

Prior to beginning the meeting, Supervisor Crawford announced a major watermain break on North River Road, between Sunset Lane and Campbell Road. Water will, likely, be off until sometime tomorrow (07/18/2024) evening. Currently, there are no “boil water” alerts.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: MIKE FRONIMOS, FIRE CHIEF
 CONNIE NEESE, PARKS COMMISSION
 ROB MONTGOMERY, PARKS COMMISSION
 PATTI BUNDY, UTILITY BILLING CLERK

Motion by Kish, seconded by Wells, to approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of July 3rd, 2024, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: *

Sarah Beebe regarding repair of pothole on Krafft Road; service drive culvert repair; and Solar Company’s *Letter of Interest*.

Rob Montgomery regarding ADA beach mat installed at Keewahdin Beach; signage replacement; and advised he has been contacted by a resident asking about the possibility of allowing the installation of a Memorial Fountain in the pond on Parker Road.

Mike Levey regarding crashes at Parker and Pine Grove Road (M-136).

Joe Pavlov regarding candidacy for State Representative.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Agenda, amending Item #2, NEW BUSINESS: Delete 2002 4710 John Deere; and 2013 Gang Mower. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. AGENDA APPROVED, AS AMENDED.**

TREASURER’S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,607,472.62
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 570,942.11
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 161,660.03
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ -82,653.94
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ -171,910.19
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 132,191.31
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 2,629,831.67
TOTAL	\$ 4,847,533.61
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,290,383.68
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 6,137,917.29

Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Buechler, to receive the Treasurer’s Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER’S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 6,137,917.29.**

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

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 35,344.48
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 3,449.82
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 7,815.16
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 319.20
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 68,445.77
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 16,426.55
TOTAL	\$ 131,800.98
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.)	\$ 3,500.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 135,300.98

Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Wells, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 135,300.98.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT: Given by representative of Sheriff Department: Deputies, Holzberger & Schnieder
 2024 Cruise Nite update given.

Total Calls for Service for the month of June, 2024, (470). Number of Patrol Hours, (1080). 14 Animal Complaint; 2 Assault & Battery; 58 Assist Other Depts.; 96 Assist Public; 32 B&E/Alarm; 2 B&E Building/Vehicle; 1 Child Abuse/Neglect; 15 Disorderly Persons; 14 Domestic Assault; 7 Fraud; 11 Harassment & Threats; 9 Juvenile Matter; 7 Larceny; 10 MDOP; 5 PI Traffic Crash; 32 PD Traffic Crash; 9 Retail Fraud; 1 Sex Offense; 35 Suspicious Incidents; 5 Trespasser; 104 Misc.: School Checks/Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hang-ups, etc.; 163 Traffic Stops; 58 Tickets Issued.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE SHERIFF: * NONE

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total runs for the month of June, 2024, 145.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of June, 2024, (33). 18 Residential Addition / Alteration/Repair (Val. 401,219); 7 Accessory Structure (Val. 263,730); 1 Fence (Val. 4,650); 2 Deck/Porch (Val. 22,000); 3 Manufactured Mobile Homes (Val. 18,000); 2 Misc. Zoning Compliance (Val. 7,400); 1 Commercial Demolition (Val. 20,000). Total Valuation, \$ 743,999.00. Total Fees, \$ 7,512.50.

PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of June, 2024, (26). 18 Mechanical (2,745.00); 8 Plumbing (1,471.00). Total Fees, \$ 4,216.00.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of June, 2024, (12). Total Fees, \$ 2,533.00.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: Total Complaints for the month of June, 2024, (77). 7 Blight; 40 High Grass / Noxious Weeds; 21 RV Storage/Parking; 2 Unlicensed Vehicles; 7 Misc. Ordinance Violations. Total Hours, 63. Total Miles, 190

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. *Thank You* letter, from St. Clair County EDA, for Fort Gratiot's support and membership.
2. *Thank You* letter, from Blue Water Area Chamber of Commerce, for Fort Gratiot's support and membership.
3. Bear Peak Power, LLC, *Letter of Interest* in leasing Township land for community-scale solar project.

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Bradley, to approve the DPW request to purchase two (2) Kubota Diesel ZTR Mowers, from Wadhams Equipment, at a total cost of \$ 28,000.00 after trade-in.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Two (2) Diesel ZTR MWR/24. HP/72" Deck \$ 18,000.00 @ \$ 36,000.00
Trade-In Allowance for Gravely Pro Turn 6772 \$ - 8,000.00 \$ - 8,000.00
\$ 28,000.00

* One to be purchased through DPW Fund and the other through the Cemetery Fund.

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

2. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Wells, to approve the DPW request to list "For Sale" to the highest bidder, the following equipment:

2000 TC33 New Holland (3964 Hours)
1985 Cummins Diesel Generator (900 Hours)

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Sealed bids

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

3. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Fire Chiefs request to adjust Part-time/Paid-on-Call Pay Scales, as follows:

\$ 11.00 per hour/run to \$ 11.00 per hour/run - Recruit (Personnel with no Certifications)
\$ 11.00 per hour/run to \$ 15.00 per hour/run - Single Certification Personnel (Fire or EMS) on Probation
\$ 11.00 per hour/run to \$ 16.50 per hour/run - Dual Certification Personnel (Fire & EMS) on Probation
Ninety (90) days to complete probation; then jump to \$18.12/hour but remain on their 1-year probation.
\$ 18.12 per hour/run - Dual Certification Personnel (Fire & EMS) - *Current pay scale for Personnel; also includes Grandfathered Personnel who may be single role.*

\$18.62 per hour/run - Engineer/Driver Operator

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Funds available in budget that was approved for 2024.
* Capability of handling overlapping calls

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

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- August 6, 2024 Primary Election Update. Early voting 08/27 thru 08/04, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the Gardendale Meeting Room for all precincts.
- Pavement poured for Pickleball courts; hoping to begin fencing and sport surfacing next week.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

NONE

Motion by Kish, 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/v0

ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, SUPERVISOR
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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