

MEMBERS PRESENT: MONTGOMERY, WELLS, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, BRUCKNER, ARMBRUSTER AND CRAWFORD
MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE
ALSO PRESENT: PATTI BUNDY, UTILITY BILLING CLERK
CONNIE NEESE, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS / PARKS COMMISSION

Motion by Wells, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of May 7, 2025, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: *

Connie Neese stated the Parks Commission purchased and installed bike racks at the parks.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,371,791.53
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,444,046.36
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 455,825.17
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 790,736.95
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 200,439.83
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 118,198.29
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 1,024,026.16
TOTAL	\$ 6,405,064.29
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$ 1,372,359.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 7,777,423.29

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bruckner, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 7/0.
MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 7,777,423.29.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 86,630.38
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 36,764.38
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 94,266.08
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 65,214.09
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 2,925.77
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 61,153.39
TOTAL	\$ 346,954.09
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.)	\$ 3,500.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 350,454.09

Motion by Wells, seconded by Bradley, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 350,454.09.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Total Calls for Service for the month of April, 2025, (631). 1 911 Welfare Check; 1 Elderly Abuse; 58 Area Check; 8 Accident / Unknown Injury; 45 Alarm/Intrusion; 62 Medical Call; 9 Assist Motorist; 15 Animal Complaint; 1 Assist Other Dept.; 15 Assist Citizen; 2 B&E; 22 BOL; 11 Civil Matter; 1 Civil Post; 1 CO Investigation; 1 Sexual Assault; 1 Damage/Property; 1 Death Investigation; 1 Car-Deer Accident; 5 Disorderly; 9 Domestic; 1 Down Wire; 2 Felony Assault; 9 Fire Alarm; 1 Fleeing & Eluding; 61 Follow-up; 1 Found Property; 4 Fraud; 4 Harassment; 3 Road Hazard; 3 Hit & Run; 4 Intimidation Threats; 10 Juvenile Complaint; 5 Larceny; 1 Lift/Non-Fall; 3 Malicious Destruction; 2 Misc. Complaints; 1 Missing Person; 3 Neglect Child/Elderly; 1 Neighbor Trouble; 4 Noise Complaint; 1 Parking Complaint; 15 Property Damage Accident; 5 PI Accident; 6 Private Property Accident; 1 Reckless Driving; 10 Retail Fraud; 1 Rollover Accident; 1 School Checks; 1 Special Detail; 15 Subpoena Service; 6 Suicidal Person; 35 Suspicious Person/Vehicle / Circumstance; 1 Training; 11 Trespassing; 118 Traffic Stop; 1 Unauthorized Drive Away Auto; 1 Vehicle Fire; 1 Vehicle Inspection; 6 Warrant Attempt/Arrest/Search; 1 Weapons Violation; 11 Welfare Check.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total runs for the month of April, 2025 (120).

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of April, 2025, (25). 14 Residential Addition / Alteration/Repair (Val. 236,006); 5 Accessory Structure (Val. 323,810); 31 Fence (Val. 16,000); 1 Deck/Porch (Val. 3,200); 1 Manufactured Mobile Home (Val. 6,000); 1 Multiple Residential (Val. 5,000). 2 Commercial Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 33,322); 1 Commercial Sign (Val. 1,000). Total Valuation, \$ 624,338.00. Total Fees, \$ 6,085.00.

PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of April, 2025, (19). 15 Mechanical (2,528.50); 4 Plumbing (629.00). Total Fees, \$ 3,157.50.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of April, 2025, (9). Total Fees, \$ 1,423.00.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: Total Complaints for the month of April, 2025, (18). 6 Blight; 2 RV Storage/Parking; 4 Unlicensed Vehicles; 6 Misc. Ordinance Violations. Total Hours, 8. Total Miles, 25.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Wells, to accept the Introduction of Proposed Ordinance No. 234, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 36, UTILITIES, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FORT GRATIOT CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO FURTHER DEFINE OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, BILLING AND PENALTIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR MONTHLY BILLING FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL CONSUMERS.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Introduction accepted May 7, 2025.
* Written notification to non-residential customers.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bruckner, to accept the *Letter of Resignation*, from William Shagena, from the Fort Gratiot Township Fire Department, effective May 8, 2025. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Wells, to approve the Metro Act Right-of-Way Permit for Mercury Wireless Indiana, LLC.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * PA 48, MCL Sections 484.3101 to 484.3120 - Allowing utility companies to work in right-of-ways.
* Steven Deroshia, of Mercury Wireless, explained the work they will be performing to install fiber in areas of the Township, with completion by the end of this year.

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

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

3. Motion by Armbruster, seconded by Bradley, to adopt Resolution 2025-009, Amending Appendix "A" of Chapter 36, Utilities, to reflect adding monthly charges for non-residential water/sewer usage; and amending water turn on/turn off fees.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Amending Turn On / Turn Off Fees from \$25.00 to \$30.00;
Turn On / Turn Off (Overtime) from \$100.00 to \$125.00
Adding Monthly Charges for Non-Residential Water/Sewer Usage

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

4. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bruckner, to accept the estimate, from Woolman & Sons Construction, to replace timber decking on two (2) pedestrian bridges at the rear of the Township Hall, at an estimated cost of \$12,250.00.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Unique size of lumber.
* Budgeted \$20,000 for this project; cost for both bridges estimated at \$12,250.00.

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

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Update regarding Fort Gratiot RV Campground Development - Proposed Wetland Preservation over Mitigation.
 - * 05-07-2025 - NEW BUSINESS (Item 7) - Board approved 6/0 to authorize either to purchase or construct wetlands to comply with EGLE Wetland Permit, at a cost not to exceed \$98,000.00, using Fund 101-265-809-000.
- Fiber to bring internet to the Grounds Maintenance Building not currently viable due to cost. Looking into other options.
- Interest in installation of watermain for Maplewood Street/Elmwood Street, West of Lakeshore Road (M-25).
- Looking into new phone service for Municipal Center.
- In the process of hiring a new Assessing Clerk.
- Water Shut-off Notices have gone out and shut-offs will begin June 10, 2025.
- Krafft Road construction update.
- New fire truck update.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: NONE

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Buechler, to adjourn. Time, 7:39 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED.

ROBERT D. BUECHLER, CLERK
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

RDB/RM/vo

ROBERT MONTGOMERY, SUPERVISOR
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP