

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, OPRITA, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, KISH AND ARMBRUSTER
 MEMBERS ABSENT: BRUCKNER
 ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF
 CAPT., BILL SHAGENA, FIRE DEPARTMENT
 JOE STOLTZ, FIRE DEPARTMENT
 LOWELL MARLAR, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
 KIRSTEN LYONS, ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARK NATURALIST - INVASIVE SPECIES SPECIALIST

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of March 15th, 2023, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: *

Adrian Beard-Wright regarding proposed monthly burnout competition in Fort Gratiot Township. Requesting information to work toward changing the Zoning Ordinance to allow for such an event.

Lowell Marlar regarding noise abatement for the proposed burnout competition.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Oprita, seconded by Armbruster, to approve the Agenda, with the addition of Item #4, NEW BUSINESS: Resolution approving Sign Maintenance & Easement Agreement between the City of Port Huron and Fort Gratiot Charter Township for the *City of Port Huron Gateway Signage* to be located at 3745 Pine Grove Avenue. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED. AGENDA APPROVED, AS AMENDED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,304,586.94
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,883,111.16
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 227,621.09
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 926,456.33
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 642,852.22
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 96,248.49
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 2,125,370.53
TOTAL	\$ 8,206,246.76
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 897,606.02
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 9,103,852.78

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Buechler, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 9,103,852.78.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 83,752.83
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 25,211.31
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 7,815.16
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 33.60
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 0.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 19,234.04
TOTAL	\$ 136,046.94
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.)	\$ 76,082.06
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 212,129.00

Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Kish, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 212,129.00.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- PRESENTATION BY KIRSTEN LYONS, ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION PARK NATURALIST / INVASIVE SPECIES SPECIALIST, REGARDING THE INVASIVE SPECIES, SPONGY MOTH (GYPSY MOTH) OUTBREAK:

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION:
- * Costs covered by St. Clair County Board of Commissioners and does not require any matching funds from the municipality for the 2023 treatment. (Spray blocks).
 - * BTK Treatment - Naturally occurring bacterium, applied to tree foliage when caterpillars are young (usually in May).
 - * Campbell Road 2023 Spray Block in Fort Gratiot Township (3720 thru 3780 Campbell Road); and Clyde Township (3727 thru 3765 Campbell Road).

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bradley, to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Letter of Commitment for the Agreement for Spongy Moth Spray Blocks for 2023 on behalf of the Township Board. Vote, Unanimous.
MOTION PASSED. LETTER OF COMMITMENT APPROVED.

- Motion by Bradley, seconded by Oprita, to approve the St. Clair County Road Commission Agreements at a total cost to the Township of \$ 38,433.90, as follows:

LOCATION	TYPE OF WORK	TOTAL PROJECT COST	COST TO TOWNSHIP (50%)
BRACE ROAD	Limestone Haul	\$ 7,870.50	\$ 2,361.15
VARIOUS ROADS	Limestone Haul	\$ 34,105.50	\$ 17,052.75
VARIOUS ROADS	1 st Chloride of gravel roads estimated at 11.5 miles	\$ 5,520.00	\$ 2,760.00
VARIOUS ROADS	2 nd Chloride of gravel roads estimated at 11.5 miles	\$ 5,520.00	\$ 2,760.00
STATE ROAD	Crossroad Culvert - State Road 350' South of Metcalf Road: Remove & replace 1 18" x 53' 14 gauge aluminized culvert.	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
POLLINA AVENUE	Crossroad Culvert - Pollina Avenue 1600' North of North River Road: Remove & replace 1 18" x 55' 14 gauge aluminized culvert.	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
PARKER ROAD	Ditching - Parker Road 1200' South of Carrigan Road going 1200' to the South on the East side; remove and replace 2 driveway culvert (24" x 30' & 24" x 60').	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL		\$ 80,016.00	\$ 38,433.90

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

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

3. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Kish, to approve the proposed (updated) Job Description for Fire Chief. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
4. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Armbruster, to adopt Resolution 2023-006, Approving Sign Maintenance & Easement Agreement between the City of Port Huron and Fort Gratiot Charter Township for the City of Port Huron Gateway Signage to be located at 3745 Pine Grove Avenue; and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Sign Maintenance and Easement Agreement on behalf of the Township. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION 2023-006, ADOPTED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Water and Sewer Rate Study.
- City of Port Huron Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, May 4th, 2023, at 7:00 a.m. at the McMorran Lounge.
- Notified that the Township's Land & Water and Passport Grant Applications have been received.
- Grounds Maintenance Building update.
- Applying for two (2) Planning Grants through SEMCOG.
- Reminder that there will be no meeting Wednesday, April 19th, 2023.
- 2022 Audit.
- Opioid Settlement Funds.
- State Road Ballfield sound system.
- Parking lot maintenance and striping at the Pointe Community Center.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Lowell Marlar regarding firefighting involving electric vehicles.

Chief Smith stated Engine 34 being repaired and will be out of commission for approximately six (6) weeks; and pump replacement are going to be needed on Engine 33.

Adrian Beard-Wright regarding Opioid Settlement Funds.

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to adjourn. Time, 8:00 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