

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
HELD ON JUNE 8, 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 VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2015 Regular Meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to approve disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. None received.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that the township has been given a \$3,000 grant from the Youth Activity Council (YAC) for the North Bank Trail. Road brining began today. The culvert construction work is continuing on 104<sup>th</sup> Ave. south of Leonard. The Sheriff Department SWAP Team worked in both cemeteries this past Saturday. They cleared the southeast corner at Ottawa center cemetery and they cleaned up the brush from the pine tree that was taken down at the Nunica Cemetery. Our attorney Ron Redick met with Mrs. Kulikamp and her attorney and they signed the legal agreement regarding the use of William Street. MDOT is currently expecting an October opening of the M231 Bypass. Earlier today Supervisor Stille and Treasurer VanBemmelen had a conference call with the attorney from Mika, Myers, Beckett and Jones regarding the tax tribunal case with Eastbrook Homes.
8. Treasurer's Report was offered. No report was offered at this time.
9. Clerk's Report was offered. No report was offered at this time.
10. Fire Chief's report was given. Fire Chief Dreyer reported that he recently attended the MABAS meeting and the township is being asked to pass a new resolution accepting a new addendum that creates one separate legal entity for Michigan Mutual Aid Box System (MABAS). This will allow them to be eligible to receive federal grants. Chief Dreyer also requested approval to purchase AC voltage detectors.
11. Committee Chair reports were offered. None were received.
12. Board Member Committee reports were offered. None were received.
13. Motion by Constantine and seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2015-13, Resolution For Authorizing The First Addendum To The Michigan Aid Box Alarm System. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve the purchase of three FireCraft trACer-1 AC Voltage Detectors from SAMM Fire Equipment at a total cost of \$855.00 plus freight. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve the Supervisor to notify the County that we do not object to a reduction in the Letter of Credit for Phase 5 infrastructure, due to the fact that it is 90% complete. All in favor.

Motion carried.

17. Supervisor Stille declared the public hearing for the Township Annual Budget open at 7:55 p.m. Treasurer VanBemmelen discussed some proposed changes to the annual budget and answered questions from the members of the board. Supervisor Stille asked for questions or comments from the audience and none were received. Supervisor Stille declared the public hearing closed at 8:12 p.m.
18. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2015-14, Resolution Approving Annual Township Budget And Determine Tentative Property Tax Rates For Support Budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2015-15, Crockery Township Recognized Holidays and Meeting Dates for 2015-16. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to cast the townships vote to elect candidate Don Hilton Sr. to the Michigan Township Participating Plan Board. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2015-16, Resolution to Close Fund 212 – Liquor Law and Fund 338 – Fire Department Station and Truck. All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to appoint Gerilyn Suchecki as our representative to the North Ottawa Community Hospital Board effective July 1, 2015. She will replace Judy Hooyenga who has moved out of the township. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki that Crockery Township will continue to do pool fills since Firefighter Jeff Hughes has offered to handle the fill requests. The fees will remain the same. All in favor. Motion carried.
24. Discussion was held on a possible meeting fee increase for the various paid commissions. Consensus of the Board was to increase the pay for the March Board of Review meeting to \$110.00 for the Chairperson and \$100.00 for the other members. The meeting rate for the Planning Commission and ZBA members should be increased by \$10.00 per meeting. The Board also discussed possible wage increase for the hourly employees. The Board feels that the Custodian's hourly wage should be increased. Discussion was also held regarding the contract with Zoning Administrator Bob Toland. No formal action was taken.
25. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All in Favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk  
Crockery Township

