

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: BRUCKNER

ALSO PRESENT: MIKE FRONIMOS, FIRE CHIEF
 BRENT WOOLMAN AND MARK SMITH, FIRE DEPARTMENT
 ROB MONTGOMERY AND CONNIE NEESE, PARKS COMMISSION
 DEAN MARLAR, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
 PATTI BUNDY, UTILITY BILLING CLERK

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of August 7th, 2024, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: *

Unidentified citizen regarding BCBS Health Insurance cost increase; the matter of Portside Solar, LLC v Fort Gratiot Township, et al, St. Clair County Circuit Court Case No: 24-000048-AA; and upcoming bids for Parker Road park development.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,925,412.19
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,745,439.65
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 403,663.40
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 765,616.55
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 364,910.75
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 135,615.83
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 2,596,025.22
TOTAL	\$ 9,936,683.59
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,269,535.05
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 11,206,218.64

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bradley, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 11,206,218.64.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 71,336.09
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 5,216.22
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 62,492.13
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 91,929.26
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 0.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,946.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 20,235.18
TOTAL	\$ 253,154.88
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT & IMP)	\$ 7,170.75
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 260,325.63

Motion by Wells, seconded by Crawford, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 260,325.63.

* 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: Sargent Bueche

Total Calls for Service for the month of July, 2024, (497). Number of Patrol Hours, (1116). 18 Animal Complaint; 2 Assault & Battery; 55 Assist Other Depts.; 114 Assist Public; 29 B&E/Alarm; 3 B&E Building/Vehicle; 2 Child Abuse; 10 Disorderly Persons; 13 Domestic Assault; 10 Fraud; 9 Harassment & Threats; 9 Juvenile Matter; 8 Larceny; 4 MDOP; 6 PI Traffic Crash; 33 PD Traffic Crash; 40 Retail Fraud; 1 Sex Offense; 37 Suspicious Incidents; 6 Trespasser; 124 Misc.: School Checks/Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hang-ups, etc.; 127 Traffic Stops; 36 Tickets Issued.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE SHERIFF: * NONE

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total runs for the month of July, 2024, (166).

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of July, 2024, (32). 15 Residential Addition / Alteration/Repair (Val. 309,822); 3 Accessory Structure (Val. 62,000); 5 Fence (Val. 17,066); 2 Deck/Porch (Val. 22,000); 1 Residential Demolition (Val. 8,500); 1 New Commercial Structure (Val. 870,000); 1 Commercial Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 235,000); 4 Commercial Sign (Val. 24,000). Total Valuation, \$1,548,388.00. Total Fees, \$ 10,378.75.

PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of July, 2024, (16). 13 Mechanical (2,145.00); 3 Plumbing (644.00). Total Fees, \$ 2,789.00.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of July, 2024, (13). Total Fees, \$ 2,618.00.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: Total Complaints for the month of July, 2024, (46). 8 Blight; 23 High Grass / Noxious Weeds; 3 RV Storage/Parking; 2 Unlicensed Vehicles; 10 Misc. Ordinance Violations. Total Hours, 32. Total Miles, 110.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Wells, to approve the St. Clair County Road Commission 2025 Local Road System Funding Assistance Program Application, requesting \$100,000 from the Road Commission for the replacement of concrete box culvert at State/Brace County Drain with a new aluminum box culvert.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Replacement of concrete box culvert at State/Brace County Drain with a new aluminum box culvert. Estimated Cost of \$225,000.00.
* Estimated life of existing culvert is 1-3 years to load posting.

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

2. Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Kish, to table the renewal of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan health care coverage for 2024, as presented, at an estimated total cost of \$320,932.00, until additional providers and options can be submitted and reviewed.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * 14.01% increase from 2024. 2024 Increase from 2023 was 0.1%.
* \$250/\$500 Deductible.
* Review of coverage from other providers that can offer similar coverage; and possible cost share from employees.

Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. ITEM TABLED.**

3. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Kish, to move to Closed Session to consult with Township attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation in the matter of Portside Solar, LLC v Fort Gratiot Township, et al, St. Clair County Circuit Court Case No: 24-000048-AA.
Time 7:15 o'clock p.m. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

8:47 O'CLOCK P.M. - REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED

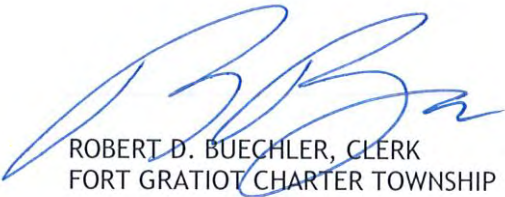
BOARD DISCUSSION:

- August 6, 2024 Primary Election update; certified by County Canvas on August 19th.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Unidentified citizen regarding Closed Session.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Wells, to adjourn. Time, 8:48 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