

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: ARMBRUSTER AND KISH

ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

Tim Ward requesting the Board engage in a cost & feasibility study to extend the sidewalk on Lakeshore Road, from Keewahdin to M-25 at the Pointe.

Katrin Eismann supports extending sidewalk along Lakeshore Road, from Keewahdin Road to M-25 at the Pointe from a safety, health and community and quality of life aspect.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,291,912.60
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,710,905.61
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 220,831.15
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 789,905.60
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 549,774.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 93,703.14
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 2,226,281.96
TOTAL	\$ 7,883,314.06
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 870,228.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 8,753,542.06

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bruckner, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 8,753,542.06.**

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 43,526.50
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 65,478.90
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 7,815.16
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 84,423.20
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 0.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,000.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 80,402.17
TOTAL	\$ 282,645.93
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.)	\$ 9,353.06
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 291,998.99

Motion by Oprita, seconded by Bradley, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 291,998.99.**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. City of Port Huron's Office of the Directors of Finance notification of water rates for fiscal year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024.
2. COMCAST notification of price reduction in monthly charge for the Broadcast TV Fee will be lowered from \$20.70 to \$19.05.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):** NONE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to re-adopt Ordinance No. 229, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE 221, FORT GRATIOT TOWNSHIP TAX EXEMPTION ORDINANCE FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGES OF MICHIGAN LAKE HURON WOODS PHASE 2, REFLECTING UPDATES TO LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS AFTER LOT SPLITS.

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION:
- \* Introduction accepted 05/03/2023.
  - \* Adopted May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023; however the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) required a sentence removed in order for the project to be eligible for financing:  
*Sec. 10-118. Payment of Service Charge:*  
*"Provided, if a Sponsor or its successor fails to comply with reimbursement or similar agreements referenced in Section 10-118, if such agreement(s) referenced in Section 10-118 is deemed invalid or unenforceable, then the Township may, at its discretion, repeal this division as permitted pursuant to MCL 125.1415a."*
  - \* This has been reviewed and recommended by the Townships Attorney.

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED. ORDINANCE NO. 229, ADOPTED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Oprita, to approve the Fire Chiefs request to amend the 2023 Budget, in the amount of \$29,000.00, as follows:

TRANSFER FROM	TRANSFER TO	AMOUNT	REASON
FIRE FUND BALANCE	206-933-000	\$ 11,000.00	Truck Maintenance/Repair
FIRE FUND BALANCE	206-929-001	\$ 18,000.00	Equipment Purchase

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION:
- \* E-33 needs rear springs replaced, rear brakes, 2 front tires & vacuum leak repaired;  
 Hose replacements: 5 - 1.5" rubber, 12 - 1.75" attack hose, 15 - 5" storz large diameter hose.

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. NO ACTION TAKEN on request to place Fire Department's 2009 Ford Explorer "For Sale As-Is" to the highest bidder.
3. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the 2023 Request for Local Millage Distribution from the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission, totaling \$60,446.00, as presented; and authorize Supervisor Crawford to sign the request on behalf of Fort Gratiot Township. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
4. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Oprita, to authorize the Township Supervisor to complete and submit the reimbursement request, and required paperwork, necessary to obtain the payment of \$59,300.00 in American Recue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for Engineering Services for proposed sanitary sewer for the Parker Road Development Project. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

**NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:**

5. Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Bradley, to accept and approve the Proposal, from BMJ Engineering & Surveyor's, Inc., for professional engineering and surveying services for the proposed sanitary sewer Lift Station and Force Main to serve the future Parker Road Park Facility and Township Dog Park, in the amount of \$59,300.00.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Design Engineering - \$27,800.00  
Construction Engineering - \$31,500.00

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- Update on Parker Road Grounds Maintenance Building.
- Keewahdin Road Beach improvements.
- Cape Seal (Simpson Rd., Terrance Ct., James Ct. & Buckley Dr.) began this week; planned to be completed next week.
- ARPA funding.
- Continued discussion regarding sidewalk on Lakeshore Road and possible options and/or alternatives.
- Updated Revenue Sharing estimate.
- Update on construction of car wash on 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue in front of Godwin's furniture.
- Carnival to return to Birchwood Mall.
- August 8, 2023 - Port Huron Area School District Special Election.
- RV setback requirements
- Fire Department has applied for an \$10,000 Equipment Grant

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

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to adjourn. Time, 7:47 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