

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
HELD ON MAY 12, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stille at 7:04 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Roll call: Present: Stille, Buchanan, VanBemmelen, Constantine, Suchecki.  
Others present: Attorney Ron Redick.
4. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried. [The April meeting was canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, so no minutes to approve.]
5. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to approve disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. No comments were heard.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that the North Bank Trail work is proceeding with the contractor putting the last of the gravel down on 116<sup>th</sup> and asphalt should go down on Monday. George Czinder has been authorized to do some maintenance work on the existing portion of the North Bank Trail. The County has let bids for their Spoonville Trail expansion so construction should begin soon.  
Supervisor has been informed that work is occurring on Woodlane Road with 100 ton of slag spread. Supervisor Stille will ask the Fire Chief to see if it meets standards for our emergency vehicles.  
The township has received many calls from residents about how many chickens they can have on their property. Currently you need 1 acre to have chickens, but the Supervisor has asked the Planning Commission to take a look at possibly lowering that requirement based on requests from property owners.  
The Planning Commission is currently planning on a June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with the possibility of a second meeting on the regular scheduled meeting date if needed. The Planning Commission has not been meeting due to the Governor's executive order in response to Covid-19, so there are several issues that need to be discussed.  
A letter was sent to Zoning Administrator Bob Toland regarding job performance.
8. Treasurer's Report was offered. No report was heard.
9. Clerk's Report was offered. No report was heard.
10. Fire department report was given by Clerk Buchanan. The department responded to 20 calls last month. An incident Type Report was provided to board members. Truck 561 is currently out of service and being serviced at B&B Truck. The extent of the problem is not known at this time.
11. Attorney Ron Redick provided an update on the Patrick Harmon legal issue. The township is still waiting for copies of approved building plans and attorney Redick is waiting on the final permit fees from the building department. The

- fees need to be paid yet, and Mr. Harmon has agreed to pay double inspection fees for the work that was done without a permit.
12. Trustee Constantine informed the board that the finish coat on the fire department parking area will be going down soon. They are going to try to give more parking area on the northwest side. No other committee reports were heard.
  13. Pat Staskewicz, from Ottawa County Public Utilities was present and provided the board an overview on the proposal to obtain service from the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority. Many items were discussed, some of them being the new construction of the force main needed, route the force main would take, lift stations, and capacity purchases and projected daily flow. The proposal for service will be presented to the sewer authority.
  14. Discussion was held on the proposed construction of the Nunica Junction Trailhead. Treasurer VanBemmelen gave an accounting of the MDNR grant requested and the total of private donations the township received.
  15. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2020-10, Resolution For Financing The Construction Of The Nunica Junction Trailhead. All in favor. Motion carried.
  16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to set a public hearing on June 9, 2020 for the annual budget and proposed millage rates. All in favor. Motion carried.
  17. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve a cemetery lot buyback as requested by Betty Doering. This is for 1 burial plot in the Nunica Cemetery (block 43, lot 009, plot 19). All in favor. Motion carried.
  18. Motion by Constantine seconded by Buchanan to authorize a final payment of \$4,832.80 for the Nunica Drain assessment. All in favor. Motion carried.
  19. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Van Bemmelen to adopt Ordinance 2020-05, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery [Medical Marijuana Grower in I-1 District]. The vote was 4-1, Motion carried.
  20. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Ordinance 2020-06, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery [Repair and Maintenance of Private Streets]. All in favor. Motion carried.
  21. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Ordinance 2020-07, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery [Maximum Lot Depth-To-Width Ratio; and, Accessory Buildings]. All in favor. Motion carried.
  22. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Constantine to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan  
Crockery Township Clerk