

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON JULY 8, 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 Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2013 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2013 Special Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to approve the disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Public comments were offered. None were heard.
8. The Public Hearing on the proposed Special Assessment District for the Crockery Wastewater Treatment Plant was declared open at 7:06 p.m. by Supervisor Stille. The Supervisor reviewed the ongoing situation with the sewer plant operating costs which laid out how we got to where we are today. Supervisor Stille went over the cost each year to operate, the revenue coming in each year, and how much shortfall we have each year of operation. Attorney Mark Nettleton stated that objections to the proposed SAD have been received in a timely manner from property owners Gwen and Jerry Henning, and from Attorney Randy Kraker of the Varnum law firm representing Eastbrook. Mick McGraw, owner of the Hathaway Lakes subdivision stated his objection to the proposed SAD. He listed for the Board the monies the he has paid in regards to the sewer plant. Mr. McGraw also stated that he feels if the Board decides to proceed with the Special Assessment District that it should encompass more of the township than just Hathaway Lakes vacant parcels. Resident Nan VanderHoff, State Road, stated that "she fails to see how the residents of the township would want to pay an assessment for a sewer plant that will be of no benefit to them as they will not be able to hook up to it". Andy Zalsman, State Road, also stated "developers take risks and they are the ones advantaging from the sewer plant. The residents should not have the burden of an assessment". No other comments were heard and after more discussion the Public Hearing was declared closed at 8:11 p.m.
9. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported the house owned by Seth Kooienga on 144th Ave that was destroyed by fire must come down completely. Building Inspector Doug Hopkins will be contacting the owner with the information. The township now has a purchase agreement with Don Jablonski for the property needed for the North Bank Trail. The township will need to meet with Jim Garzelloni and Bill Hatfield regarding the legal description and an extended time frame for the purchase agreement we have with them. On July 11th at 11:00 a.m. the Ottawa County Road Commission will have their annual budget review. Supervisor Stille met with MDOT this morning for an update on the M-231 progress. Within the next two

weeks they will be switching the lanes on I-96. They will open 2 new ramps at 112th. The Board of Review will meet Tuesday, July 16th. Crockery has been notified that we have received a \$120,000.00 MNRTF grant for the purchase of property needed for phase 2 of the North Bank Trail. A FOIA request has been received by a law firm concerning the Planning Commission and Township Board's processes for reviewing and handling the soil and mineral extraction applications for the Rumptz and Boss properties.

10. Treasurer's Report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that the auditor will be in later in September for an audit of the sewer fund. The MTA has sent a roster of officer candidates for MTA. They are requesting the townships approval.
11. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the roster of candidates as presented by the Michigan Township Association. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Clerk's Report was offered. No report was given.
13. Fire Chief's Report was offered. Chief Dreyer stated that the fire department has been reviewing 7 air pack manufacturers over the last year. They have gone back to the top three and reviewed them again and have placed an order for new air packs from Apollo Fire Equipment at a cost of \$121,193.98. The air packs will be paid for from the grant that was received. The board gave approval in June for the Chief to place the order due to an expected price increase the very near future. The FDAC will meet on July 11th. There are two individuals from the fire department that have not been responding to calls or training. Discussions have been held with both firefighters. Since there has been no further communication or involvement from the firefighter, the Fire Chief is asking for their formal dismissal.
14. A review and discussion was held on the proposed Special Assessment Resolution No. 3 regarding the sewer plant.
15. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to table the Special Assessment District Resolution for sewer plant operations. Yes – 3, No- 2. Motion carried.
16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve Ordinance 2013-01, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 2012-04 Entitled "An Ordinance To Regulate The Ignition, Discharge, And Use Of Consumer Fireworks; To Authorize Permits For The Use Of Display Fireworks; And To Provide Penalties For The Violation Thereof". Roll call: Constantine, Stille, VanBemmelen, Buchanan, Suchecki – Yes. Motion carried.
17. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2013-17, Resolution Reaffirming the Supervisor's Salary. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2013-18, Resolution Reaffirming the Treasurer's Salary. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2013-19, Resolution reaffirming the Clerk's Salary
20. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to approve the bid from

Garage Door Specialist, Inc to remove and replace the garage door on the storage building at the Nunica Cemetery for \$590.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

21. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the quote from ICS for online backups and external hard drive for storing township records at a cost of \$410.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to amend Resolution 2013-08, Resolution To Enroll Township In Fire Insurance Withholding Program, inserting Choice One Bank, Coopersville as the depository for escrow accounts. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Discussion was held on the pending lawsuit with Auto Pro. No action taken.
24. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the Fire Chief's recommendation to release Jan Olsen from the fire department. All in favor. Motion carried.
25. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the Fire Chief's recommendation to release Torey Hartney from the fire department. All in favor. Motion carried.
26. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk