

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, WELLS, BUECHLER, BRUCKNER AND ARMBRUSTER
 MEMBERS ABSENT: BRADLEY AND KISH
 ALSO PRESENT: MIKE FRONIMOS, FIRE CHIEF
 NICK PREVOST, ADAM MARSH AND JACOB PLATZER - FIRE DEPARTMENT
 STEVE JONES, ASSESSOR
 PATTI BUNDY, UTILITY BILLING CLERK
 CONNIE NEESE, PARKS COMMISSION

Motion by Wells, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of March 20th, 2024, 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, with the addition of Item #7, NEW BUSINESS: Road Commission Agreement for tree removal on Parker Road. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**
AGENDA APPROVED, AS AMENDED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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| GENERAL FUND | \$ 2,206,557.15 |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND | \$ 903,080.72 |
| FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND | \$ 181,270.95 |
| POLICE PROTECTION FUND | \$ 93,222.94 |
| TRASH / RECYCLING FUND | \$ 10,031.65 |
| BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND | \$ 127,427.73 |
| UTILITY RECEIVING FUND | \$ 2,566,887.94 |
| TOTAL | \$ 6,088,479.08 |
| MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS | \$ 757,670.54 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$ 6,846,149.62 |

Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Buechler, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 6,846,149.62.**

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

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| GENERAL FUND | \$ 117,653.10 |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND | \$ 1,915.06 |
| FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND | \$ 7,815.16 |
| POLICE PROTECTION FUND | \$ 1,971.00 |
| TRASH / RECYCLING FUND | \$ 0.00 |
| BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND | \$ 689.40 |
| UTILITY RECEIVING FUND | \$ 14,692.58 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$ 144,736.30 |

Motion by Wells, seconded by Bruckner, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 144,736.30.**

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Liberty Wireless Infrastructure *Letter of Interest* to lease the Township Water Tower (3939 Collins Road).
2. Michigan Township's Association Official Notice - Annual Meeting Deliberation and Adoption Process.

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bruckner, 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 Job Description for Assessing Clerk; and to approve the posting and hiring for the position.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Full Time Position (37.5 hours/week - Pay Range of \$18.63 to \$21.40 per hour
 * Qualification requirements

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Crawford, to approve the Metro Act Right-of-Way Permit Extension, for Advanced Communication & Data (ACD), through May 8, 2029; and authorize the Township Clerk to sign the Extension on behalf of Fort Gratiot Charter Township.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Current permit was approved on March 20, 2019 and valid thru 05/08/2024.

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Armbruster, to approve St. Clair County Road Commission Agreements, at a total cost to the Township of \$33,181.12, as follows:

| LOCATION | TYPE OF WORK | TOTAL PROJECT COST | COST TO TOWNSHIP (50%) | |
|----------------------|---|--------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| VARIOUS GRAVEL ROADS | LIMESTONE HAUL-Spread & shape 35 loads, 1925 tons of 22A Dotomite Limestone | \$ 49,357.00 | \$ | 24,678.50 |
| VARIOUS GRAVEL ROADS | 1 ST CHLORIDE - Estimated 11.5 Miles (23,000 gallons) | \$ 5,964.25 | \$ | 2,982.13 |
| VARIOUS GRAVEL ROADS | 2 ND CHLORIDE - Estimated 11.5 Miles (23,000 gallons) | \$ 5,964.25 | \$ | 2,982.13 |
| CAMPBELL ROAD | LIMESTONE HAUL-Spread & Shape 6 loads, 330 tons of 22A Dotomite Limestone | \$ 8,461.20 | \$ | 2,538.36 |
| | | \$ 69,746.70 | \$ | 33,181.12 |

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Buechler, to contract with Superior Heating & Cooling, Inc., for one (1) year Service Contract for spring and fall inspections, clean condenser coils and change air filters on 23 indoor heat pumps and 9 outdoor condenser units, at a cost of \$5,900.00.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Two proposals received: Superior Heating & Cooling, Inc. - \$ 5,900.00
 ThermalNetics - \$ 16,495.00

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

5. Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Wells, to approve and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Lease Agreement between the Charter Township of Fort Gratiot and the Port Huron Area School District for State Road Ball Fields, for a term of 25 years.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Little League Operating Agreement to be developed.

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

6. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Wells, to adopt Resolution 2024-004, Placing Police Protection Millage with Headlee Restoration on August 6, 2024 Ballot:

**POLICE PROTECTION MILLAGE
 WITH HEADLEE RESTORATION**

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be levied against taxable property in Fort Gratiot Township be increased by 2.5 mills (\$2.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for four years, from 2024 through 2027 inclusive, to raise funds to be used exclusively to continue to provide police protection in the Township? This proposal seeks to restore the Township's ability to fully levy a previously approved millage of 2.5 mills, reduced to 2.4577 mills pursuant to the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution, which expired with the 2023 levy. If levied in full this millage will raise approximately \$1,371,295 in its first year which by law can only be used to provide police protection within the Township.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Renewal of millage passed in 2019.

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

7. Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Bruckner, to approve St. Clair County Road Commission Agreements, at a total cost to the Township of \$3,080.00, as follows:

| LOCATION | TYPE OF WORK | TOTAL PROJECT COST |
|-------------|---|--------------------|
| PARKER ROAD | Remove maple tree at 4395 Parker Road (between M-136 & Keewahdin Rd.), Chip brush, take wood and grind stump. | \$ 3,080.00 |

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Tree is in the road right-of-way.

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Consideration of replacement of Pointe Community Center and Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery signs with the same design as the new signs at Township parks.
- Chamber of Commerce hosting two (2) Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies: April 17th at Miles Apartments; and April 22nd at Northstar Bank. Both start at 4:00 p.m.
- State of the County address on May 10th starting at 11:00 a.m.
- Second draft water/sewer ordinance presented to Trustees.
- Grounds maintenance began April 1st.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Connie Neese regarding updating Landscaping Ordinance.

Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Bruckner, to adjourn. Time, 7:30 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED.**



ROBERT D. BUECHLER, CLERK
 FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

RDB/RCC/vo

ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, SUPERVISOR
 FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP