

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON NOVEMBER 11, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stille at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. After the Pledge of Allegiance Supervisor Stille offered a moment of silence in remembrance of Veterans Day.
3. Roll call: Present: Stille, VanBemmelen, Constantine, Buchanan, Suchecki. Others present were Fire Chief Gary Dreyer and Attorney Jim Brown.
4. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2013 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve the disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comment was offered. No comments were heard.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that he has met with representatives of the Spring Lake Library Board. He learned that three tenths (.30) of a mill is a requirement of the Lakeland Library Cooperative. This does not mean that Crockery can get library services for .30 mills. Supervisor Stille has asked the Spring Lake Library Board to tell us what millage rate would be necessary for Crockery citizens to receive library services with them. Supervisor Stille has communicated this to members of the group of Crockery citizens that are requesting library services from Spring Lake Library. Supervisor Stille suggested that they also go to the Spring Lake Library Board and request what is the necessary millage rate for services. A letter has been received from the Drain Commissioner that preliminary approval for Hathaway Lakes Plats 5 & 6 has been given. Final approval is currently waiting with the Ottawa County Road Commission. Supervisor Stille and Zoning Administrator Bob Toland have met with Kevin Kieft from Prein and Newhof because of concerns with the soil extraction areas on the Mark Boss property for the M-231 bypass, especially the final elevations on the pond. We will be working with Milbocker to rectify these concerns. The work on the bypass ramps is currently on track and should be completed by the end of November. Ken Zarzecki is retiring from the road commission and a retirement party will be held on December 12th from 2-4 pm at the Ottawa County Road Commission.
8. Treasurer's report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that the fire department's Community Foundation Fund balance is \$7,725.00. She also reported that there is an issue with a fence and boundary line do not match the property description in Ottawa Center Cemetery. Attorney Brown was asked to assist in clearing up this discrepancy.
9. Clerk's report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported that the recent election was held and has been certified by the Board of Canvassers. The Spring Lake Schools millage request was denied.
10. Fire Chief's report was offered. Chief Dreyer reported that the new SCBC airpaks and 2 new AEDs have been received and they are in service. These were purchased with grant monies. He requested supplier bids for 3 new sets of

turn out gear. Only 1 bid has been received at a cost of \$1,509.00 per set. Chief Dreyer also reported that the pump on the plow truck is not working. A new plow will cost approximately \$4,912.00 installed.

11. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to authorize Chief Dreyer to purchase 3 new sets of turnout gear at a cost not to exceed \$4,550.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Discussion was held on the situation with the plow truck. No formal action was taken at this time.
13. Committee Chair's reports were offered. No reports were heard.
14. Board Member Committee Reports were offered. Trustee Constantine reported that the Fire Advisory Committee conducted the Fire Chief's annual evaluation. He was given an evaluation score of 4.175 out of 5.
15. Discussion was held on pool discharges into our sewer system. Twice now Hathaway Lakes has emptied their club house pool into our sewer system. This large discharge of water causes many problems with the sewer system. It ruins the bacteria system and is extremely hard on the membranes. The Board will look at amending the sewer ordinance at the December meeting to address this situation.
16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to request the Planning Commission look at changing the M-104 Corridor Overlay District to end at I-96. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to accept the snow plow bid from Abe Anderson for snowplowing for the 2013-2014 season. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Discussion was held on the possibility of closing the office at 3 pm on Fridays. No change will be made at this time. The Zoning Administrator and Administrative Assistant will be working until the 5p.m. closing time.
19. Discussion was held on the proposed Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission has asked for the Board to have a joint meeting with them at their November 26th work session to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.
20. Discussion was held regarding complaints that have been received about vehicles for sale in yards for extended periods of time. One complaint concerns old army trucks at the corner of 112th and Wilson. Another is single cars for sale on 144th Ave. across from Jeffers School.
21. Discussion was held regarding a request for a streetlight at the corner of State and 112th Ave. Possible additional lights in that area were also discussed. This will require establishing a lighting district. No action taken at this time.
22. Discussion was held on any possible interest in attending the MTA conference which will be held this year in Traverse City. The Ottawa County MTA Christmas party will be held December 2nd at the Spring Lake Country Club at a cost of \$15.00 per person. Each board member will make their own reservations if they are planning to attend.
23. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk