

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON APRIL 13, 2015

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 and Suchecki, Constantine. Others present: Fire Chief Gary Dreyer and Attorney Jim Brown..
4. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of March 24, 2015 Special Meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to approve disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Dennis VanDam introduced himself as the District Leader for Senator Arlan Meekhof. He encouraged the township to contact him if we ever feel he can be of help with any issues.
7. Public comments were offered. None received.
8. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that a letter was received from Mike Fortenbacher complimenting the fire department on their response to a medical emergency at his residence. A meeting was held with Mrs. Kulikamp and her attorney to try to reach an accommodation on the Williams Street issue. Supervisor Stille has had no response from the parties on Power Drive regarding possible sewer expansion. Notice was received that 104th Ave. could be closed up to 3 months due to a culvert failure. The township received a letter from the DEQ that stated that Conestoga Campground is operating without a state license. An invitation was received to attend the OCRC Annual Township Information Meeting to be held April 29th at 6:30 pm at the Road Commission. The township cleanup day is set for May 16th from 8-2. The cleanup for the bike path will be April 23rd from 6-8 pm. The township received official notice that we have received a five thousand dollar grant for the North Bank Trail from the North Bank Community Fund. Jay Wright has completed the work on a fifty thousand dollar grant for the North Bank Trail expansion. The township received notice that a railing was hit by the snowplow while clearing the North Bank Trail. A bench was also damaged. Volunteers are going to be working on repairs to these items. A cemetery conference is coming up June 10-12 in Traverse City. Supervisor Stille asked Margaret Scott and Pat Best from the Cemetery Committee if they would attend on behalf of the township.
9. Treasurer's Report was offered. Treasurer stated that tax collection at the township has been completed. Tax money will now need to be paid at the county. The number of delinquent properties for 2015 in Ottawa County was down. Phase 5 of Hathaway Lakes has received approval.
10. Clerk's Report was offered. The State Special Election will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.
11. Fire Chief's report was given. Chief Dreyer reported that there was a controlled burn at Spoonville that went very well last Monday. The department has two

new applicants, one of them has been recommended for hire by the FDAC at this time Chief Dreyer made a recommendation to hire Andrew VanPortfleit as firefighter. The Chief presented to the Board a list of loose equipment that needs to be replaced.

12. Committee Chair reports were offered. None were received.
13. Board Member Committee reports were offered. Trustee Constantine stated that he has an issue from the Cemetery Advisory Committee but he will discuss it when it comes up on the agenda.
14. Motion by Constantine and seconded by Buchanan to authorize Chief Dreyer to purchase a leader wye valve and 200 feet of 3 inch hose at a cost of \$1,355.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve Chief Dreyer's recommendation to hire Andrew VanPortfleit to the fire department provided he successfully pass the physical and the physical agility test. Yes – 4, No – 1. Motion approved.
16. Discussion was held on the proposed subsurface mapping of the Nunica Cemetery.
17. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to approve the contract with Great Lakes Subsurface for the Nunica Cemetery and southeast corner of the Ottawa Center Cemetery. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to approve the overhead charge for Ottawa County Road Commission to administer the underpass non motorized trail construction at an estimated cost of \$17,850.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve Michigan Chloride Sales LLC for the 2015 brining application.
20. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to accept the water line installation bid from Doug Constantine for the Nunica Cemetery at a cost of up to \$4,000.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to contract for the removal of 5 dead ash trees in the Nunica Cemetery. All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the buy back of a cemetery lot from Janet Parker. New section, Block 45, Lot 011, Plot 24 in the Nunica Cemetery. The buy back cost is \$200.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to approve the slate of officers for the Par Plan election. All in favor. Motion carried.
24. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve the budget amendments as recommended by the Treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.
25. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk
Crockery Township

