

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
HELD ON OCTOBER 9, 2017

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, Suchecki and Constantine. Others present: Recording Secretary Tammie Anderson, Deputy Chief John Kriger, Jr. and Attorney Jim Brown.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2017 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2017 Special Meeting as revised. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to approve disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence were heard. Supervisor Stille reported the payment for September has not been received from E-Tankers and this now puts them in default therefore it will now be turned over to the township attorney.

Engineers have looked at the Trail Head and have suggested that Plews Street be wider for turning radius. A brushhog has been down to the area and has done some clean up and it is looking much better. A meeting request has been made with Holly Vickers, DEQ, in regards to wetland areas. A current traffic count of Crockery Township has been given to the township.

Jean Copeland will be filling in for the now vacant maintenance position as well as her Deputy Treasurer duties. We will address this more at a later date. Nathan VanVelzen, 11390 Cleveland Street, has built a structure without permits. This building is non-conforming and we will be seeking legal help with this. The Fire Department Open House is October 16, 2017 from 6pm-8pm. A letter was received by Steve Dornbush requesting a 9 month Leave of Absence.

On September 20, 2017 at 4:40pm, I met with Gary Dreyer and gave him a separation agreement and the township has received a letter from Gary's attorney stating that she has advised him not to sign it.

8. Public comments were offered. Gary Dreyer spoke about his employment as fire chief with the township for 13 years and of his accomplishments for the Township during that time.

Mark Denhof, 19415 32<sup>nd</sup> Conklin, MI, spoke on behalf of Gary and his character and working with him for over 13 years. Orin Londo, 2871 Green Meadow Hudsonville, MI, spoke on behalf of Gary, stating that he has known him his entire life and spoke of his character and accomplishments.

9. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to terminate Gary Dreyer's employment with the Township effective October 9, 2017. Board members discussed the motion. It was noted that there has been an unusual amount of turnover among the members of the Township fire department over a period of years, and especially more recently.

Roll call: Suchecki, VanBemmelen, Stille, Buchanan, Constantine – Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to provide 1/3 (one-third) of monthly stipend compensation for the month of October to Gary Dreyer. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to appoint Jesse Baxter to the fire department pending successful completion of a physical. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to accept a request from Steve Dornbush, Captain, a 9 month leave of absence till July 2018. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Fire Chief's report was given. Deputy Fire Chief Kriger reported that the fire department was given a house to use for a training burn on Wren Dr. This will probably happen closer to the beginning of November. Getting ready for the Open House. There are currently two applicants that interviews will be set up for soon.

14. Treasurer's Report was offered. Gearing up for winter taxes. Also Derek from the state has been here working on this years audit.

15. Clerk's Report was offered. Received a resignation letter from Kyle Copeland.

16. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to deny Eastbrook's request for 4 building permits in Phase 7 & 8 of Hathaway Lakes prior to final plat approvals. All in favor. Motion carried.

17. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen, to adopt Resolution 2017-32, Amending Construction Standards Allowing A Private Line To Serve A Single House Provided There Is A Water Service Easement Created. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Ordinance 2017-10, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery. (Sandra M. Arens, Rezoning to R-2A District, 70-04-22-400-005). All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to adopt Ordinance 2017-11, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery. (Township-initiated Rezoning to R-2A District, F. Holmes – 70-04-22-400-012 & 70-04-22-400-013, J. Hitchings – 70-04-22-400-014). All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2017-33, Resolution Committing A \$619,000 Match For MDNR Grant TF15-0096. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Committee Chair reports were offered.
22. Board Member Committee reports were offered. Gordy Constantine reported that the pavilion is sound and that we should proceed with electrical work and painting.
23. Public comments were offered. Pat Best suggested a banner commemorating 70 years for the fire department. Gary Dreyer commented on the number of firefighters in the fire department during his time as fire chief with the township.
24. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk  
Crockery Township