

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON APRIL 13, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Erhorn at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll call: Present: Erik Erhorn, Kathy Buchanan, Judy VanBemmelen, Ryan Kelly, Rich Suchecki.
Others present: Attorney Ron Redick, Fire Chief John Kriger, Deputy Fire Chief Kyle Botbyl.
3. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Kelly to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. A representative of Allied Fire was present to answer any questions regarding the fire truck bid from Allied.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was offered. There will be a M-104 safety meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 15th in Spring Lake at the Barber School.
The lacrosse group is not ready to present their modification proposal and formal request for use of the ball fields at this time. They will be using the fields as they are for now.
George Czinder will continue to mow the bike trail. The township has been satisfied with the work he has done since the trail opened in Crockery Township.
The Township has received pricing estimates for Phase 3 with the possibility of using 104th and ending at Cleveland.
Black dirt will be delivered to the fire station for placement along the new asphalt where there is currently about a 6 inch drop off. Chief Kriger will bring equipment to the station and place the dirt where needed and then hydroseeding to be done.
Supervisor Erhorn reported that he has been in contact with the County about their planned use for the property south of the fire station that they own. Crockery Township has been mowing that parcel for several years because Ottawa County has not taken care of it. Before Crockery decided to have it mowed it was becoming an eyesore to anyone entering the township.
8. Clerk's report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported that she has received quotes from two area businesses for a new sign at the Nunica Cemetery. Both designs are similar, but there is a large difference in the costs. Clerk Buchanan recommended ordering the new sign from Raap Signs of Coopersville for a cost of \$665.00 with the township doing the installation.
A request was made from Pat Best, Chairperson of the Cemetery Committee to consider eliminating the Cemetery Committee as there has been no need for the group to meet for over a year.

A request was also received from Jean Copeland, Chairperson of the Building and Parks Committee to also have that committee eliminated unless a project could be found for them to take on.

The storage building at the Nunica Cemetery needs to be painted. A resident has offered to paint the building free of charge if the Township will purchase the paint. This resident along with his grandson painted it for the Township previously. Clerk Buchanan suggested that stone be placed around the perimeter of the building, as it is currently dirt which splashes up onto the building each time it rains. Over time it has algae and dirt on the sides of the building.

Last summer the Clerk received several complaints on the trash cans being full and garbage all over the ground near the can. Clerk Buchanan went out to the Nunica Cemetery discovered that a significant of household trash was being placed into the trash cans that are meant for cemetery waste. Clerk Buchanan would like to be able to put the cans out the week of Memorial Day and then have them pulled. They could then be placed out for a week or two in the Fall around the cemeteries deadline for removing flowers and other items from the grave sites. The Board members agreed that this would be a good idea.

9. Treasurer's report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that the 2021 Tax Roll has been sent to the County.
10. Fire Chief's report was offered. Chief Kriger reported that the department responded to 41 calls last month. There have been many wildfire calls where a controlled burn has gotten out of control, and many assists to other departments. Chief Kriger is recommending the hiring of Peter Eliopolus as a firefighter for the department. He is currently a fully trained firefighter who serves as a full time firefighter with Spring Lake.
11. Attorney's report was offered. Attorney Redick reported that the State of Michigan currently has no restrictions on municipalities holding in person meetings, but Ottawa County has declared a State of Emergency, so local units of government can go to virtual meetings if they choose to.
Attorney Redick also gave an update on the Eastbrook situation concerning Hathaway Lakes. Eastbrook has asked the Township to table the amendment to the Third Amendment To The Satisfaction Of Judgement. The process of securing the easements for the sewer project from Eastbrook is moving forward with work on finalizing the language of the agreement. The amendment to the sewer/water agreement with Eastbrook has been sent to their attorney for review.
12. Committee Chair report was offered. No reports were heard.
13. Board Member report was offered. No reports were heard.
14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to authorize the Clerk to proceed with the purchase of the new sign for Nunica Cemetery from Raap Signs for \$665.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to purchase the paint needed to paint the storage building at the Nunica Cemetery with the painting to be done by two resident volunteers, and to purchase stone to be placed along the perimeter of the building to help keep the concrete walls of the building cleaner. All in favor. Motion carried.

16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to disband the Cemetery Committee, and the Building and Parks Committee, as suggested by the respective committee chairs. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to approve the hiring of Peter Eliopolus as a firefighter. The physical and physical agility test requirement will be waived if Mr. Eliopolus can provide recent passing test results.
18. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to table a decision on the purchase of a generator for the fire department. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to approve the purchase of new lighting for the interior of the fire station and original truck bays from CS Erickson, with the bid amount of \$1,358.79 for the truck bays and \$2,442.64 for the offices and meeting areas. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to table the decision on the bids to purchase a new fire truck. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to adopt Resolution 2021-04, Resolution To Approve Act 342 Contract With Ottawa County And Notice Of Right Of Referendum (Sewage Disposal System 2021 Improvements Contract). All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the bid from Tiles Excavating for the site excavation work and paving at the Nunica Junction Trailhead in the amount of \$34,009.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Ordinance 2021-03, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery [Permitted Uses in I-2 District]. All in favor. Motion carried.
24. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to send proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding C-H District Site Plan Review back to the Planning Commission with recommendations. All in favor. Motion carried.
25. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Ordinance 2021-04, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery [Agricultural Buildings]. All in favor. Motion carried,
26. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the bid from Precision Edge Lawn Care for the mowing contract for township properties for the 2021 season. All in favor. Motion carried.
27. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Submitted by
Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk