

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, WELLS, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, KISH, BRUCKNER AND ARMBRUSTER

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: FIRE DEPARTMENT: LIEUTENANT, BRENT WOOLMAN, JACOB PLATZER & STEVE GOUDY
 CONNIE NEESE, PARKS COMMISSION
 ROB MONTGOMERY, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS / PARKS COMMISSION

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of October 18th, 2023, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: *

Rob Montgomery re: Item #4, NEW BUSINESS: He asked if the St. Clair County ARPA Grant (\$59,300.00) will cover all expenses for the engineering services for Parker Road Sewer. Supervisor Crawford replied, yes, it does.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,172,735.33
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,249,358.48
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 185,038.18
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 386,076.91
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 243,109.77
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 129,531.19
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 2,663,242.35
TOTAL	\$ 7,029,092.21
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 920,153.22
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 7,949,245.43

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 \$ 7,949,245.43.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 42,208.47
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,052.34
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 7,815.16
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 0.00
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 0.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 421,471.44
TOTAL	\$ 472,547.41
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 0.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 472,547.41

Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Armbruster, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 472,547.41.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, accept Courtney Wolff's *Letter of Resignation* from the Fort Gratiot Parks Commission, effective October 16th, 2023.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Township Board has 30 days to appoint an individual to fill the vacant position.
Term expires 11/20/2024.

Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bruckner, accept Mike Davenport's Resignation from the position of Electrical Inspector/Plan Reviewer, effective October 31st, 2023.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Mr. Davenport has served in the position of Electrical Inspector/Plan Reviewer over the last 15 years.

Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Wells, to hire Rob Bennatts as Township Electrical Inspector/Plan Reviewer, effective immediately.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Currently, Mr. Bennatts, Master Electrician, serves as our Back-Up Electrical Inspector.

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

4. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Buechler, to approve the Subrecipient Agreement between Fort Gratiot Charter Township and St. Clair County, in connection with St. Clair County APRA grant awarded to Fort Gratiot May 18, 2023 to design and engineer the Parker Road Sanitary Sewer System; and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * In connection with a certain grant to Subrecipient under the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) otherwise known as American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA).
* Awarded amount: \$59,300.00. No matching funds required.
* Engineering Services for Parker Road Sanitary Sewer
* Trustees approved the proposal for the sewer system design June 7, 2023

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

5. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Buechler, to set the Public Hearing date to review and hear citizen comments, questions and/or objections to the Proposed 2024 Budget on Wednesday, November 15th, 2023, beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- DPW - Dump Truck replacement
Proposal from Leak Detection Company to review Municipal Water System
- Grounds Maintenance - Would like to sell lawn tractor & buy zero turn mower
- Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at the Blue Water Convention Center in Port Huron.
- Budget Special Meeting on November 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- Fire Chief Position
- County Commission meeting re: Proposed Solar Farm in Fort Gratiot, as well as solar panels at landfill

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Steve Goudy re: Fire Chief Position and notification to candidates of where the Township is in the hiring process.

Rob Montgomery re: Fire Chief Position and posted wage. Parker Road Pavilion construction has begun. Item #4, NEW BUSINESS and status of the project/availability of funds. Discussion held regarding status of existing grants and opportunity for future grants.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to adjourn. Time, 7:29 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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