

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, WELLS, BUECHLER, BRADLEY AND KISH  
 MEMBERS ABSENT: ARMBRUSTER AND BRUCKNER  
 ALSO PRESENT: CONNIE NEESE, PARKS COMMISSION  
 ROB MONTGOMERY, PARKS COMMISSION  
 PATTI BUNDY, UTILITY BILLING CLERK

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Wells, to approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

John Jess regarding speed of traffic on Keewahdin Road; and the need for bike rack and garbage cans in front of Municipal Center.

Luke Wilhelm regarding the need to clean-up woods south of the Pointe Community Center.

Connie Neese regarding the woods south of the Pointe Community Center.

Rob Montgomery believes a bike rack is in the works, between the Township and Parks Commission, in front of Municipal Center.

Michaela Garand regarding Citizens for Local Choice petitions and the need for signatures.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,123,467.75
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 884,455.05
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 174,016.35
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 91,828.75
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 10,057.54
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 121,285.60
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 2,635,268.50
TOTAL	\$ 6,040,379.54
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 770,815.72
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 6,811,195.26

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bradley, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 6,811,195.26.**

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 57,389.71
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 14,595.62
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 0.00
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 62,077.91
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 468.63
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 18,051.94
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 152,583.81

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Wells, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 152,583.81.**

\* 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 March, 2024, (402). Number of Patrol Hours, (1116). 14 Animal Complaint; 26 Assist Other Depts.; 108 Assist Public; 29 B&E/Alarm; 2 B&E Building/Vehicle; 1 Child Abuse; 5 Disorderly Persons; 13 Domestic Assault; 6 Fraud; 8 Harassment & Threats; 6 Juvenile Matter; 4 Larceny; 2 MDOP; 1 Narcotics; 4 PI Traffic Crash; 20 PD Traffic Crash; 10 Retail Fraud; 1 Robbery; 1 Sex Offense; 51 Suspicious Incidents; 2 Trespasser; 88 Misc.: School Checks/Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hang-ups, etc.; 127 Traffic Stops; 40 Tickets Issued.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total runs for the month of March, 2024, (127).

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of March, 2024, (25). 12 Residential Addition / Alteration/Repair (Val. 264,308); 3 Accessory Structure (Val. 48,040); 3 Fence (Val. 7,443); 3 Manufactured Mobile Home (Val. 18,000); 1 Misc. Zoning Compliance (Val. \$400); 1 Commercial Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 25,500). Total Valuation, \$ 363,191.00. Total Fees, \$ 4,139.00.

**PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of March, 2024, (19). 13 Mechanical (1,775.00); 6 Plumbing (866.00). Total Fees, \$ 2,641.00.

**ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of March, 2024, (11). Total Fees, \$ 2,022.00.

**ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:** Total Complaints for the month of March, 2024, (11). 5 Blight; 2 Sheriff's Dept.; 2 Unlicensed Vehicles; 2 Misc. Ordinance Violations. Total Hours, 6. Total Miles, 21.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. City of Port Huron Office of the Mayor invitation to Prayer Breakfast, Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 7 a.m. at the McMorran Lounge.
2. Notification of award, by Blue Water Earth Fair planning committee, of \$500.00 financial gift & plaque for improvements to Keewahdin Road Beach.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):** NONE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to adopt the *Local Governing Body Resolution (2024-005) for Charitable Gaming Licenses for Hanna R. Winkler Memorial Fund.*

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Hannah R. Winkler Memorial Fund

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

2. Motion by Wells, seconded by Buechler, to adopt Resolution 2024-006 to Establish Fee Schedule for the Pointe Community Center.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Needed renovations and repairs.

\* Keeping in comparable rental fees within the surrounding area.

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

3. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Buechler, to approve hiring Pointe Community Center Rental Caretaker, for the purpose of handling rental openings/closings, at a rate of \$50.00 per rental. Roll Call Vote, 5/0.  
**MOTION PASSED.**

**NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:**

4. Motion by Kish, seconded by Wells, to adopt Resolution 2024-007 to *Adopt a Fee Schedule for Ball Field Rental, Define Leagues, Require Proof of Season Insurance and Set Policies and Rules for Ball Field Use.*

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Last adopted 03/20/2019.

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

5. Motion by Kish, seconded by Wells, to approve the St. Clair County Road Commission Agreement, below, at a total cost to the Township of \$4,400.00:

LOCATION	TYPE OF WORK	TOTAL PROJECT COST	COST TO TOWNSHIP (50%)	
PARKER ROAD - South of Dog Park	Remove & replace crossroad culvert 18” x 53’ aluminized 14 gauge	\$ 8,800.00	\$	4,400.00

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

7. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Wells, to approve the Metro Act Right-of-Way Permit Extension, for AT&T Michigan through July 31, 2029; and authorize the Township Clerk to sign the Extension on behalf of Fort Gratiot Charter Township.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Current permit will expire July 31, 2024.

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

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- 2023 Audit update.
- May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Special Election update. Early voting April 27, 2024 thru May 5, 2024. Fort Gratiot Township will also be administering Burtchville Township’s school election.
- MTA Annual Conference.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

John Jess stated his willingness to assist in any fundraising for police or fire.

Rob Montgomery regarding Little League fees.

Prior to adjournment, Supervisor Crawford announced he will not be seeking re-election for the position of Supervisor, however, he will be seeking election as Trustee for the August/November elections.

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Wells, to adjourn. Time, 7:36 o’clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**  
**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

ROBERT D. BUECHLER, CLERK  
 FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, SUPERVISOR  
 FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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