

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON MAY 12, 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: Fire Chief Gary Dreyer and Attorney Jim Brown..
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of April 14, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to approve disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that he tried to schedule road brining for sometime around the 20th of May, but the road commission will not be able to grade the roads that soon. So the first brining will begin around June 7th. Supervisor Stille has had three e-mail exchanges with Mick McGraw concerning the changes to the pond for Phase 5 after Zoning Administrator Bob Toland sent a letter to Eastbrook asking for information regarding the relocation of 12 lots. Last month we received a letter from the City of Grand Haven inviting us to join a technology collaborative. Other entities invited to join are Spring Lake Township, the Village of Spring Lake, Ferrysburg, Zeeland, Holland, Grand Haven Area Public Schools, and the Spring Lake Library. This would allow purchasing computers at a less expensive cost. Trash Day is Saturday, May 17th and will be held at the fire station again this year. Jay Wright submitted the MNRTF grant and we have received a letter from the DNR acknowledging that they have received the application, but there are several items that they still need for our application to be considered. They have given us until September to provide them with the requested information. There is an ongoing blight problem in the township and this is at the Ken Hertzhaft property on 124th Ave. Old equipment is being moved onto the property from the owners former factory. Zoning Enforcer Ed Rusticus has sent a letter to Mr. Hertzhaft addressing this problem.
7. Treasurer's Report was offered. The Treasurer has been working on getting reimbursement from the MNRTF grant for the bike trail property purchases. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that we have 133 houses connected to the sewer plant at this time, and she is asking for the authority to pay \$10,500 to the County toward the older \$250,000 debt.
8. Clerk's Report was offered. None was heard.
9. Fire Chief's report was given. Fire Chief Dreyer has received verbal resignations from firefighters Jaimie Olsen and Brittany Renchen. Both have moved out of the township and outside of the required response time. Jaime Olsen has turned in all his equipment and Brittany Renchen has turned in everything except the radio and pager which she told the Chief she would do today. The Pre-hazard Mitigation Plan that the Board previously adopted has now been sent to the State. This is necessary to be eligible for grant opportunities. Chief Dreyer has two projects in mind for grant applications.

The first would be for outdoor warning sirens and the second would be for drain projects related to the flooding last Spring.

12. Public Comment was offered. None was heard at this time.
10. Committee Chair reports were offered. None were heard.
11. Board Member Committee reports were offered. Trustee Constantine stated that the cemetery clean-up days would be happening this week. Ottawa Center Cemetery will be held on Wednesday the 14th and the Nunica Cemetery will take place on Saturday the 17th.
12. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to accept the verbal resignations from firefighters Jamie Olsen and Brittany Renchen on the condition that they return all the township's equipment. Both firefighters have moved from the area. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Discussion was held on the Comprehensive Plan.
14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve Resolution 2014-07, Resolution to Approve the Township Comprehensive Plan of 2013. (includes the changes to Section 35 as requested by the Board) All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Attorney Jim Brown updated the Board on the status of the library contract with Spring Lake. He has been in contact with Attorney Dick Butler who is representing the Spring Lake District Library, and they will continue to work out some of the details. Discussion was held with with Mary Eagin, Claire Sheridan, and several Library millage supporters. No action was taken at this time.
16. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to proceed with contracting with the County Equalization Office for assessing services starting June 1st, 2014 and to extend for 2years and 1 month. The total projected for Crockery assessing will be \$36,500. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to approve the Outdoor Assembly License Application for Bikefest On The Grand that was submitted by Josh Rebedew provided that all the same requirements from last year are completed and followed through this year. This event will be held on June 27th and 28th. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to set June 9, 2014 as the Public Hearing to adopt the 2014-15 Budget and set the tentative millage rate. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Treasurer VanBemmelen presented proposed budget amendments for the Boards consideration and discussion.
20. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to approve the budget amendments as presented by the Treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to authorize the Treasurer to pay \$10,500 to the Ottawa County Road Commission for the sewer plant debt. All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2014-08, Resolution To Set Water Rates And Changes For The Public Water System (this change reflects the cost of the new meters. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Supervisor Stille received correspondence from the Ottawa County Road

Commission which included a township poll for a proposed county-wide road Millage. Discussion was held and the Board is not in favor of a County-wide Millage.

24. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to direct the proposal from Dennis Worst (Registered Consulting Forester) to the Cemetery Committee for their recommendation regarding the proposed removal of pines from the Nunica Cemetery. All in favor. Motion carried.
25. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to approve Resolution 2014-09, Resolution to Approve The Ballot Proposal To Renew And Combine Millages For Fire Protection Services. All in favor. Motion carried.
26. Trustee Constantine asked Chief Dreyer if the weekly updates to the officers that was requested by the FDAC had begun. Chief Dreyer stated they had and that there were two responses received. Trustee Constantine also stated that the corner lot at Main and Cleveland is getting filled up again with several cars and trailers. He suggested Ed Rusticus send a letter. Trustee Constantine presented a bid from Tiles Excavating and Great Lakes Asphalt for the townhall parking lot.
27. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to approve the bid from Tiles Excavating and Great Lakes Asphalt for excavating and resurfacing of the parking lot at the townhall for a cost of approximately \$42,000 and to authorize Trustee Constantine to oversee the project. All in favor. Motion carried.
28. Public Comment was offered. Property owner Larry Seibelink stated he wants to build a building on some Ag 1 property that he recently purchased in the township to store his tractor and equipment in. Since this is vacant land Bob Toland, the Zoning Administrator suggested he come to the meeting tonight to seek assistance from the Board. He was told that he would need a variance for this type of project and he should meet again with Mr. Toland to begin the process as it would most likely need to go to the ZBA.
29. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk
Crockery Township

