

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, WELLS, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, KISH, BRUCKNER AND ARMBRUSTER  
 MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE  
 ALSO PRESENT: LIEUTENANT, BRENT WOOLMAN, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
 ST. CLAIR COUNTY SHERIFF, MAT KING  
 ROB MONTGOMERY, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS / PARKS COMMISSION

Prior to continuing with the Agenda, St. Clair County Sheriff King was invited to move forward with a presentation of Department Citation to Deputies, David Wright and Joe Holzberger, for their outstanding valor and performance during a July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 incident that occurred in Fort Gratiot Township along the 5600 block of Lakeshore Road.

The Board thanked Deputy Wright and Deputy Holzberger for their service to the community.

In addition, Fire Department Lieutenant, Brent Woolman also thanked Deputy Wright and Deputy Holzberger for their service and presented them with a token of appreciation on behalf of the Fire Department Members.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: \* NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,154,367.15
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,425,440.62
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 191,791.21
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 553,057.49
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 368,677.99
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 127,994.29
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 2,237,882.91
TOTAL	\$ 7,059,211.66
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 915,972.19
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 7,975,183.85

Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Bradley, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 7,975,183.85.

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

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:**

GENERAL FUND	\$	53,777.41
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	483.56
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	0.00
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	85,380.70
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$	957.50
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	45.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	12,840.81
TOTAL	\$	153,484.98
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (PARKS FUND)	\$	957.50
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.)	\$	4,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$	158,442.48

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Armbruster, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**  
**BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 158,442.48.**

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Given by representative of Sheriff Department: Captain, M. Pohl

Total Calls for Service for the month of August, 2023, (631). Number of Patrol Hours, (1116). 10 Animal Complaint; 1 Assault & Battery; 45 Assist Other Depts.; 227 Assist Public; 44 B&E/Alarm; 2 B&E Building/Vehicle; 12 Disorderly Persons; 11 Domestic Assault; 6 Fraud; 7 Harassment & Threats; 5 Juvenile Matter; 4 Larceny; 4 MDOP; 3 PI Traffic Crash; 30 PD Traffic Crash; 10 Retail Fraud; 3 Sex Offense; 3 Stolen Vehicle; 37 Suspicious Incidents; 1 Trespasser; 166 Misc.: School Checks/Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hang-ups, etc.; 101 Traffic Stops; 39 Tickets Issued.

Captain Pohl noted that the Department will be participating in the Old Farm Subdivision Block Party September 23<sup>rd</sup> speaking to residents about basic safety measures. Additionally, the Department has added a full-time School Resource Officer, based out of Fort Gratiot Middle School.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total runs for the month of August, 2023, (149). 4 Fire; 113 Rescue/EMS; 3 Hazardous Condition (No Fire); 3 Service Calls; 11 Good Intent Calls; 15 False Alarm/False Call. Total Cost, \$17,331.84.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of August, 2023, (32). 1 New Home (Val. 366,000); 20 Residential Addition / Alteration/Repair (Val. 421,117); 1 Accessory Structure (Val. 8,175); 1 Deck/Porch (Val. 6,000); 1 Fence (Val. 841); 1 Pool (Val. 2,799); 1 Multiple Residential (Val. 164,550); 1 Misc. Zoning Compliance (Val. 3,000); 2 Commercial Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 66,400); 2 Commercial Sign (Val. 9,130). Total Valuation, \$ 1,048,012.00. Total Fees, \$ 7,898.50.

**PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of August, 2023, (15). 11 Mechanical (1,905.00); 4 Plumbing (591.00). Total Fees, \$ 2,496.00.

**ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of August, 2023, (10). Total Fees, \$ 2,952.00.

**ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:** Total Complaints for the month of August, 2023, (29). 6 Blight; 6 Business License; 13 High Grass/Noxious Weeds; 1 Storage/Parking; 3 Misc. Ordinance Violations. Total Hours, 30. Total Miles, 100.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** NONE

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

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):** NONE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE



**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. St. Clair County Sheriff, King's presentation of Department Citation to Deputies, David Wright and Joe Holzberger, was done after roll call at the beginning of the Agenda.
2. Motion by Kish, seconded by Armbruster, to approve the renewal of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan health care coverage for 2024, as presented, at an estimated total cost of \$288,440.16.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* 0.1% increase from 2023; estimated increase of monthly premium of \$30.00.  
\* The Policy remains the same, but changes are increases to out-of-pocket individual/family costs, specialist costs, co-insurance for individual/family; and mail-order & 4 tier prescriptions.  
\* Comparisons were reviewed from 17 different policies.

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

3. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to set the Public Hearing Date to review and confirm the above Special Assessment Rolls and/or Millage Rates on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m.:
  - 2024 Residential Solid Waste/Yard Waste and Curbside Recycling Collection and Disposal Services;
  - 2023 Special Assessment for Fire Protection;
  - 2023 Fire Capital Improvement Voted Millage;
  - 2023 Police Protection Voted Millage;
  - Township-at-Large Highway Lighting Assessment District; and Individual Lighting Assessment Districts

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

4. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to approve the purchase of an ImageCast Precinct SE Tabulator, with power cord, power supply, collapsible bin with Firmware License Agreement & Annual Maintenance (\$6,196.20); and a Duplexing Printer with Extender Tray (\$815.00), at a total cost of \$7,011.20, from Election Source.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Proposal 2 requires nine days of in person early voting, and that tabulator cannot be used to tabulate ballots in a polling place on Election Day.  
\* New Printer allows the VAT machine to print ballots on demand that a voter can fill out and feed into the tabulator during Early Voting.

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

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- Short Term Rentals
- Solar Ordinance
- Service Drive behind McDonald's
- Tommy's Car Wash Development

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

- Tim Ward requesting the Township take action to authorize applying for a Grant to fund a study for multipurpose trail along Lakeshore Road.
- Dean Marlar regarding New Business, Item #4 and the purchase of election equipment.
- Rob Montgomery regarding Parks Commission approvals, Pickleball Courts. In the process of purchasing new park entrance signs. Also considering a 20 x 32 pavilion near the Pickleball Courts.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Buechler, to adjourn. Time, 7:45 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**  
**MEETING ADJOURNED.**



ROBERT D. BUECHLER, CLERK  
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

RDB/RCC/v0

ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, SUPERVISOR  
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP