

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON MARCH 12, 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.
Absent: Constantine
Others present were Fire Chief Gary Dreyer and Attorney James Brown.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2012 Special 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. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that he was requested by Attorney Ross Leisman to send a letter to Judge Kloote stating what was done February 17th concerning the Harold Bartz legal matter. A letter has been sent. A reception for former Spring Lake Village Manager Ryan Cotton will be held on March 22nd at 4:30 p.m. at Seven Steps in Spring Lake. Since no response has been received after many attempt to reach Don Jablonski, Supervisor Stille has been looking at a possible alternate route for the North Bank Bank Trail. While considering the use of a Consumers Energy Easement it was discovered that the property (a ¼ mile strip behind Power Drive by Larry Goldman. Supervisor Stille met with Mr. Goldman who may be receptive to a purchase offer. The correction to the Master Deed Second Amendment to Hathaway Lakes Site Condominiums was received today. The new flag pole has been ordered and should be here later this week. Supervisor Stille is working with Lukas Hill from Spring Lake Township on gathering information for signs to be posted along the North Bank Trail.
7. Treasurer's report was offered. The Treasurer has completed the tax collection. anyone who still needs to pay their taxes must do so at the County.
8. Clerk's report was offered. No report was heard.
9. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2012-03, Resolution for Final Preliminary Plat for West Michigan Development Company Hathaway Lakes Phase 4 (formerly Eastbrook Development) All in favor. Motion carried.
10. The Public Hearing on the proposed Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant application for land acquisition for the extension of the North Bank Trail was declared open by Supervisor Stille at 7:15 p.m. Jay Wright from the Friends of the North Bank Trail, and Chairperson of the Building and Parks Committee, gave a presentation of the proposed North Bank Trail extension. A map was displayed which showed the proposed route and the land we need to acquire to complete the trail through Crockery Township. Based on appraisals of properties it is estimated that a land acquisition grant in the amount of \$155,000.00 will be needed. The township must commit to providing 25% of that total, which would be \$38,750.00.

Public comments and questions were offered;

Jean Copeland asked how the public can assist in raising funds. Supervisor Stille answered that we will need to seek donations for the 25%, so we all need to assist in putting a list together of possible willing donors.

David Willis asked if we can't get Don Jablonski to sell the land needed can we get Consumers Energy to give the township an easement for the bike trail.

Supervisor Stille answered that we may need to seek an easement from Consumers.

Larry VanDussen asked what the construction costs will be.

Supervisor Stille answered that we don't know at this time.

Jean Copeland asked if the money we are seeking from this grant is for property purchase only

Supervisor Stille answered that this grant is for land acquisition only and that once all the land has been acquired then we can make application for a grant for the construction cost of the trail.

Larry VanDussen asked if there is an alternate route like M-16 being considered.

Supervisor Stille answered not at this time, he said the hope is to keep it on the old railroad bed.

Jason Defouw asked if the township can charge to park in the trailhead parking area to raise funds for the maintenance of the trail.

Supervisor Stille answered that there are no plans of doing that. Jay Wright stated that the trail is to be free for the public to use.

After all public comments were heard the Public Hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

11. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2012-04, Resolution Of Approval To Support The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application For Construction Of Phase 2 Of The North Bank Trail In Crockery Township. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Due to the power outage at the beginning of the Board Meeting and the desire to hold the Public Hearing on time, public comments were not asked for until after the Public Hearing was completed and fortunately power was restored. Public comments were offered. Joel Sheridan, Chairperson of the Crockery Citizens Committee read a resolution that was passed at the committee's last meeting. The Crockery Citizens Committee is asking the Board to reconsider selling the vacant lot at the corner of Michigan and 112th Ave. It is felt that the township should explore other options for that property such as a trailhead for the proposed North Bank Trail. Bev Traxler stated that she agreed with the request to look at other options for the township owned property. No other comments were heard.
13. Fire Chief's Report was heard. Chief Dreyer stated that the fire department has added two new Automatic Aid Agreements in effect with Spring Lake and Ferrysburg. He asked the Township Board to modify the residency requirement of 15 minutes from the station to reduce the distance to 10 minutes from the station, however under special conditions the 15 minute rule would be maintained. He also presented a recommendation to hire Jason Defouw to the fire department. Chief Dreyer is also recommending the termination of fire

- fighters Dave Truscott and Thomas Stille. Chief Dreyer presented Policy and Regulations For Vehicular Emergency Response for the Boards consideration.
14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to approve Chief Dreyer's and the FDAC's recommendation to hire Jason Defouw to the Crockery Township Fire Department. Both the medical physical and the physical agility requirements have been fulfilled. All in favor. Motion carried.
 15. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to accept Chief Dreyer's recommendation to terminate Thomas Stille from the Crockery Township Fire Department effective immediately. All in favor. Motion carried.
 16. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to accept Chief Dreyer's recommendation to terminate Dave Truscott from the Crockery Township Fire Department effective immediately. All in favor. Motion carried.
 17. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to accept the Chief's recommendation to reduce the residency requirement from 15 minutes to the station to 10 minutes to the station or within township borders. All in favor. Motion carried.
 18. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to accept the Policy and Regulations For Vehicular Emergency Response. All in favor. Motion carried.
 19. Discussion was held on the proposed extension and paving of 136th Ave. Information on construction costs for each segment was distributed. No action was taken.
 20. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve payment of \$41,971.08 to Ottawa County for the Water Fund- Spring Lake Township Water System annual payment. All in favor. Motion carried.
 21. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to approve payment of \$ 3,287.50 for interest on the \$275,000.00 Water Supply Bond. All in favor. Motion carried.
 22. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve payment of \$7,477.00 in interest for the \$420,000.00 Water Supply Bond. All in favor. Motion carried.
 23. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve payment of \$18,350.63 in interest for the \$1,275,000 Bond Issue for Clean Water Plant. All in favor. Motion carried.
 24. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2012-05, Deficit Elimination Plan Sewer Fund. Roll call: Suchecki, Buchanan, Stille, VanBemmelen – Yes. Motion carried.
 25. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2012-06, Resolution To Set Sewer Rates And Charges For The Public Sewer System. These will be effective July 1, 2012. All in favor. Motion carried.
 26. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to authorize Custodian Brian Copeland to contact a company for pest control at the town hall at a cost up to \$300.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
 27. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to approve the purchase of two new sets of turn out gear for a cost up to \$3,650.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
 28. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to appoint Joel Garcia to the

Corridor Improvement Authority for a four year term effective until January 2016. All in favor. Motion carried.

29. Discussion was held on the mowing of the water tower, lift stations, and Clean Water Plant. Supervisor Stille felt that we can handle any mowing that may need to be done by volunteers. Supervisor Stille mowed the water tower and lift station on State Road last year. He stated the Clean Water Plant does not need to be mowed due to the amount of gravel around the plant.
30. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to authorize Supervisor Stille to enter negotiations with Larry Goldman on the land needed for the North Bank Trail expansion for an expenditure up to \$2,000.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
31. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk

Approved March 13, 2012