

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, WELLS, BUECHLER AND BRUCKNER
 MEMBERS ABSENT: BRADLEY, KISH AND ARMBRUSTER
 ALSO PRESENT: FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS, TRAVIS WOOLMAN, JOE STOLTZ, NICK PREVOST
 PARKS COMMISSION, ROB MONTGOMERY, PETE IRLAND AND CONNIE NEESE

Motion by Wells, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of September 20th, 2023, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: * NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,134,931.92
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,394,193.96
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 183,976.05
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 467,676.79
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 367,720.49
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 132,204.50
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 2,405,490.46
TOTAL	\$ 7,086,194.17
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 911,514.69
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 7,997,708.86

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bruckner, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 4/0. MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 7,997,708.86.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 29,870.08
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 2,871.10
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 7,815.16
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 0.00
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 63,702.99
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 19,860.22
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 124,119.55

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bruckner, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 4/0. MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 124,119.55.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. State of Michigan Department of Treasury *MI Fire Equipment Grant Letter of Approval of Award* in amount of \$10,000.00.
2. Invitation to Lake Huron Woods Groundbreaking Ceremony, October 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at 5229 Lakeshore Road.
3. St. Clair County EDA's acknowledgement of Fort Gratiot Township's Annual Financial Investment for Member year 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024.

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Wells, to approve the increase of Full-Time Fire Fighter Paid-Time-Off (PTO), effective immediately, as follows:

YEARS OF SERVICE	HOURS EARNED / DAYS EARNED
0 - 12 Months	120 Hours / 5 Days
1 - 3 Years	240 Hours / 10 Days
4 - 6 Years	264 Hours / 11 Days

Full Time Firefighter employees who are not able to schedule time off to use all PTO days, by the end of the year, will be allowed to sell back 48 hours, at the employee's current hourly rate.

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION:**
- * Firefighters work on a 56 hour week, approximately 900 hours more per year than a 40 hour employee.
 - * Brief discussion regarding status of Union Negotiations and Contract

Roll Call Vote, 4/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Buechler, to approve the Fire Departments request to purchase 25 Medix Plus Parkas w/Softshell Liner and Department Logo, from Phoenix Safety Outfitters, at a cost of \$7,425.00.

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION:**
- * Fire Department received notification of a \$10,000 Grant award for reimbursement of fire gear already purchased.
 - * Department issued coats were last purchased in 2002

Roll Call Vote, 4/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Fire Departments request to purchase 25 Phnx-Extreme Short Cuff Structural Fire Gloves, from Phoenix Safety Outfitters, at a cost of \$2,800.00.

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION:**
- * Fire Department received notification of a \$10,000 Grant award for reimbursement of fire gear already purchased.

Roll Call Vote, 4/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Buechler, to adopt Resolution 2023-012, Authorizing the Michigan Department of Transportation to Apply for a Transportation Alternative Program Grant on Behalf of Fort Gratiot Charter Township in Order to Facilitate Pedestrian Safety Along the East Side of M-25, Between Keewahdin Road and 4845 24th Avenue (M-25).

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION:**
- * To complete missing sections of sidewalk along the East side of M-25, between Keewahdin Road and 4845 24th Avenue (M-25), with crosswalk improvements.

Roll Call Vote, 4/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

5. Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Wells, to adopt the Agreement for Law Enforcement Services, between the St. Clair County Sheriff and the Charter Township of Fort Gratiot, for period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026, as outlined above.

PERIOD COVERING	AMOUNT
January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024	\$ 1,099,724.00
January 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2025	\$ 1,131,193.00
January 1, 2026 thru December 31, 2026	\$ 1,159,731.00
TOTAL FOR 01/2024 THRU 12/31/2026	\$ 3,390,648.00

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Current millage covers the cost of 2024 Contract.
* Millage request to be presented to voters in 2024.

Roll Call Vote, 4/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- SEMCOG Grant writing for study on pathway along Lakeshore Road.
- Lake Huron Woods Groundbreaking Ceremony.
- Tommy's Carwash construction has resumed.
- Krafft Road Apartments waiting for electrical meter boxes and meters.
- Short Term Rentals - Trustee Bruckner received feedback from citizens opposed to Ordinance that would allow and regulate.
- Scarecrow Saturday was very successful with a great turnout.
- Solar development to be considered by Planning Commission on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023. Information available in the Municipal Center Lobby and information with links available at www.fortgratiot.us

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Rob Montgomery inquired about differentials between Short Term Rentals and Solar development; and asked if there is any update on the Orvall Drive drainage ditch.

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bruckner, to adjourn. Time, 7:44 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

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