

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
HELD ON AUGUST 8, 2016

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, Suchecki, Buchanan. Others present were Attorney Jim Brown, and Fire Chief Gary Dreyer.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to approve the disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. None were heard.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that the situation with the Brad Richards property on Apple Dr. still continues to be unresolved. The owner had been renting the house out for several years and recently the Ottawa County Health Department went to the house after receiving a complaint and decided it was uninhabitable in its current condition. The owner has paid a demolition escrow and if the conditions are met the fire department will be burning the house as a training exercise. Tom VanOfen owns the campground on the Grand River at the end of 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. and he is wanting to change the recreation park lots to condominiums. He was inquiring as to what the township would need him to do. Three items would be; condominium by-laws, maintenance agreement and a site plan to take to the Planning Commission.
8. Treasurer's report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that residents have begun to use the new system to electronically pay their water bills. She also stated that the financial audit is currently scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup>.
9. Clerk's report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported that an e-mail came from Dale VanKooten that the meeting date was omitted from the Certificate of Municipal Approval of Hathaway Lakes No. 6. He would like a letter from the township stating that Crockery Township acknowledges the addition of the approval date of July 11, 2016 in the Certificate of Municipal Approval. Board members did not have any objections to this, so the Clerk will send a letter to Mr. VanKooten that he will forward to the State.
10. Fire Chief's report was given. Chief Dreyer stated that all three recruits have passed their medical physicals and the physical agility test required for hire. Ladder testing was completed today and the department had one ladder fail. The ladder will need to be replaced and Chief Dreyer is asking for approval to order a new one at an approximate cost of four hundred dollars. Last week the department responded to a mutual aid assist at a fire in Spring Lake.
11. A discussion was held concerning cemetery lot buy backs. The Board felt that no changes should be made. No formal action was taken.
12. A discussion was held regarding a request from the Zoning Administrator for the township to pay part of his insurance coverage. Board members felt that this is not the township's responsibility since he is a subcontractor working for Crockery Township. No formal action was taken.

13. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to authorize Chief Dreyer to purchase a new ladder for the department at a cost not to exceed \$450. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve the budget amendments as presented by Treasurer VanBemmelen. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk