

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, KISH, BRUCKNER AND ARMBRUSTER  
 MEMBERS ABSENT: OPRITA  
 ALSO PRESENT: STEPHEN JONES, ASSISTANT ASSESSOR  
 PATTI BUNDY, UTILITY BILLING CLERK  
 ROB MONTGOMERY, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS / PARKS COMMISSION

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

Larry Johnson, regarding unsafe house that burned 18 months ago on Abel Drive.

Jeff Cook, regarding unsafe house on Abel Drive.

Brian Hall, also regarding unsafe house on Abel Drive.

Rob Montgomery, regarding road conditions in Stoney Creek Subdivision. He also referred to Item #1, New Business and the departure of a previous employee; concerned about the loss of tenured employees.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,188,135.09
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,644,424.78
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 213,060.94
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 790,066.18
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 488,117.73
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 89,576.06
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 1,938,127.35
TOTAL	\$ 7,351,508.13
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 871,928.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 8,223,436.13

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bruckner, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 8,223,436.13.**

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 58,883.29
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 28,095.44
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 0.00
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 61,656.27
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 2,016.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 365,724.18
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 516,375.18

Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Bradley, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 516,375.18.**

\* 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: Captain Pohl

Total Calls for Service for the month of May, 2023, (644). Number of Patrol Hours, (1116). 12 Animal Complaint; 4 Assault & Battery; 39 Assist Other Depts.; 305 Assist Public; 16 B&E/Alarm; 3 B&E/Building & Vehicle; 2 Child Abuse/Neglect; 10 Disorderly Persons; 12 Domestic Assault; 10 Fraud; 13 Harassment & Threats; 9 Juvenile Matter; 3 Larceny; 4 MDOP; 1 Narcotics; 5 PI Traffic Crash; 24 PD Traffic Crash; 5 Retail Fraud; 2 Sex Offense; 1 Stolen Vehicle; 33 Suspicious Incidents; 8 Trespasser; 123 Misc.: School Checks/Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hang-ups, etc.; 116 Traffic Stops; 58 Tickets Issued.

Captain Pohl advised of the Sheriff's Department command post placement, staffing and plans for Cruise Weekend.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total runs for the month of May, 2023, (150). 6 Fire; 122 Rescue/EMS; 8 Hazardous Condition (No Fire); 3 Service Calls; 4 Good Intent Calls; 7 False Alarm/False Call. Total Cost, \$17,194.60.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of May, 2023, (40). 23 Residential Addition / Alteration/Repair (Val. 368,556); 4 Accessory Structure (Val. 34,400); 11 Fence (Val. 42,550); 1 Pool (Val. 45,000); 1 Commercial Sign (Val. 800). Total Valuation, \$ 491,306.00. Total Fees, \$ 4,317.00.

**PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of May, 2023, (17). 14 Mechanical (1,980.00); 3 Plumbing (666.00). Total Fees, \$ 2,646.00.

**ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of May, 2023, (13). Total Fees, \$ 1,823.00.

**ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:** Total Complaints for the month of May, 2023, (15). 6 Blight; 1 Unlicensed Vehicle; 7 Misc. Ord. Violations; 1 Misc. Code Violations. Total Hours, 15. Total Miles, 32.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. COMCAST notification regarding increase to monthly price for Starz, effective July, 2023.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):** NONE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to approve placing the Fire Department's 2009 Ford Explorer "For Sale As-Is" to the highest bidder, setting the minimum bid at what the Township could get for scrap.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Needs engine, as well as front end work.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to accept the Letter of Resignation (dated Monday, June 12, 2023) from Lisa Shagena, effective immediately.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \*

Vote, 5/1, Kish voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**

**NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:**

2. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Bruckner, to approve appointing Stephen Jones as *Assessor of Record* for Fort Gratiot Charter Township, at an annual salary of \$ 58,000.00. Mr. Jones pay will be prorated and paid, retroactively, from June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 when he began as *Acting Assessor*.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Mr. Jones has been with the Assessing Department since May, 2017 and has the same credentials that the previous Assessor had.  
\* Summer 2023 Tax Roll.  
\* July Board of Review.

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

3. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bruckner, to adopt *Resolution (2023-009) of Intent to Collect Summer Taxes for the Port Huron Area School District for the year 2023*, as noted.

Commercial Personal Property	-	6.0000	mills
School Operating Millage (Non-Homestead)	-	18.0000	mills
School Debt Millage	-	3.0500	mills
State Education Millage	-	6.0000	mills

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

4. Motion by Kish, seconded by Armbruster, to adopt Resolution (2023-0010 of Intent to Collect Summer Taxes for St. Clair County for the Year 2023, at a rate of 5.3153 Mills per \$1,000 Taxable Value. Roll Call Vote, 6/0.  
**MOTION PASSED.**

5. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Kish, to deny the request to pay for one-half of the paving of Metcalf Road, from Lakeshore Road (M-25) Easterly to Lake Huron, at a cost not to exceed \$16,500.00.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Project cost \$33,000.00  
\* Metcalf is the boundary between Fort Gratiot Township and Burtchville Township  
\* Fort Gratiot has two (2) commercial properties on the Southeast corner and the remaining frontage is Fort Gratiot County Park.

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

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- Cruise Night - Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6 pm - 10 pm.  
Carnival - Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Fireworks - Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at dusk.
- Drain Commission meeting regarding 70 acres on Parker Road adjacent to Township property.
- August 8, 2023 Election - Non-Homestead Millage Renewal

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

Rob Montgomery regarding employee departure. He also stated the Parks Commission has purchased two (2) water fountains within the next few weeks: One at the Dog Park; one next to the trail and one next to the Dog Park. Parks Commission is in discussions with a sign company for park signs.

Resident, regarding drainage ditches along Abel Drive.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to adjourn. Time, 7:24 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**  
**MEETING ADJOURNED.**



ROBERT D. BUECHLER, CLERK  
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

RDB/RCC/va

ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, SUPERVISOR  
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP