

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON DECEMBER 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, VanBemmelen, Constantine, Buchanan, Suchecki. Others present were Fire Chief Gary Dreyer.
4. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2013 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen 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 the township lost the battle on keeping the traffic light at Cleveland and Main. The light was removed and the corner has been converted back to a four way stop. Supervisor Stille believes that Milbocker has finished the work on the pond on 120th. They have done a significant amount to lower the elevation around the pond. This pond was constructed as part of the M-231 bypass construction. There is a possible opportunity for a grant from the Loutit Foundation for the North Bank Trail property acquisition. The Supervisor delivered a grant request in the form of a letter. The foundation meets this Thursday. Easements for the trail are ready and the Supervisor will meet with the property owners to get them signed.
8. Treasurer's report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that the winter tax bills have been mailed. The Board of Review will meet Tuesday.
9. Clerk's report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported that she received an e-mail asking if Crockery Township has adopted, or will be adopting in the near future, an ordinance requiring registration of vacant and/or foreclosed property. Supervisor Stille stated that we do not have an ordinance addressing that and we are not planning to adopt one.
10. Fire Chief's report was offered. Chief Dreyer reported that he has received bids for a pickup truck and plow. He presented them to the board. The MFR class is going well, and the fire academy starts in January.
11. Discussion was held regarding the petitions that were received both in favor of and opposing the paving of Garfield Rd. off 104th Ave. as requested by Adam Sobczak. The first petition received was the request for paving the road and it had seven signatures on it. Another petition was received opposing the paving and that had 10 signatures on it. Four of the signatures on the first petition were also on the second petition opposing the paving. The Ottawa County Road Commission cost estimate for this project is \$453,525.00 for approximately 4500 feet. The board will not take further action on this.
12. Committee Chair's reports were offered. No reports were heard.
13. Board Member Committee Reports were offered. None were heard.
14. Discussion was held on purchasing a new pick up with plow for the fire

department..

15. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the purchase of a new plow for the fire department, not to exceed \$5,500.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to reappoint the following committee members:

Planning Commission

Roy Holmes - 12-31-16
Jon Overway - 12-31-16

Building & Facilities

Larry VanDussen - 12-31-15
Blair Buchanan - 12-31-15
(committee rolled back to a 5 member committee)

Fire Department Advisory

Mike Wallis - 12-31-16
Tom Farage - 12-31-16

Cemetery Committee

Pat Best - 12-31-16
Donna Vargo - 12-31-16

Board of Review

Myron Constantine - 12-31-14
Stan Scott - 12-31-14
Greg Todd - 12-31-14

Construction Board of Review

Greg Holmes - 12-31-14
Shawn James - 12-31-14
Jon Tiles - 12-31-14
Roy Holmes - 12-31-14
Rich Kelley - 12-31-14

Corridor Improvement Authority

Allen Lemieux - 2/01/2014 – 01/31/2018

17. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to replace the township server from I.C.S. at a cost of \$3,000.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to approve VanOord & Associates for the IRS type appraisal of the Ruscett property at a cost of \$2,000.00. This is necessary for the MNRTF grant. All in favor. Motion carried.

19. Blair Buchanan from the Building & Facilities Committee informed the board that the kitchen vent is leaking and the committee is asking the township to look at getting this repaired. Supervisor Stille will check into finding a contractor for this.
20. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk