

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 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 was Attorney James Brown.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2013 Regular Meeting as modified. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2013 Special Meeting as modified. 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. State Representative Amanda Price was in attendance. She spoke about the five committees that she is serving on and presented a brief update on what the committees are working on. She said that there is much discussion in Lansing about the consolidation of local governments.
9. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that we have received notice of two drains within Crockery Township that are going to be cleaned out. They are the Yonker Drain and the Hickory Drain. Final settlement has been received from the AutoPro/Dusham legal proceedings. Settlement has been reached with Michigan MHC, Inc. This case will not be going to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. The tax issue with Terra Verde is still ongoing. Next week road brining will begin.
10. Treasurer's Report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that AT&T will now be paying us a 5% franchise fee which is the same as we currently receive from Charter. Treasurer VanBemmelen has also had a phone line that is not currently needed between the pump station and the water tower disconnected. This will reduce our monthly bill. Taxes are due Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Auditor Derek Hall has completed his fieldwork regarding the sewer fund audit and we are waiting for the final report.
11. Clerk's Report was offered. A call was received from the Ottawa County Environmental Department asking if we would be willing to receive all inspection notices by e-mail. It is the consensus of board members that this will be acceptable. The Treasurer has asked for them to be sent to her e-mail. The Crockery Citizens Committee is asking approval from the board for the pancake breakfast dates for 2013-14.
12. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Constantine to approve the dates as presented for the Crockery Citizens Committee pancake breakfast, Halloween party and Easter Egg Hunt. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Fire Chief's Report was not heard due to the Chief's absence.
14. Board Member Committee Reports were offered. Trustee Constantine reported

that the Fire Department Advisory Committee interviewed applicant William Mastenbrook and recommended he be hired. Trustee Suchecki reported that the Building and Facilities Committee will be meeting on the Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

15. Supervisor Stille declared the public hearing for the purpose of considering a tax abatement under Act 198 for C-Plastics open at 7:23 p.m. Stan Kostecki presented background information on C-Plastics. Ken Rizzio from Ottawa County Economic Development answered questions for the board members. They are planning an addition to the current building at a cost of approximately \$439,000 and new equipment at approximately 286,000. They are asking for a twelve (12) year abatement at 50% for the added tax for the addition and new equipment. There were no public comments. Supervisor Stille declared the public hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.
16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to approve Resolution 2013-22, Tax Abatement request from C-Plastics under Act 198 for twelve (12) years at fifty (50) percent for the added tax of the new addition and equipment. Roll call: Buchanan, VanBemmelen, Suchecki, Constantine, Stille – Yes. Motion carried.
17. Supervisor Stille declared the public hearing to set the Millage Rates for 2013-14 open at 7:33 p.m. Treasurer VanBemmelen reviewed the millage rates for the coming year. They will stay the same as they have been for the past few years. Millage rates are .8991 for operations, .6903 fire operation, .6903 fire debt, .25 building maintenance and .33 for brining. There were no public comments. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:35 p.m.
18. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2013- 23, To Set The Tax Millage Rates for 2013-14 as stated by the Treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Discussion was held on the Milbocker sand mining request. Milbocker and Sons are requesting a special land use permit for the parcel of property owned by Mark Boss at the north east corner of Arthur St. and 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. Their intent is to strip the existing topsoil and excavate the sand knob to be used for sand sub base for the M-231 bypass project. When complete the topsoil will be replaced. Their haul road will be crossing just north of Arthur St. A rough calculation is approximately 5000 yards of sand will be removed.
20. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve Resolution 2013-24, Resolution of Approval of Special Land Use for Planned Mineral Removal (Milbocker & Sons, Inc. – Boss Property), as modified. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Discussion was held regarding the request for approval for a revised Preliminary Plat, Phase 5 at Hathaway Lakes for Eastbrook Homes. Dale VanKooten, from VanKooten and Meidema was present to answer questions from the board.
22. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to set a special meeting for September 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to review the Preliminary Plat of Hathaway Lakes, Phase 5 and Phase 6. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to appoint Brian Ford to

the Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of the position currently held by Dale Chittenden. All in favor. Motion carried.

24. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to approve bond payments of; \$27,114.50 principal and interest on the \$420,000 bond for the meter station at 144<sup>th</sup> and Leonard.

\$77,860.13 principal and interest on the \$1,275,000 bond for the sewer plant.

\$17,593.75 principal and interest on the water system of 138<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Leonard.

\$8,186.38 interest only for the Spring Lake annual water treatment expansion.

All in favor. Motion carried.

25. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve payment for the 3 forty year title searches necessary for the property purchases for the North Bank Trail (Jablonski, Garzelloni/Hatfield, Ruscett) at a cost of \$250.00 each. All in favor. Motion carried.
26. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to approve the purchase of the BS&A .Net software for the general ledger, accounts payable, payroll, utility billings, and cemetery at a cost of \$5,000 with \$2,500 being paid this year and \$2,500 will be paid next year. All in favor. Motion carried.
27. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Constantine to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23, 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 Jim Brown.
4. Public comments were offered. None were heard.
5. Supervisor Report was offered. Supervisor Stille reported that the Drain Commissioner has informed the township that the drain that runs by Taft/Apple/136<sup>th</sup> Ave (behind the trailer park) needs to be cleaned out. The cost for this is approximately \$26,000. The roads were brined last week. 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. has been closed from Leonard to Cleveland. Supervisor has been in contact with Larry Goldman concerning the strip of property he owns along the proposed North Bank Trail expansion. This property has a Consumers Energy easement on it and is approximately 50 feet wide by ¼ mile long.
6. Treasurer's Report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen stated that the board needs to approve the payment for the airpaks and we can then be reimbursed from the grant.
7. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve payment to Apollo Fire Equipment for \$121,193.98 for the new airpaks. The township will receive reimbursement from grant monies.
8. Clerk's Report was offered. None was heard.
9. Board Member's Committee Reports were offered. Trustee Suchecki stated the Building and Facilities Committee has been working on updating the Recreation Plan and it is almost completed.
10. Mick McGraw was present and gave the board members information which outlined the timeline of significant events at Hathaway Lakes which was reviewed. Mr. McGraw and Dale VanKooten then reviewed the changes that they are proposing to the preliminary plat for phase 5 and phase 6 in Hathaway Lakes.
11. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve Resolution 2013-25, A Resolution Granting Tentative Approval of the Preliminary Plat of Hathaway Lakes No. 5 as revised. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve Resolution 2013-26. Resolution Granting Tentative Approval of the Preliminary Plat of Hathaway Lakes No. 6. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to authorize the Supervisor to sign contract with Ottawa County SWAP Program to do cleanup around the township hall at a cost of \$6.50 per hour, per inmate and supervisor. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to authorize the Supervisor to proceed with negotiations with Larry Goldman for the parcel of property

needed for the North Bank Trail expansion for a cost up to \$1,500.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

15. Discussion and review of the proposed Comprehensive Plan was held.
16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to approve sending the proposed Comprehensive Plan back to the Planning Commission with comments and do not approve distribution at this time. 4 – Yes, 1-No. Motion carried.
17. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk