

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 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, Constantine. Absent: VanBemmelen. Others present were Attorney Ross Leisman and Fire Chief Dreyer.
4. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Constantine to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2012 Regular Meeting with modifications. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve the disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. There were none.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that two concrete slabs have been installed behind the townhall and the new concrete in the front will be done in the spring so the salt that will be used this winter will not eat away at the new cement. Supervisor Stille had the use of a stump grinder and removed one at the east end of the townhall. The Natural Resource Trust Fund gave approval to our grant request for the purchase of property for the North Bank Trail. This would be for the Jablonski property, the Garzelloni-Hatfield property, and an easement with Ruscetts for a total of \$150,000.00. In the spring we will need to have a DNR appraisal. We now need to have a 25% matching grant. Supervisor Stille has sent out letters seeking donations for the project and we still have a grant application out that we have not heard on yet. There is currently a property issue at a residence on Apple Drive that the zoning enforcer has been dealing with. It is a two story house that the family occupies the second floor and their dogs live on the main floor. The yard has had junk/trash issues and Consumers has reported that there is no electricity to the residence. They have been given a week to correct the situation. The Mutual Aid Agreement with Coopersville-Polkton has been signed.
8. The Treasurer's report was not heard due to the absence of Treasurer VanBemmelen.
9. Clerk's report was offered. None heard.
10. Fire Chief Gary Dreyer reported that the fire department has received a \$3,000.00 grant from the Grand Haven Area Foundation. This along with the \$4,000.00 grant that was received from Trans-Canada Pipeline will be used toward the Polaris-Ranger project. Chief Dreyer would like to send out letters seeking donations to complete the fundraising for this project. Firefighter Adam VanDyke has submitted a letter of resignation from the department due to recent changes in his life. Firefighter Katie Lasich is requesting a six month leave of absence.
11. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to accept the letter of resignation from firefighter Adam VanDyke from the Crockery Fire Department effective today, December 10, 2012. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Constantine to accept the leave of absence request from firefighter Katie Lasich for a period of six months effective immediately. 3 –Yes, 1 -No. Motion carried.

13. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Constantine to makes changes to the classroom lease with West Michigan Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee as requested in a letter dated November 30, 2012. The Township will agree to a 30 month lease and will also agree to exit clause 2 which would allow them to sever the lease with a six (6) month written notice if they were to build a new training center. The Township will not agree with exit clause 1. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve receipt of a \$4,999.00 grant from the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to authorize the Township Attorney, in conjunction with the Township Supervisor to file an appropriate action in Ottawa County Circuit Court, including an injunctive action, to enforce the township ordinances with respect to the two (2) parcels at 12326 Cleveland. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to withdraw acceptance of offer from Big Jim's Trucking (Groeninks) to purchase property at 17067 Main Street based on Big Jim's Trucking Groenink's) failure to comply with motion of November 12, 2012, unless purchasers sign and deliver an acceptable purchase agreement along with \$1,000 in earnest money in certified funds by 5 p.m. on December 17, 2012. The purchase agreement will not be acceptable unless it complies with the terms of the November 12, 2012 motion, and also shall not be conditioned on site plan approval, SEV agreements and additional payments of expenses by Township except the previously agreed \$1,000 towards environmental study. The purchase agreement shall provide for a closing and payment in full by December 31, 2012 and shall otherwise be in a form acceptable to Township Supervisor. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to approve the Township to be closed for the holidays on December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to appoint Rob Constantine and Sean Anderson to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) effective the 1st of the year. These are 4 year terms. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve Greg Todd as the alternate to the Board of Review. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve an increase in wages for the maintenance of the Nunica and Ottawa Area Cemeteries as requested by Sexton Robert Veeneman in a letter dated November 20, 2012. The sexton wage will remain at \$150.00 per month and the maintenance wage will increase \$100.00 per month which will now be \$750.00 per month. The increased wage will include the additional mowing of the area on the west side behind the garage. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Constantine to waive the escrow fee for the SCADA antenna being placed by the Ottawa County at the metering station on State Road. All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to authorize Chief Dreyer to proceed with donation request letters to area businesses for the Polaris Ranger project. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Discussion was held regarding the property needed for the North Bank Trail.

24. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Constantine to adjourn the meeting.  
All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk