED. AGENDA APPROVED, AS AMENDED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,301,488.97
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,688,674.87
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 167,636.11
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 824,491.15
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 610,259.07
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 103,346.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 2,084,132.59
TOTAL	\$ 7,780,028.76
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,039,447.90
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 8,819,476.66

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Armbuster, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 8,819,476.66.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 85,413.24
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 3,034.48
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 0.00
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 0.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 15,447.19
TOTAL	\$ 103,894.91
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.)	\$ 7,159.84
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 111,054.75

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Brucknere, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 111,054.75.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. COMCAST notification of changes to Xfinity TV services, effective March 28, 2023 & April 11, 2023.

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Crawford, to accept Reports, as presented. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Oprita, to set a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 15th, 2023, beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of hearing community input on a proposed Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant; and a Recreation Passport Grant. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Bradley, to accept the Introduction of Ordinance No. 227, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FORT GRATIOT, BY REZONING 2917 NORTH RIVER ROAD (74-20-695-0003-000) FROM R1A-RESIDENTIAL TO C2-COMMERCIAL.

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION:
- * Recommended for approval by Planning Commission and St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission.
 - * Intent is to take down the vacant structure(s) and expand the parking lot of the North River Animal Hospital and relocating the entrance further from the intersection and making a safer ingress/egress.
 - * Consistent with the Townships Master Plan and the St. Clair County Master Plan.

Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 227, ACCEPTED.**

3. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Oprita, to accept the Introduction of Ordinance No. 228, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FORT GRATIOT, BY REZONING TWO (2) VACANT LOTS ON BRACE ROAD (74-20-004-4037-101 & 74-20-004-4037-110) FROM AG-AGRICULTURAL TO R2-TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION:
- * Recommended for approval by Planning Commission and St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission.
 - * Plans have been submitted for duplex construction
 - * Wetlands

Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 228, ACCEPTED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Blue Water Area Transportation Commission Report presented by Trustee Bruckner.
Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to accept the Report. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**
- Annual Meeting February 20th with St. Clair County Road Commission. Discussion regarding three (3) bridge culverts that need to be replaced. (2 Bridges on State Road and 1 Bridge on Brace Road).
- Draft Water Rate Study provided to Trustees.
- Mark "Smitty" Smith retirement gathering 03/02/2023 at 11:30 a.m.
- December 2022 Property Taxes have officially been turned over to the County.
- MTA Capital Conference recap
- Trustee Bruckner re: Public Hearing on March 15th, 2023 for the Grant proposals and the importance of keeping up with Grant opportunities.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Jorja Baldwin - Federal Contract awarded to Mercury Broadband to install fiber in the ground in under-served/rural areas, which includes St. Clair County. The will begin construction soon and are staging on the Drain Commission property on Parker Road.

Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Bradley, to adjourn. Time, 7:35 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous.
MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED.



ROBERT D. BUECHLER, CLERK
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

RDB/RCC/vo

ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, SUPERVISOR
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP