

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 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, Suchecki, VanBemmelen, Constantine. Also present was Attorney James Brown and Fire Chief Gary Dreyer.
4. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Constantine to approve the disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. None were heard.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that he has sent a letter back to the President of the Spring Lake District Library stating that we would prefer a 10 year contract, we will put a millage request for five-tenths of a mil on the ballot, and we want the penal fines spread out over the length of the contract. We have received a letter from the State regarding the Terra Verde tax tribunal case. The letter stated that Terra Verde has not furnished information as requested by the State and if they do not comply by the required deadline they will default. Supervisor Stille gave an update on the fundraising for the North Bank Trail. \$43,000 has been raised in matching fund money and included in this is a check from the Crockery Citizens Committee for \$5,000 that was raised at the January pancake breakfast fundraiser. We have \$25,000 that was given to the township from the Loutit Foundation as a matching grant. This is a total of \$68,000 raised to date. Supervisor Stille received notice from the MNRTF grant appraisal reviewer that they have decreased the value of the Garzelloni/Hatfield property by \$42,000. It appears that they are not placing a value on the two steel railroad trestles that are on the property. The original appraisal on the property came in at \$107,000 and they are now reducing that to \$65,000. This will put us short by 42,000 for finalizing the purchase of this property. Supervisor Stille has been working on trying to get the MNRTF to reconsider the value of the trestles. He has sent further information and quotes on the value of the steel to the MNRTF.
8. Treasurer's Report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that she has been working on correcting the Corridor Improvement Authority figures and parcel numbers. Friday February 14<sup>th</sup> is the last day to pay taxes. Treasurer VanBemmelen stated that there are 4 or 5 parcels in Crockery that are a small strip of land that is unusable and should be combined with the larger parcel next to it. The problem is that the two parcels are in different school districts and she is in question of if there is anyway this can be done. Attorney Brown believes that it can only be done with the agreement of the local school districts and he will check on the required procedure.

9. Clerk's Report was offered. None was heard.
10. Fire Chief's Report was offered. Chief Dreyer presented and reviewed the 2013 Crockery Township Fire – Rescue Annual Report.
11. Board Member Committee Reports were offered. Trustee Suchecki reported for the Building and Parks Committee that the Riptide ball league is requesting to use the ball fields again this year. The committee is requesting the approval of the township and that the rental fee stay \$35.00 per week. Riptide would like to make some improvements at their expense but would like the township to agree to a commitment with them thru 2016. Myron Constantine has expressed interest in serving on the Building and Facilities Committee and the committee is asking for board approval.
12. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve Ordinance 2014-01, An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Crockery [Rezoning of 13625 Cleveland Street from R-1 District to C-1 District(Marcus Lee)] All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to approve Ordinance 2014-02, An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Crockery [Parcels in Section 7, from R-1 District to AG-2 District] (this includes 7 parcels including Scott Ball's). All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve Ordinance 2014-03, An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Crockery [M-104 Overlay District, Between I-96 and 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue]. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Discussion was held on a proposed fire protection services.
16. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to set February 24, 2014 as a special meeting for a public hearing on the MNRTF grant application, and a public hearing on the proposed adoption of the Community Recreation Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2014-01, Resolution to Conform Property Values and Related Information Included Within the Tax Increment Finance and Development Plan For Properties Located Within the Corridor Improvement Authority District. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to authorize the Building and Parks Committee to proceed with negotiations with the Riptide ball league for use of the field and the right to make improvements of the fields. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to increase the Building and Parks Committee to six members and to appoint Myron Constantine to the Building and Parks Committee. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stille at 5:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Roll call: Present: Stille, VanBemmelen, Suchecki, Constantine, Buchanan
4. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. The township has received notice that the petition by Terra Verde has been withdrawn from the Michigan Tax Tribunal.
5. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the contracts with Consumers Energy for two new street lights. One at the corner of Apple and Cleveland, and the other at State and 112<sup>th</sup>, and to authorize the Clerk to sign. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Constantine to collect the 2014 Summer Taxes for Spring Lake Public Schools at \$2.90 per parcel and authorize the Treasurer to sign. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Supervisor Stille declared the public hearing for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant application for construction of Phase 2 open at 7:07 p.m. Supervisor Stille presented the information on the North Bank Trail from the property purchase and construction of Phase 1, the property acquisition process of Phase 2, and the proposed route and construction of Phase 2. Public comment was opened. John Nash, Spring Lake stated that this is a great idea from all aspects, including economic, tourism, and family recreation. Lucas Hill stated that he was speaking on behalf of his three children who really enjoy being able to ride their bikes on the trail through the wooded areas, to Central Park, and all the way down to Old Boys Restaurant. He also stated that he feels having a trailhead in Nunica would be an important aspect of the trail. He informed the public attending that the Friends of the North Bank Trail meet the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at Crockery Township Hall and all are Welcome to attend. He encouraged those present to check out the North Bank Trail facebook page also. No other public comments were heard. Supervisor Stille declared the public hearing closed at 7:22 p.m.
8. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2014-02, Resolution of Approval to Support the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for The Construction of Phase 2 of the North Bank Trail In Crockery Township. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Supervisor Stille declared the public hearing for the adoption of the Recreation Master Plan open at 7:35 p.m. Supervisor Stille presented information on the plan. Public Comment was offered. None was heard. The Supervisor declared the public hearing closed at 7:45 p.m.
10. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2014-03, Resolution Accepting a Community Recreation and Natural Resource Conservation Plan for Crockery Township. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Supervisor Stille asked for any further public comments. None was heard.
12. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk

Approved February 28, 2014