

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 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 Attorney Jim Brown and Fire Chief Dreyer.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2012 Regular Meeting as corrected.. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Public comments were offered. There were none.
6. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that the Township Appreciation Dinner will be held October 15th at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be hosted again this year by the Crockery Citizens Committee. The MTA Educational Conference will be held in Detroit this year on January 22 thru the 24th. Supervisor Stille, along with representatives of Spring Lake Township, attended a meeting in Lansing with Representative Amanda Price and representatives from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund. The meeting was held to discuss a funding issue between Spring Lake and the DNR Trust Fund Grant which was used to pay for the North Bank Trail through Crockery Township. An agreement should be reached on this matter and there has never been a request for any money from Crockery Township. Supervisor Stille has met with Don Jablonski and Dave Meekhof in regards to the North Bank Trail. Dave Meekhof wants the trail to run along the base of the cemetery hill south out to M-104, instead of along his back property. MDOT has said there is no room along the road right-of-way so we will need an easement from Meekhof's for this to happen. The Ottawa County MTA Christmas Dinner will be held December 3rd beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Terra Verde. R.S.V.P's must be in by November 19th. The roof repairs at the town hall have been completed. A Request for Bids Notice for snowplowing will go to the Tribune for publication and the Board will consider at the November meeting. Zoning Administrator, Bob Toland has provided a rough draft of the new Master Plan. The Supervisor attended a meeting at Spring Lake Village last week to discuss the possibility of a joint application for an EPA Grant which would be used for Brownfield areas baseline studies. Two area families have been having a dispute over some issues, primarily the building of a fence and burning. The Fire Chief and Zoning Enforcer Ed Rusticus have been to the properties. Ed Rusticus has informed them the issues are civil and will need to be addressed at the court level. There have been some complaints received concerning the new tenants in the classroom. The Supervisor will send a letter to Tim and Sarah Frain addressing the concerns.
7. Treasurer's report was offered. None heard.
8. Clerk's report was offered. None heard.
9. Fire Chief Gary Dreyer reported that the Fire Department Open House will be held on October 29th from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Engine 561 is approaching 10 year in service so it will be out of service for approximately 2 weeks for paint warranty work. Chief

Dreyer has received a leave of absence request from Firefighter Torey Hartney. He is requesting a six month leave for personal reasons. In August Chief Dreyer was contacted by an insurance agent on behalf of a client who lives just across the township line in Coopersville. He was asking if Crockery would be the responding department. Currently there is no automatic mutual aid agreement with Coopersville. The new Coopersville Fire Chief wants to renew that agreement and is currently working on the language.

10. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to approve a leave of absence for Firefighter Torey Hartney for personal reasons for a period of six months, beginning October 1, 2012 until April 1, 2013. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. Committee Chair Reports were offered. Cemetery Chair Pat Best reminded the board members that the cemetery clean up is October 20th starting at 9:00 A.M. Trustee Constantine stated that the garage door on the cemetery building needs to be replaced. The Cemetery Committee is requesting up to \$500.00 to replace the door.
12. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the replacement of the cemetery building garage door at a cost up to \$500.00 and to authorize Trustee Constantine to oversee the project. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Public Hearing on the application from J&B Metal Fab for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate was declared open by Supervisor Stille at 7:31 P.M. Ken Rizzio who is representing Art & Marcie Gajewski, owners of J&B Metal Fab, gave a presentation on the reasons for the request. The owners plan to expand the building, add new machinery and employees. The current building is 7,000 square feet and they will be adding an additional 1,250 square feet. The cost of this addition is approximately \$67,000.00. They will also add 2 new pieces of equipment totaling approximately \$70,000.00. More equipment will be added for a total of approximately \$370,000.00. They also plan to hire two new employees. They are asking for 12 years exemption on both the building and the equipment. Art Gajewski showed the Board items that his business fabricates. The Public Hearing was declared closed at 7:47 P.M.
14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2012-20, Application from J&B Metal Fab for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a New Facility. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2012-21, Resolution To Set Water Rates and Charges for the Public Water System. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Discussion was held on the Garzelloni water service, Sandy Shores water hookup charges and 124th Ave. water service/water main extension. No action was taken.
17. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve bond payments
 - \$27,477.00 Water Supply Bond dated July 28, 2005
 - \$63,591.38 Sewage Disposal Bond dated November 1, 2005
 - \$17,987.50 Water Supply Bond dated August 1, 1997
 - \$8,295.13 Annual Payment to Spring Lake Twp. for water system use
18. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Constantine to adopt Resolution 2012-22, Resolution to Eliminate the Deficit Fund 338 – Fire Truck and Building. All in Favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to purchase a new vacuum cleaner for the town hall at a cost of \$419.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

20. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2012-23, Resolution to Set Millage Rates for 2012-2013. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to accept the bid from Jon De Graaf Painting Inc. to paint the exterior of the Crockery Township Hall for a cost of \$6,410.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk