

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON MAY 14, 2012

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.
Absent: VanBemmelen
Others present were Fire Chief Gary Dreyer and Attorney James Brown.
4. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2012 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. John Ruiter commented that the road brining is not good .Supervisor Stille stated that John White from White Truck has been contacted and they will be coming back to reapply tomorrow.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that the Township's clean up day was Saturday, May 12. It went very well and he thanked all the volunteers who assisted with this clean up. Three dumpsters were filled and another had to be brought in for the overflow. There were less tires this year, as only 8 were collected. The Supervisor received correspondence from a company called Abonmarche, makers of a ground penetrating radar which could be used to identify vacant graves in the cemeteries. He has requested more information. We have received a quote for fence cap for the ball field. For 1325 feet the cost would be\$3,651.00. The insurance carrier has asked the township to install this on the top of the fence around the ball field. Supervisor Stille received a call from the Ottawa County Road Commission stating that MDOT would like to replace and realign the Nunica Drain that runs into the construction area at 112th and Cleveland. The Road Commission is suggesting that the \$13,000.00 cost be split 3 ways. The Road Commission a third, the Drain Commission a third, and the Township a third. A call was received from Jim Garzelloni representing Bill Hatfield and himself. He stated that a purchase price for the railroad trestle and property may be closer to the originally discussed price. Supervisor Stille had a meeting with the Road Commission to discuss the costs of operating the sewer plant. The costs continue to rise faster than the revenue. The Road Commission is requesting a meeting with the entire Board, so a work session will probably be planned for this purpose. The Crockery Citizens Committee will be hosting an Appreciation Dinner on August 20th.
8. Clerk's report was offered. The company that has the pop machine in the hallway has notified us that they will be removing the machine unless the Township wants to lease or purchase this machine. It would be \$225.00 per year to lease or \$450.00 to purchase. It was the feeling of the Board to tell them to go ahead and remove the machine.

9. Committee Chair Reports were offered. Pat Best, Chairperson of the Cemetery Committee reminded everyone that the spring cemetery cleanup is scheduled for Wednesday, the 16th at 6:00 p.m. at Ottawa Center Cemetery. The cleanup for the Nunica Cemetery will be on Saturday, the 19th at 9:00 a.m. The Boy Scouts have already been placing flags at the graves of veterans in preparation for Memorial Day.
10. State Senator Arlan Meekhof was present and he gave an update on the progress being made in Lansing to get the State's budget prepared by June 1. Senator Meekhof also gave a legislative update. He stated we should see a very small increase in Revenue Sharing this year.
11. Fire Chief's report was offered. Chief Dreyer stated that the FDAC held an interview for Staci Olson. She is currently completing her firefighter training which she has paid for herself. She will be taking her exams this week and then graduating. The FDAC is recommending that the Board hire Staci Olson contingent on her passing a medical firefighter physical and the physical agility test. Chief Dreyer is seeking approval to purchase 5 new cylinders for the air packs. These are the last to be cycled out with a 2012 expiration date. He is asking to purchase them from Structural Composite, Inc. for \$2,548.40. This is a budgeted item so funds are available.
12. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve the hiring of Staci Olson to the fire department contingent on her passing a medical firefighters physical and the physical agility test. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to authorize Chief Dreyer to purchase five new cylinders for air packs from Structural Composite Inc. at a cost of \$2548.40. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Discussion was held on the proposed rezoning of the Gordon Chittenden property.
15. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Constantine to adopt Ordinance 2012-03, Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery (Rezoning of 15736 138th Ave. from R-1 District to AG-2 District owned by Gordon Chittenden). Roll Call: Suchecki, Buchanan, Stille, Constantine – Yes. Motion carried.
16. Discussion was held on the final approval of Hathaway Lakes Phase 4. It consists of 17 lots located on the east side of the property.
17. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2012- 08 , To Approve the Final Plan For Phase 4 of Hathaway Lakes, and authorize the Clerk to sign the mylar. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Discussion was held on Hathaway Lakes Phase 5 and Phase 6.
19. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2012- 09, Resolution for Tentative Preliminary Approval of the Plat Plans for Phase 5. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to set June 18th at 7:00 p.m. as the Public Hearing date for the 2012-2013 Budget. All in favor. Motion carried.

21. Discussion was held on the proposed 136th Road expansion and improvement. Assessment options were reviewed. Residents Lucas Britton, Dave and Jennifer Willis spoke against the proposed expansion.
22. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk