

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, OPRITA, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, KISH, BRUCKNER AND ARMBRUSTER
 MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE
 ALSO PRESENT: ROB MONTGOMERY, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/PARKS COMMISSION

Motion by Oprita, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of July 19th, 2023, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: *

Rob Montgomery regarding Items 2 & 3, New Business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,155,230.96
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,530,541.75
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 206,917.29
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 626,888.80
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 428,618.30
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 93,754.72
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 2,203,263.01
TOTAL	\$ 7,245,214.83
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 882,903.31
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 8,128,118.14

Motion by Kish, seconded by Buechler, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 8,128,118.14.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 77,234.38
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 5,191.02
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 7,815.16
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 179.20
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 0.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 489,009.45
TOTAL	\$ 579,429.21
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.)	\$ 3,500.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 582,929.21

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Bruckner, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 582,929.21.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. St. Clair County Smiths Creek Landfill notification of Solid Waste Surcharge Change.

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MICHIGAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE, ANDREW BEELER - LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Beeler was not able to attend tonight's meeting, but has tentatively scheduled his Legislative Update for the August 16th meeting.

2. Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Buechler, to approve the updated *Intergovernmental Agreement for Sharing of Expenses for Dredging of Black River Canal*, at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00 annually.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Township currently pays \$7,500 annually - Updated rate would increase to \$15,000 annually.

Roll Call Vote, 5/2, Bradley & Kish voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Treasurer's request to petition the court, in collaboration with St. Clair County Treasurer's Office, to remove Delinquent Personal Property Taxes (2010 thru 2018), totaling \$19,417.26., from the Tax Roll.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: *

2010	-	\$	294.41
2011	-	\$	202.49
2012	-	\$	209.38
2013	-	\$	271.62
2014	-	\$	179.11
2015	-	\$	125.54
2016	-	\$	1,124.96
2017	-	\$	5,344.64
2018	-	\$	11,665.11

* Personal Property taxes the Township has been unable to collect for various reasons (i.e., death, bankruptcy, etc.) The cost to collect is greater (or not at all possible) than the cost to remove.

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

3. **NO ACTION TAKEN** on the request to correct 2022 & 2023 hourly & overtime wages/PTO/Holiday pay & 401a account for Fire Department Captain, Travis Woolman.
4. **NO ACTION TAKEN** on the request to correct 2023 hourly & overtime wages/PTO/Holiday pay & 401a account for Fire Department Lieutenant, Brent Woolman.
5. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Oprita, to approve the Clerks request and close the Township Municipal Center on Tuesday, August 8th, 2023 to allow all staff to work the Special School Election.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Township staff is appointed to work elections.

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

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Status of Tommy's Car Wash development.
- Re-stripping needed at Pointe Community Center
- Blue Water Area Transportation Commission
- Items 4 & 5, of New Business
- SCC Drain Commissions Special Drain Assessment on the Howe-Brandymore Drain
- Supervisor thanked Mrs. Oprita for her past five years with the Township stating it has been a joy working with her and wished her the best in the future for her and her family.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Rob Montgomery regarding interest charges noted on Invoice Distributions and asked about late fees on payments. He gave an update on drinking fountain installations at the parks. He also discussed the Drain Commission's notification and hearing process.

Motion by Oprita, seconded by Kish, to adjourn. Time, 7:39 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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