

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
HELD ON JUNE 9, 2014

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: Attorney Jim Brown. Fire Chief Dreyer was excused absent.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of May 12, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that there has been a discussion with Milbocker about the work that still needs to be done on the Mark Boss property to make a level grade. The Leonard Road overpass is paved and work is continuing on the guardrails. Paving on this side of the river could begin in approximately three weeks. Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, Tamara Jorkasy from DNR Grants Management will be here. She will be looking at the property purchased with the grant money. Shape Corporation has asked if the township has any type of project some of their employees could volunteer to work on. Supervisor Stille will follow up with them. Brining should take place this week. Supervisor Stille met with Glen Merrill from A&R Pipeline and discussed the pipeline easement that is in place. A letter was received from the county stating that the bike path will be going on the east side of 120<sup>th</sup> along the road right-of-way.
7. Treasurer's Report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that 15.20 tons of trash were collected on clean-up day. Treasurer VanBemmelen stated that the fire department received a grant from the Community Foundation Grant for Operation CO Safe. This is for equipment that can be used to test if a person has been exposed to carbon monoxide poisoning. The grant will be shared with Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Spring Lake Township, Robinson Township, and Crockery. The cost of the equipment was \$19,214.00 and the Community Foundation gave us \$17,292.00 (\$8,646 from the Greatest Needs Fund and \$8,646 from the Marian A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Fund) and the remaining \$1,922 cost was split between the 5 communities.
8. Clerk's Report was offered. The Primary Election will be on August 5<sup>th</sup> and includes the Fire Millage Proposal. All election workers will need recertification as this is required by the State every two years.
9. Fire Chief's report was not heard due to the Chief's absence.
10. Public Comment was offered. None was heard at this time.
11. Committee Chair reports were offered. None were heard.
12. Board Member Committee reports were offered. Trustee Constantine stated that the parking lot could be removed in approximately two weeks and paving would be scheduled for sometime after July 4<sup>th</sup>. Treasurer VanBemmelen asked if it would definitely be finished before the August election day. Trustee Constantine will get back with the excavating and paving companies and the

work may begin after the election as the parking lot will be needed for the voters.

13. Attorney Jim Brown gave the Board an update on recent changes to the proposed library contract.
14. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the Library Services Agreement with Spring Lake District Library and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Discussion was held regarding preliminary plat plans for Hathaway Lakes Phases 5 & 6.
16. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2014-10, Resolution Granting Final Approval of the Preliminary Plat No. 5. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to adopt Resolution 2014-11, Resolution Granting Final Approval of the Preliminary Plat No. 6. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Supervisor Stille declared the public hearing for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget open at 7:52 p.m. Treasurer VanBemmelen gave a review of the proposed budget and explained any changes from the previous year's budget. Discussion was held on possible wage increases for employees. It was recommended that a raise of .25 an hour be given to the firefighters, office staff, and janitor. The Administrative Assistant and Precinct Inspectors will receive a .50 an hour raise with Election Chairpersons receiving \$1.00 an hour more. The Fire Chief will receive a \$50.00 increase to his monthly stipend. Public comment was offered. None was heard. The Supervisor declared the public hearing closed at 8:10 p.m.
19. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to adopt Resolution 2014-12, Resolution Approving Annual Township Budget and Determine Tentative Tax Rates for Support Budget as amended from the discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to seek new renters for the the four classrooms at the townhall for \$300.00 per month, per classroom. This will include utilities and will be available starting December 1<sup>st</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to adopt the Holiday & Meetings schedule for 2014-15. All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve a leave of absence 2 month extension for Firefighter Katie Lasich at her request. This extension is from June 1, 2014 and will end on August 4, 2014. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Discussion was held on the Kenneth Herzhaft property. Attorney Brown updated the Board on this issue.
24. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen that the Board authorize the Township attorney, in consultation with the Supervisor, to commence and pursue proceedings in the circuit court for the demolition and removal of the unlawful building and the removal of the accumulated junk on the Kenneth

- Herzhaft property at 16371 124<sup>th</sup> Ave. All in favor. Motion carried.
25. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2014-13, Resolution Approving Limited Outdoor Assembly License for Bikefest on the Grand, June 27-28, 2014. All in favor. Motion carried.
  26. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Constantine to approve the estimate from Prein & Newhof for Hathaway Lakes Phase 5 & 6 and to make sure the escrow money is collected to cover the cost. The construction observation for Phase 5 & 6 is approximately \$14,000.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
  14. Public Comment was offered. None was heard.
  15. The Board agreed to have a joint discussion with firefighters and the Fire Department Advisory Committee on the proposed fire millage. The meeting will be held on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
  16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk  
Crockery Township