

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
HELD ON JUNE 18, 2012

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, Buchanan, Suchecki, Constantine. Others present were Fire Chief Gary Dreyer. Attorney Jim Brown was not present.
4. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2012 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 comments were offered. Matt Fenske who is running for County Commissioner introduced himself and spoke of his background and what he would bring to the position if elected. Marcus Lee asked if Supervisor Stille would talk about what the Board is thinking of with regards to the possible extension and paving of 136<sup>th</sup> Ave. and what actions the Board has taken so far. Supervisor Stille explained that the Board has safety concerns with only one entrance/exit for Hathaway Lakes. All the traffic for the subdivision has to come out onto M-104. Trustee Constantine also spoke of the safety concern with regards to emergency vehicles with only one way in and out of the subdivision. Five property owners along 136<sup>th</sup> Ave. asked questions of the Board and spoke against the Board proceeding with any extension or paving on 136<sup>th</sup> Ave. Supervisor Stille explained that everything the Board has done to date has been a preliminary information and pricing search. The only action the Board has taken has been to adopt a resolution to proceed with gathering information from the Ottawa County Road Commission.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that he has received an e-mail from Dale VanKooten, the engineer for Hathaway Lakes. Hathaway Lakes approval for Phase 4 is taking longer than anticipated and they are asking to be allowed to take out two building permits for lots in Phase 4. Phase 5 plans are available to view. There will be a meeting with a representative from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant. She has requested an opportunity to walk the proposed new section of the North Bank Trail. Since Jay Wright is out of town, Supervisor Stille and Lucas Hill from Spring Lake Township will meet with her and walk the trail. Supervisor Stille met with Jim Garzelloni who was representing Hatfield and Garzelloni. Supervisor Stille presented a purchase agreement for the 2 trestles and surrounding property that is part of the proposed North Bank Trail expansion. The township has not received anything back from Mr. Garzelloni. We have received notice that the former Jamikey Lake property has been purchased by Allen Edwin Homes and the name has been changed to Sandy Shores Lake. The new owners will be going to the Planning Commission asking for modifications to the Open Space Plan. Supervisor Stille met with the

the Ottawa County Road Commission to discuss our concerns with the rising

with the rising costs of operating the sewer plant.

8. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to not allow building permits to be issued for Hathaway Lakes Phase 4 until the approval process has been completed. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Treasurer's report was offered. Tax bills should be out by July 1 and the millage rates should stay the same.
10. Clerk's report was offered. None heard.
11. Committee Reports were offered. No committee chairs were present.
12. Roger Morgensten from Consumers Energy gave a presentation on the Smart Meters that they will be installing to replace the existing meters. The Smart Meters are meters with digital displays that will communicate with Consumers Energy. Consumers will begin installing them in our area in November and should complete the installation process by early 2012-2013.
13. Intellect Computer Service gave a presentation on a proposed new phone service. Options to lease or purchase were discussed.
14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to accept the new phone and service quote from I.C.S. for \$2,076.00. Roll call: Stille, Constantine, VanBemmelen, Suchecki, Buchanan – Yes. Motion carried.
15. Fire Chief's report was offered. Chief Dreyer reported that with the construction on Apple there have been trucks blocking the fire department drive at times. He is requesting the Board to approve fire lanes 50 feet on each side of the driveway. Chief Dreyer is working on an Assistance to Firefighters Grant.
16. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to designate a fire lane 50 feet each side of both driveways at the fire station in accordance with Ordinance 2012-06. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Supervisor Stille called the Public Hearing on the 2012-2013 Fiscal Budget to order at 8:15 p.m. The Treasurer outlined any changes from last year's budget. Supervisor Stille outlined wage increases he proposes for the new fiscal year due to the fact that it has been several years since wage increases have been addressed for some positions serving the township. Supervisor Stille declared the Public Hearing closed at 8:45 p.m.
18. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to raise the firefighter wages \$1.00 per hour across the board. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to raise the Fire Chief's wage to \$15.00 per hour. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to raise all other township personnel wages 50 cents per hour. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to raise the Trustee's meeting pay to \$80.00 per meeting and to raise the elected officials salaries to \$12,000.00 per year. Roll call: VanBemmelen, Suchecki, Buchanan, Stille, Constantine – Yes. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2012-10,

- Resolution Approving Annual Township Budget and Determine Tentative Property Tax Rates For Support Of Budget. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2012-11, Resolution to Raise the Readiness to Serve Charge from \$21.00 To \$24.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
  24. Approve the request from the Building and Parks Committee to contract with Brian Copeland to mow the ball fields at his regular wage and using the township mower, a maximum of once per week. All in favor. Motion carried.
  25. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Sucheckito approve an expenditure of \$300.00 to update the Recreation Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.
  26. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2012-12, Resolution MDOT Contract 11-5664. (Authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Special Trunkline Non-Act 51 Work on M-104, which includes installation of a fire hydrant, including installation of water main and a live tap. The cost of this project is to be \$16,500.00. Funds are currently being held with the County.) All in favor. Motion carried.
  27. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2012-13, Authorization For Changes In Standard Street Lighting Contract and authorize the Supervisor and the Clerk to sign. (For the addition of street lights in Hathaway Lakes subdivision Phase 4). All in favor. Motion carried.
  28. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to authorize payment to JP Morgan Chase in the amount of \$20,938.56 for the fire department building loan and to Chase Equipment Leasing in the amount of \$26,894.03 for the fire truck. All in favor. Motion carried.
  29. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to accept Concept A as the paint scheme for the townhall building and to proceed with pricing. All in favor. Motion carried.
  30. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve increasing the Provident Plan Insurance coverage for the fire department to the Plan 2 coverage. All in favor. Motion carried.
  31. Round Robin - Trustee Suchecki stated that the Building and Parks Committee would like to discuss with the Board the possibility of purchasing the lot south of the town hall. The Board discussed this and was not in favor of this purchase. Trustee Constantine said that John from Grandville Roofing will be out this week to check the roof seams that are leaking.
  19. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk

