

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, WELLS, BEUCHLER, BRADLEY, KISH AND BRUCKNER
 MEMBERS ABSENT: ARMBRUSTER
 ALSO PRESENT: MIKE FRONIMOS, FIRE CHIEF
 CONNIE NEESE, PARKS COMMISSION
 ROB MONTGOMERY, PARKS COMMISSION
 PATTI BUNDY, UTILITY BILLING CLERK
 ANDREW EBEJER, NICK PREVOST, ADAM MARSH - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of June 5th, 2024, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: *

Michaela Garand regarding *Citizens for Local Choice* petition.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Wells, to approve the Agenda, with the removal of Item #1, NEW BUSINESS, as Mr. Freed will not be present this evening. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED. AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,740,600.76
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 685,320.00
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 159,278.62
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 100,042.42
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ -114,804.67
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 136,101.04
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 2,941,590.60
TOTAL	\$ 5,648,128.77
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,322,015.99
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 6,970,144.76

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Kish, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 6,970,144.76.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 83,654.93
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 8,922.32
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 91,643.66
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 57,105.52
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 262,549.87
TOTAL	\$ 503,876.30
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.)	\$ 3,500.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 507,376.30

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Wells, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 507,376.30.

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

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total Calls for Service for the month of May, 2024, (445). Number of Patrol Hours, (1116). 16 Animal Complaint; 1 Assault & Battery; 61 Assist Other Depts.; 110 Assist Public; 18 B&E/Alarm; 4 Child Abuse; 13 Disorderly Persons; 9 Domestic Assault; 2 Fraud; 14 Harassment & Threats; 7 Juvenile Matter; 9 Larceny; 1 MDOP; 4 PI Traffic Crash; 33 PD Traffic Crash; 3 Retail Fraud; 1 Sex Offense; 36 Suspicious Incidents; 3 Trespasser; 100 Misc.: School Checks/Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hang-ups, etc.; 132 Traffic Stops; 35 Tickets Issued.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE SHERIFF: * NONE

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total runs for the month of May, 2024, (153).

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of May, 2024, (3*). 3 New Homes (Val. 900,000); 21 Residential Addition / Alteration/Repair (Val. 535,883); 2 Accessory Structure (Val. 109,074); 71 Fence (Val. 15,600); 2 Deck/Porch (Val. 30,000); 1 AG Zoning Compliance (Val. 30,000); 1 Commercial Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 30,000); 2 Commercial Sign (Val. 26,500). Total Valuation, \$ 1,677,057.00. Total Fees, \$ 11,683.50.

PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of May, 2024, (15). 11 Mechanical (5,021.00); 4 Plumbing (2,820.00). Total Fees, \$ 7,941.00.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of May, 2024, (16). Total Fees, \$ 12,071.00.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: Total Complaints for the month of May, 2024, (19). 10 Blight; 5 Grass/Noxious Weeds; 4 RV Storage/Parking; 2 Unlicensed Vehicle; 4 Misc. Ordinance Violations. Total Hours, 21.5. Total Miles, 59.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. City of Port Huron Notification of increase to water rates and fees for fiscal year 07/01/24 - 06/30/25.

Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Bradley, to accept Reports & Correspondence, as presented. Vote, Unanimous.
MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. REMOVED: James Freed, Port Huron City Manger's presentation regarding the canal and the Tainter Gate repairs.
2. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to adopt *Resolution (2024-008) of Intent to Collect Summer Taxes for the Port Huron Area School District for the year 2024*, as noted, below:

Commercial Personal Property	-	6.0000	mills
School Operating Millage (Non-Homestead)	-	18.0000	mills
School Debt Millage	-	3.0500	mills
State Education Millage	-	6.0000	mills
Sinking Fund	-	1.0000	mills

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * 2023 Rates:

Commercial Personal Property	-	6.0000	mills
School Operating Millage (Non-Homestead)	-	18.0000	mills
School Debt Millage	-	3.0500	mills
State Education Millage	-	6.0000	mills

Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION 2024-008, ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

3. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bruckner, to adopt Resolution (2024-009) of Intent to Collect Summer Property Tax Levy for St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency for the year 2024:

General Fund	-	0.1928	mills
Special Education Fund	-	2.3020	mills
Vocational Education Fund	-	0.9208	mills

Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION 2024-009, ADOPTED.**

4. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Wells, to approve the request to increase the Backup Building, Mechanical, Plumbing and Electrical Inspector's inspection compensation from \$35.00 per inspection to \$50.00 per inspection, effective June 1, 2024.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Keeping in line with surrounding municipalities within the area.

Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

5. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the request to set the Building Inspector's (Part-Time) position compensation range at \$39.00 per hour to \$50.00 per hour. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

6. Fire Chief Fronimos performed the swearing in and pinning of Adam Ebejer as a new Full Time Fire Fighter/EMT.

7. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Fire Chief's request to enter into Mutual Aid negotiations with Sarnia, Point Edward and St. Clair Township Fire Departments.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Border procedures for emergency personnel.

Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- May 2024 Election Audit update; and August 6th, 2024 Primary Election Update.
- July 3rd Meeting - Crawford, Bradley and Bruckner will not be present. July 17th, 2024 meeting falls on the evening of the Rotary Parade.
- 2024 Summer Tax Bills going out next week.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Kerry Ange introduced herself as a candidate for St. Clair County Commissioner (2nd District).

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to adjourn. Time, 7:26 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