

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
HELD ON MARCH 11, 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, Buchanan, Suchecki.  
Excused Absence: Constantine  
Others present were Attorney Jim Brown and Fire Chief Dreyer.
4. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2013 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to approve the disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. Dave Ducham from Auto Pro told the board that he is present to answer any questions the board may have concerning the site plan he submitted earlier today.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that there are some additions to the agenda.
  - a. discussion on the Carney Drain issue
  - b. letter of resignation from a fire fighter
  - c. discussion on the Milbocker sand removal application
  - d. William Street
  - e. approval of bond payments for water and sewer systemSupervisor Stille and Treasurer VanBemmelen attended the Ottawa County Road Commission Board Meeting where they addressed the township's concerns over the extremely high costs for operation of the sewer plant that we are being charged. The projection for next year's operation is between \$107,000 and \$108,000. Supervisor Stille has been researching other options for operations of the plant. Supervisor Stille and Clerk Buchanan met with Bill and Nancy Hatfield and Jim and Mary Garzelloni to sign the paperwork necessary to finalize the sale of the property at 17067 Main St. Supervisor Stille attended the Trail Summit Conference in Lansing. A suggestion that came out of the meeting was the need to put a Trail Operations Policy in place. Supervisor Stille has not proceeded any further at this time on the determination of a Special Assessment District with regards to the Clean Water Plant.
8. The Treasurer's report was offered. None heard.
9. Clerk's report was offered. None heard.
10. Fire Chief Gary Dreyer presented the board with the Fire Department Annual Report. Chief Dreyer also gave the board members copies of the proposed updated Personnel Policies and Employee Handbook for review and discussion at the April Board Meeting. The fire department is still in the exploratory stages with the newly received DNR truck. The \$135,000 FEMA grant is looking good but final confirmation has not been received. If the department is awarded this grant it will be used to purchase all new SCBAs (airparks). Chief Dreyer has received a letter of resignation from firefighter Chris VanOosterhout as he will be moving from the area. The fire department has received the last of the funds needed for the Polaris project from an anonymous donor.

Chief Dreyer requested approval to purchase the Polaris Ranger from Village Motor Sports in Grand Rapids at a cost of \$11,160.00. He is also asking for approval to purchase a skid unit not to exceed \$5,000.00 and a trailer not to exceed \$2,550.00. Chief Dreyer spoke to the board on the Auto Insurance Fire Loss Program and Fire Insurance Withholding Program. A brief discussion was held on this program. Board Members will review the material on this program and discuss it at the April meeting.

11. Committee Chair reports were offered. No Chairmen were present.
12. Board member committee reports were offered. None heard.
13. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to authorize Chief Dreyer to proceed with the purchase of the Polaris Ranger from Village Motor Sports in Grand Rapids at a cost of \$11,160.00, a skid unit not to exceed \$5,000.00 and a trailer not to exceed \$2,550.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan, to accept Chris VanOosterhout's resignation from the fire department effective immediately due to his moving out of the area. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to convene in closed session to consult with the Township Attorney on trial and settlement strategy in a pending lawsuit, for the reason that consultation in an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the Township in the lawsuit. Roll call: Suchecki, VanBemmelen, Stille, Buchanan – Yes. Motion carried. Went into closed session at 7:40 p.m.
16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to return to the open meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Resumed the open meeting at 8:30 p.m.
17. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to proceed with the contribution to the Ottawa County Comprehensive Water Resources Study. \$2,250.00 to be paid from the Water Fund. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2013-04, Resolution to Adopt Township Policy Against Township Officials Appearing Before Township Bodies in Certain Cases. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. A discussion was held on the Bike Fest on the Grand event that has been held the past few years at Conestoga Campground. They are planning on holding an event again this year on June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Stille has received a letter from Josh Rebedew, acting as agent for Bikefest asking what they need to do to be compliant with the township. Supervisor Stille will send him a copy of the Outdoor Assembly Ordinance.
20. Discussion was held on the Milbocker sand removal application. No action taken.
21. Discussion was held on William Street. Mrs. Kulikamp would like the street vacated but the board feels this street could be beneficial for the North Bank Trail plan. No action was taken at this time.
22. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to approve bond payments to Ottawa County Public Utilities
  - Water Supply Bond 2005 - \$6,873.75 (interest)
  - Water Supply Bond 1997 - \$2,893.75 (interest)
  - Sewage Disposal Bond 2004 - \$17,619.38 (interest)
  - 2013 SLT Water System - 41,922.59All in favor. Motion carried.

22. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to adjourn the meeting. All in Favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk