

**CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON DECEMBER 14, 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, VanBemmelen, Constantine, Buchanan, Suchecki. Others present were Fire Chief Gary Dreyer and Attorney Jim Brown.
4. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2015 Regular Meeting with clarification added to #23. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve the disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comment was offered. No comments were heard.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that the township has been awarded a \$45,000 grant from the MNRTF for the North Bank Trail. Park Gilmore from Great Lakes Subsurface has completed the scan of the Nunica Cemetery and he has dropped off the report. Last week there was a joint visit with Zoning Enforcer Ed Rusticus, Supervisor Stille and Ottawa County Environmental Health at the Alfred Smith property. The township has been trying to work with Mr. Smith to clean up the blight from his property for approximately three years. Zoning Enforcer Rusticus issued him a citation and we are asking for a formal hearing in District Court.
8. Derek Hall from the State was in attendance and reviewed the annual financial audit. He spoke about the continuing problems with the sewer system. There are still not enough buildings hooked up to the sewer system. He also spoke of the situation with the water districts.
9. Treasurer's report was offered. No report was heard.
10. Clerk's report was offered. No report was heard.
11. Fire Chief's report was offered. Chief Dreyer reported that Ottawa County made the decision to proceed with the emergency radio purchase despite that fact that the majority of County Fire Chiefs were opposed.
12. Committee Chair's reports were offered. No report was heard.
13. Rich Houtteman from Consumers Energy asked the Board to re-approve the franchise agreement with Consumers that was approved at the November board meeting due to a missed deadline by Consumers.
14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Ordinance 2015-08, Consumers Energy Franchise Agreement. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Attorney Jim Brown updated the Board on the situation with E-Tankers. Discussion was held.
16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to move to authorize the township attorney to commence a circuit court lawsuit against E-Tankers for an accounting, breach of contract and other legal claims for its failure to fulfill its contract with Crockery Township. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve the purchase of five signs, 4 for the village and 1 for the town hall at an approximate cost of \$4,600.

- All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve \$166.70 payment to Peterson Environmental LLC for wetland mitigation monitoring for the North Bank Trail. All in favor. Motion carried.
 19. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve Todd Kempf to do building inspections in Crockery Township as an employee of Imperial Municipal Services as requested by Doug Hopkins. All in favor. Motion carried.
 20. Discussion was held on the revised condominium plan #2 for Hathaway Lakes.
 21. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to disapprove the revised plan for Hathaway Lakes Condominiums #2, Phases 1 & 2. All in favor. Motion carried.
 22. Discussion was held on the fire department tanker project. Two bids have been received for completion of the project. Kevin Milanowski from B&B Truck Equipment was present. We need certification on the chassis stretch so we will not proceed on this project until we know that the chassis is certified.
 22. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Ordinance 2015-09, Ordinance To Adopt The 2012 Edition Of The International Fire Code with Appendices B-J of Part VII. All in favor. Motion carried.
 23. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to amend the 2015-16 Cemetery Budget 101-276-971 in the amount of \$3,500.00 as recommended by the Treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.
 24. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Constantine to transfer \$40,000 from the Building Fund to the General Fund. All in favor. Motion carried.
 25. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Submitted by


Kathy Buchanan, Clerk