

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 10, 2013

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 were Attorney James Brown and Fire Chief Gary Dreyer.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2013 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2013 Special Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Public comments were offered. None were heard.
8. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that Phil Peterson was contacted about being on the Zoning Board of Appeals and he is not interested in serving, so that still leaves a vacancy that needs to be filled. There is also a vacancy on the Fire Department Advisory Committee. All the required paper work for the Outdoor Assembly License for Bikefest on The Grand has been turned in to the township and the license has been issued. A letter was received from Chris Velkamp of MDEQ, after Supervisor Stille, Treasurer VanBemmelen, and plant operator Joe Hebert met with him at the sewer plant. The letter was in regards to sewer operations. Supervisor Stille met with Steve VanHoeven from the Ottawa County Drain Commission regarding complaints of standing water issues along M-104, 136th, and Cone Street. The corner of 136th Ave. east along M-104 has been cleaned and they will be doing work on Cone Street at a later date. Supervisor Stille was made aware of a possible zoning situation on the Eichey property at the end of South Street. The Eichey's who have purchased the property, intend to build a new house on the parcel and they do not intend to tear down the existing farmhouse. Supervisor Stille told Zoning Administrator Toland that he was not in favor of this being allowed. He asked the board members to share their thoughts and opinions on this issue.
9. Treasurer's Report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that 8.8 tons of trash was collected at the township's dumpster day. The new tax bills that will be coming out in July will now show any outstanding taxes that are owed. This is due to a new state law. There are currently 134 parcels in Crockery Township with outstanding property taxes. Millage rates are expected to stay the same as last year.
10. Clerk's Report was offered. Clerk Buchanan stated that due to recent personal use of the township's computers and internet service there have been blocks placed on many web sites on all the computers. All computer users must sign on to any computer using their own user name and password.

11. Fire Chief's Report was offered. Chief Dreyer stated that the skid unit for the Polaris Ranger has been shipped and should be here within the week. May was a busy month for the department with 31 calls being responded to. Chief Dreyer has received official word that Crockery Township Fire Department has been awarded a grant for approximately \$117,000.00 which will be used to for new air packs. The FDAC recently conducted interviews of four firefighter candidates. The candidates names are Eric Erhorn, Jeff Hughes, Tammie Kelly, and Forest Whipple. The FDAC recommends to the Board that all four of the candidates be hired.
12. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Constantine to hire Eric Erhorn for the fire department on the conditions that he successfully pass the background check, medical physical, and a physical agility test. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to hire Forrest Whipple for the fire department on the condition that he successfully pass the background check, medical physical and the physical agility test. 4-yes, 1-no. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to hire Jeff Hughes for the fire department on the condition that he successfully pass the background check, medical physical and the physical agility test. This condition may be met if current information can be obtained from the Kentwood Fire Department. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to hire Tammie Kelly for the fire department on the condition that she successfully pass the background check, medical physical, and a physical agility test. 4-yes, 1-no. Motion carried.
16. Luke Strasler, an Eagle Scout candidate spoke to the board about his Eagle Scout project that he would like Crockery Township permission on. Luke would like to work on restoring the Potter's Field area of the Nunica Cemetery. This area is overgrown and would need to be cleared. He is proposing a gravel pathway through the area. He will be responsible for coordinating the project and seeking materials, manpower, and financial donations to complete at least one phase of the project.
17. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to grant Luke Strasler permission to work on restoring the Potters Field area of Nunica Cemetery for his Eagle Scout project. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Supervisor Stille declared the Public Hearing for the 2013-14 Annual Budget open at 7:42 pm. The proposed budget was discussed and Treasurer VanBemmelen went over all line items that had a proposed increase or decrease to them. The Public Hearing was declared closed at 8:19 pm.
19. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2013-09, Resolution Approving Annual Township Budget and Determine Tentative Property Tax Rates for Support Budget. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2013-10, Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary. This would

- change the per meeting rate from \$80.00 to \$100.00 for the Trustees, beginning July 1, 2013 All infavor. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2013-11, Crockery Township Recognized Holidays and Meeting Dates. All in favor. Motion carried.
 22. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to request the Planning Commission to begin the process to rezone the Anlaan property from I-1 to Ag-1 and to proceed in the usual manner. All in favor. Motion carried.
 23. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the request by The International Board of Electrical Workers represented by Dave Kitchen to rent the vacant classroom and to have the current contract amended to reflect the additional classroom. All in favor. Motion carried.
 24. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2013-12, Resolution Acknowledging Proposed Revision of Comprehensive Plan and Asserting the Right of the Township Board to Approve the Revision Of the Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.
 25. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2013-13, Resolution Accepting a MNRTF Grant and Approving the MNRTF Project #TF12-092 Agreement and the Jablonski Property, Garzelloni/Hatfield Property Acquisition and Ruscett Easement Acquisition. All in favor. Motion carried.
 26. Discussion was held on a proposed sewer assessment district. After a review of the proposed assessment roll it was found to be incomplete.
 27. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to set a Special Meeting for Wednesday, June 19, 2013, for the discussion of a possible sewer assessment district and proposed assessment roll. All in favor. Motion carried.
 28. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to raise the Asset Management fee from \$1100.00 to \$1500.00, effective July 1, 2013, for all homes and buildings to be serviced by the sewer plant. All in favor. Motion carried.
 29. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk

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HELD ON JUNE 19, 2013

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 were Attorney Mark Nettleton.
4. Public comments were offered. None were heard.
5. Attorney Mark Nettleton reviewed with the Board the process that has been taken in preparation for the proposed Special Assessment Resolution No. 2 and the Special Assessment Roll. A discussion was held on the proposed Special Assessment Resolution No. 2. The special assessment will be ongoing as long as the sewer plant is operating and there are vacant parcels. The Board then reviewed and discussed the Special Assessment Roll. The sewer plant is currently operating with approximately a \$40,000.00 shortfall, which has to come out of the General Fund. The shortfall seems to increase each year.
6. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Constantine to adopt Resolution 2013-16, Special Assessment Resolution No. 2, Filing of Special Assessment Roll for Special Assessment District; Notice of Public Hearing. Roll call: Suchecki, Buchanan, Stille, Constantine, VanBemmelen – Yes. Motion carried. Public Hearing is set for July 8, 2013.
7. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to adjourn the meeting. All In favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

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Kathy Buchanan, Clerk