

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2019

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, Buchanan, VanBemmelen, Constantine, Suchecki.
Others present: Fire Chief John Kriger, Deputy Chief Kyle Botbyl, and Attorney Ron Redick.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. Dave Willis stated that a family member's (DeWeerd) monument has been knocked over in the Nunica Cemetery. His Aunt has contacted the sexton, but it has not been righted yet.
Tom Farage had questions on the wastewater treatment plant. He asked if anyone was looking into grants for the additions/replacements for the sewer plant. He stated that there should be federal grants for communities for sewer and water systems. He also encouraged the Board to look at the feasibility of connecting to the municipal sewer system. He wants the township to consider the long term costs.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that he had a meeting with Charlie Steen regarding the newly formed Economic Development Committee.
There will be a visit to the Patrick Harmon property on Garfield this Friday. This concerns zoning and building violations. Representing Crockery Township will be Zoning Administrator Bob Toland, Building Inspectors Doug Hopkins and Rick Spark,s and Supervisor Stille.
Supervisor Stille reported that he is currently working on several small grants for the trailhead. We also have a grant application in to the Loutit Foundation and hope to have positive news after their meeting this Thursday.
There is a considerable amount of downed trees and shrubs along the proposed trail from the future trailhead going East. Supervisor Stille suggested that we may want to get this area cleared. He contacted the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department for information on contracting with the Sentenced Work Abatement Program (SWAP) for clearing up that trail area. They would be available to complete this job in a couple of weeks. The cost would be \$7.50 an hour per inmate and supervisor.
8. Treasurer's Report was offered. None was heard.
9. Clerk's Report was offered. Clerk Buchanan asked the Board for funds to purchase a plaque in honor of the work Bill Langlois did on creating a trail on township hall property. The board previously approved the idea of placing a memorial plaque but no funds were approved at the time.

10. Fire Chief's report was given. Fire Chief Kriger reported that the department responded to 36 calls last month, with 325 calls this year to date. Sunday night several members of the department went with Shields of Hope to deliver presents to families who are dealing with cancer. Crockery fire fighters raised \$5,500.00 and a carload of toys during the Crusade For Toys collection event. Chief Kriger asked the Board to consider having the daytime on-duty firefighter do the mowing at the fire station and possibly at the township hall grounds this coming year. The department has also been discussing a possible change to the 24 hour duty weekend schedule. Chief Kriger is suggesting having 2 firefighters scheduled on the weekends. One would be on call from 6am Saturday to 6am Sunday with the second firefighter on call from 6am Sunday until 6am Monday. This would replace a team being responsible for the whole weekend. There was consent of the Board for this change, but no formal action was taken at this time. Waiting on a recommendation from the department for the proposed rate of pay.
11. Committee Chair reports were offered. No reports were heard.
12. Board Member Committee reports were offered. No reports were heard.
13. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to authorize streetlights being placed at 130th and State Road, and at M-104 and 130th due to safety concerns with children waiting for the bus. All in favor. Motion carried
14. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to authorize the Clerk to purchase a memorial plaque honoring Bill Langlois for the work he did creating a trail through the woods of the townhall property. The cost should not exceed \$200. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve Ordinance 2019-20, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery [Application of Rick and Francine Brown; rezoning to R-5 District; 11115 Cass Street (Parcel No. 70-04-14-351-005)]. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. The recommendations from the Planning Commission for proposed amendments to the Private Street Designs and Construction Standards were discussed. Recommendation was made that the amendments be sent back to the Planning Commission for clarification on some of the proposed changes. No formal action was taken at this time.
17. The Board reviewed the CPTED Property Survey that was prepared by the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department. This is a security survey that has been conducted as a public service to assist the township in improving the overall level of security. Discussion was held on some of the suggestions in the report that the Board feels should be implemented.
18. Discussion was held regarding the NBT Phase 2 progress. The weather has allowed work on the trail to continue. Supervisor Stille would like to contract with the Ottawa County Sheriff Department for the Sentenced Work Abatement Program (S.W.A.P.) to do work on the proposed trail area East of the trailhead clearing fallen trees. Due to the fact that the township would have to provide the equipment needed, it was felt this may not be a direction the township wants to go at this time.

19. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk