## CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES HELD ON APRIL 9, 2013

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stille at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
- 3. Roll call: Present: Stille, Buchanan, Suchecki, VanBemmelen, Constantine. Also present was Attorney James Brown. Fire Chief Gary Dreyer was an excused absence.
- 4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the March11, 2013 Regular Meeting as modified. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 5. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Constantine to approve the disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6. Public comments were offered. None were heard.
- 7. Circuit Court Judge Jon Hulsing was present and gave a brief update of what is occurring in the Circuit Court and what is being done to make the courts more transparent to the public. County Commissioner Matt Fenske was also present. He provided a copy of the State of Ottawa County Annual Report. He also spoke about the committees he serves on and some of the upcoming events in Ottawa County.
- 8. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that Melissa Koster started today as our new assessor. The SCADA meeting is coming up for all units to participate in. The Township has been notified that Auto Pro has requested a jury trial. The OCRC Board of Commissioners meeting was last Thursday night. Supervisor Stille requested three things from the commissioners;
  - 1. A formal request to consider outsourcing for our sewer operations
  - 2. Using road right-of-way on Murphy Street for the bike path
  - 3. Request to give us a break on their overhead fee for the bike path construction

Supervisor Stille reported that we have received word that we have been awarded the grant for the North Bank Trail for property purchase. The township dumpster day will be on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Stille informed the board that he has had several meetings with representatives from Milbocker, which is the construction company working on the M-231 bypass.

- 9. Treasurer's report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen provided the board members with current sewer fund information. The Treasurer reported that she is finished with collecting the taxes and it has now been turned over to the County.
- 10. Clerk's report was offered. None heard.
- 11. Fire Chief's report was offered. Chief Dreyer was absent but he provided a report which Clerk Buchanan read. In the last 4 weeks we have had or assisted

at 4 working structure fires. The automatic aid agreements are working well. The last 2 fires in our area were minimal losses with 7 minute response time to both. The Polaris Ranger is on order and should be delivered by the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month and training will begin shortly after. The skid unit order will be finalized this week with a 2-3 week delivery time. The trailer still needs to be ordered. The DNR semi-tractor project is moving along slow as the department is waiting for more information. Chief Dreyer is requesting to bring the dive team up to speed with their training. This would cost a total of \$1,100.00 for 4 personnel over the next 6 months. Chief Dreyer is requesting authorization for the Clerk to sign the ambulance agreement which he distributed to board members at last month's meeting. The department is removing three air packs from service that are in need of repair. The cost to repair the air packs is approximately \$375.00 each. They will be removed from service with the hopes of hearing official confirmation of being awarded the AFG grant which will replace all the departments air packs.

- 12. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to approve the expenditure to repair 4 SCBA's (airpacks) at a cost of \$375.00 each. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 13. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to authorize training for 4 dive team members at a cost of \$1,100.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the ambulance agreement. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 15. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve proceeding with the distribution of responsibilities chart as requested by the Building and Parks Committee for the Riptide ball teams. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 16. Discussion was held regarding a letter received from Josh Rebedew an organizer of the Bikefest on the Grand event at Conestoga Campground.
- 17. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to authorize the Township Attorney, acting on behalf of the township, to send a letter to Josh Rebedew, organizer for Bikefest on the Grand event at Conestoga Campground regarding the requirements necessary for the Outdoor Assembly Ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 18. Discussion was held regarding Milbocker's project on the Mark Boss farm
- 19. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to appoint Roy Holmes to fill out the term of Nancy Schindelbeck on the Planning Commission, and to accept the resignation of Nancy Schindelbeck. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 20. Discussion was held on the Fire Department Personnel Policies and Employee Handbook.
- 21. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to table item f until the May meeting to allow Chief Dreyer to give further information. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 22. Discussion was held on the Fire Insurance Withholding Program.
- 23. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to authorize Attorney Jim Brown to draft the resolution adopting the Fire Insurance Withholding Program. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 24. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the purchase of

- a new computer for the Clerk with an operating system that will work with the Qualified Voter File at a cost of \$1,200.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 25. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2013-05, Resolution To Adopt a Policy for the Use of the Internet and Computers at the Township Offices. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 26. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to reschedule the May Regular Board Meeting date from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 27. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All In favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk