

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Erhorn at 7:01 p.m.
2. This meeting is being held virtually due to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 directive.
3. Roll call: Present: Erik Erhorn-Crockery Township, Kathy Buchanan-Crockery Township, Judy VanBemmelen-Crockery Township, Ryan Kelly-Spring Lake Village, Rich Suchecki-Ft. Meyers, Florida
Others present: Attorney Ron Redick-Grand Haven Township, Fire Chief John Kriger- Nunica, Deputy Fire Chief Kyle Botbyl-Nunica.
4. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented. Roll call: Buchanan, Erhorn, Kelly, VanBemmelen, Suchecki – Yes. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Kelly to approve disbursements as presented. Roll call: Erhorn, Kelly, Suchecki, VanBemmelen, Buchanan – Yes. Motion carried.
6. Supervisor Erhorn has added two items to the agenda. The first will be item g, to consider the Hathaway Lakes Phase 10 and Waybury Condominiums Phase 2. The other will be item h, fire department's request to put the new truck specs out for bid.
7. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve the additional items to the agenda. Roll call: VanBemmelen, Suchecki, Buchanan, Erhorn, Kelly- Yes. Motion carried.
8. Public comments were offered. Misty Hearth a property owner at Grand River Landing stated that the property owners are not getting approvals from EGLE. She has tried to reach EGLE and has had no response to her questions. Misty stated that because they are not hearing back from EGLE regarding the status of approvals for the individual lots, they will not be able to reach the township's deadline. No other public comments were heard.
9. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was offered. No report was heard at this time.
10. Clerk's Report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported that she is still waiting on quotes to be completed for the new cemetery sign for the Nunica Cemetery and that she hopes to bring them to the Board next month for review.
11. Treasurer's Report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that she would like approval to be able to pay all the monthly utilities bills by ACH.
12. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to approve the payment of the township's monthly recurring bills by ACH. Roll call: Kelly, Erhorn, VanBemmelen, Buchanan, Suchecki- Yes. Motion carried.
13. Fire Chief's report was offered. Chief John Kriger reported that the department responded to 33 calls last month, including 1 house fire. The department has been working on a design for replacing Engine 521 for the last year. 521 is

reaching the end of service years, and the Chief is asking for approval to put new truck specs out for bid.

14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to authorize Chief Kriger to put new truck specifications for replacement of 521, out for bid. Roll call: Buchanan, VanBemmelen, Suchecki, Kelly, Erhorn – Yes. Motion carried.
15. Committee Chair reports were offered. No reports were heard.
16. Board Member Committee reports were offered. No reports were heard.
17. Pat Staskewicz from the Ottawa County Public Utilities was present and reviewed with the Board the current status of the proposed sewer line. Pat stated that we have reached a verbal agreement regarding the access we need through Hortech, but we still have more work to do on reaching an easement agreement with Eastbrook regarding the Hathaway Lakes property. Pat will try to get a meeting scheduled with Mick and Michael McGraw from Eastbrook Homes. Contracts with the municipalities are close to being ready to distribute to board members for review.
18. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Buchanan to authorize scheduling a meeting with Dave Mackenzie/Hortech to secure the purchase of 1247 feet in length by 25 feet wide for the proposed sewer line. Crockery Township will grant an easement on township owned bike path property in an area behind Blueberry Hill for Hortech to cross with conditions. The purchase price is \$5,000. Roll call: Suchecki, Kelly, Erhorn, VanBemmelen, Buchanan – Yes. Motion carried.
19. The Board reviewed the 2020 Year End Building Report that was prepared by Tammie Anderson, the building department Administrative Assistant.. There were 33 building permits issued for new single family homes and there was a slight increase in overall permits issued this year over 2019.
20. Discussion was held regarding the compliance issue at Grand River Landing. Attorney Redick spoke on the email from Steven Sears, on behalf of the Grand River Landing Association. The association is trying to comply with the EGLE requirement for a hydrologic analysis but are having some difficulties finding a company to do this work within the association's financial ability. They would like to seek a quote from Prein & Newhof, but they were informed by the firm that since they represent Crockery Township in these matters, they would not be able to. The association is requesting the township waive any conflict of interest issue so they can seek professional services from Prein & Newhof. The email states that if they proceed with the hydrologic analysis from Prein & Newhof they will hold the township and Prein & Newhof harmless of any conflict of interest that should arise in the subsequent hydrologic analysis. Steven Sears, and Bob Dehaan from the GRL Association spoke on the need for this waiver.
21. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to allow a 60 day extension to the Grand River Landing lot owners/association to submit to Crockery Township by March 15, 2021 a plan for full compliance. The township will work with EGLE on reviewing the submitted plan, and if approved will extend the full compliance deadline to May 31, 2021. This extension will only be considered if the Grand River Landing Association submits a compliance plan to Crockery

- Township by the March 15th deadline. Roll call: VanBemmelen, Buchanan, Suhecki, Erhorn, Kelly – Yes. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the request from the Grand River Landing Association to waive any conflict of interest issue resulting from Prein & Newhof assisting Grand River Landing property owners with information on EGLE's requirement for a hydrologic analysis. Roll call: Erhorn, Kelly, Buchanan, Suhecki, VanBemmelen – Yes. Motion carried.
 23. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Ordinance 2021-01, An Ordinance to secure the public health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the Township of Crockery, by prohibiting hunting and the discharge of firearms and other weapons on Township-owned property; and to provide penalties for violation of this Ordinance. Roll call: Buchanan, Erhorn, VanBemmelen, Suhecki – Yes, Kelly- No. Motion carried.
 24. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve the appointment of Andrea Reigler to the Board of Review, and Carrie Ruitter and Jason Locascio as Board of Review alternates. Roll call: Kelly, VanBemmelen, Suhecki, Buchanan, Erhorn – Yes. Motion carried.
 25. Discussion was held regarding the request from Eastbrook Homes for approval of Hathaway Lakes Phase 10 and Waybury Condominiums Phase 2 by the Crockery Township Board without sending it back to the court for amendment.
 26. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suhecki to require a revised site plan which shows what they have done and what they propose to do, and to send it back to the court for an amendment to the judgement. Roll call: VanBemmelen, Suhecki, Erhorn, Kelly, Buchanan – Yes. Motion carried.
 27. Discussion was held regarding the Azko Manufacturing zoning issue at 13673 Apple Dr. Comments were heard by Ross Ziegenthaler, owner of AZKO, Bradley Rose, an employee of Azko, and Chris Goldberg, a neighbor. The township believes that manufacturing ceased at this location in 2009 when they moved to Muskegon Heights. Around the first of this year manufacturing equipment was moved back in with the intention of starting operations again at the Apple Drive location. Mr. Ziegenthaler stated that there has always been a limited amount of manufacturing at this location. This parcel is zoned residential.
 28. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to table the discussion for Attorney Redick to gather information on the Azko Manufacturing zoning issue, Roll call: Erhorn, VanBemmelen, Buchanan, Suhecki, Kelly – Yes. Motion carried.
 29. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Suhecki, Buchanan, Erhorn, Kelly, VanBemmelen. – Yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk