

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2020

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: Attorney Ron Redick, Deputy Chief Kyle Botbyl and Captain Jeff Hughes.
4. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the December 10, 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. John Winfrey, 13384 Cone Street, informed the Board that he has been researching the noise and firearm discharge ordinances from several of the surrounding municipalities, and is questioning why our ordinance addresses distance requirements for a shooting range but not a residential area. Mr. Winfrey has been having issues with a neighbor shooting close to his property and has safety concerns. Mr. Winfrey is asking the Board to look at the ordinances relating to this issue of nearby municipalities and find out how they work for them. He is asking Crockery to consider making some changes to our ordinance.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that the court ordered cleanup of the Mike Tenbrink property on 112th has been completed. Four large dumpsters were filled and removed from the property. Downed trees were removed from the old railroad bed to just past the trestles and the area was mowed. The cleanup was paid for by private citizens. Supervisor Stille put up snow fencing at each end of the old trestles to discourage anyone from walking across the trestles. Supervisor Stille has submitted a grant application to the Grand Haven Community Foundation for \$30,000 for the trailhead project. A question on the grant application about how the township is involving area youth in the process has led to the formation of a committee of volunteer students from the high school. The students will meet to study the proposed project and offer ideas on what they think should be included. Supervisor Stille reached out to Dave Kitchen, the electrical instructor who formerly rented classrooms in the town hall, for assistance dealing with some of the electrical items that were left behind. Students from the electrical school were brought in as a class, and all electrical items not needed were removed. This was completed at no cost to the township. The next step to be completed will be a doorway cut in the block wall between two rooms. This construction is being done to create a file room and to make changes to the existing office space.
A court hearing is scheduled for January 22nd for the Patrick Harmon property on Garfield. On December 13th there was a site inspection at the property which mainly focused on the large accessory building. In this building there has been a

living area created including rooms with attached baths, a kitchen complete with granite countertops, and an additional bath. This work was not shown on the plans submitted to the township and therefore none of the work was inspected. Zoning and occupancy permits have been revoked and a civil citation has been issued.

8. Treasurer's Report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen was notified by Ottawa County Public Utilities that a water pump at one of the pump stations had failed and either had to be rebuilt or replaced. Due to the age of the pump it was decided to replace the pump. The cost will be approximately \$10,000 and will be paid for from the Water Fund.
9. Clerk's Report was offered. Clerk Buchanan stated that the Cemetery Committee is meeting on January 15th at 7 p.m. with much of the meeting to focus on possible changes to the monument sizes addressed in the ordinance. This is in response to some recent questions about monuments in the Nunica Cemetery.
10. Fire Chief's report was given. Deputy Chief Botbyl reported that the department responded to 28 calls this month. The Board members were given information on the number of daytime calls that the department responded to. This report went back to July when the daytime hour coverage began. The information was reviewed and discussed. All parties feel this program is working well.
Deputy Chief Botbyl stated that the officers have been discussing what to do with old 571 (mini pumper). They would like to place it for sale with a broker but to maximize the sale price it will need some work done on the pump. He is asking approval to have repairs done with the cost anticipated to be less than \$1000.
Captain Jeff Hughes informed the Board that only 4 members of the department currently have working flashlights. The department is asking for approval to purchase 18 new flashlights at a cost of \$55.00 each.
Captain Hughes also is asking approval for the department to purchase 3 new ice rescue suits. The 3 they currently have, are leaking or having issues with the zippers. They have also exceeded the life expectancy or soon will.
11. Committee Chair reports were offered. No reports were heard.
12. Board Member Committee reports were offered. No reports were heard.
13. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to authorize repairs to (old) 571 truck up to \$1,000. All in favor. Motion carried
14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to authorize the purchase of 18 flashlights for the fire department at a cost of \$55 each plus shipping. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to authorize the purchase of 3 ice rescue suits from Dive Rescue International at a cost of \$1863.30 (\$621.10 each) plus shipping charges. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2020-01, Resolution of Recognition for Jean Copeland (30 years employment and volunteer service). All in favor. Motion carried.

17. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2020-02, Resolution 2020-02, Resolution to Approve Ninth Amendment to Condominium Master Deed, Pursuant to Circuit Court Judgement (Waybury Condominiums at Hathaway Lakes). All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the amendments to the Private Street Design and Construction Standards as recommended by the Planning Commission. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to send a recommendation to the Planning Commission to consider changing one of the allowed Class A Medical Marijuana Grow Facility licenses to a Class C license. Ayes: 4, Nays: 1. Motion carried.
20. Discussion was held on the future of recreational (adult use) marijuana facilities in Crockery Township. No formal action was taken at this time.
21. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to set January 28, 2020, 7:00 p.m. for a work session to discuss needed sewer improvements, financing and construction timing. All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2020-03, Resolution of Sewer Rate Fees. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk