

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
HELD ON JANUARY 9, 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, VanBemmelen, Constantine, Buchanan, Suchecki. Others present were Fire Chief Gary Dreyer and Attorney Jim Brown.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2011 Regular Meeting as presented. 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 comment was offered. No comments were heard.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that he recently had an opportunity to inform Eastbrook on our new escrow fees for plats. Tiles Excavating was asked to mow the lot on 144<sup>th</sup> just north of Jeffers School. The house has been repossessed and the yard was extremely overgrown. The mowing has been completed. There will be an MDOT meeting in Grand Rapids on Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will cover the reconstruction from Apple Drive to east of 112th Avenue. The Construction Board of Appeals met and reached a decision on the Spoonville Gun Club building project that is satisfactory to all parties. John Ruiter, our plumbing inspector has raised a question of whether there needs to be an additional plumbing permit added to cover water lines from the property line to the house. (The members of the Board felt this is unnecessary since there is currently a large enough fee in place. There were no objections to an inspection being done).
8. Treasurer's report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that she has received notice that the Jamikey Lake property now belongs to Macatawa Bank. There is no information on any potential plans for the property yet, but Treasurer VanBemmelen reminded the Board that there is an approved plan for development.
9. Clerk's report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported that preparations for the February 28<sup>th</sup> Presidential Primary are under way. State grants for the Electronic Poll Book are available again and Crockery has applied for it. It would provide a laptop and the poll book software for each precinct,
10. Fire Chief's report was offered. Chief Dreyer reported that we have had 270 calls this year. We had 5 building fires, and we are up about 10 on medicals. Motor vehicle calls are about half of what they were last year and our mutual aid calls are up. A letter was received from the Grand Haven Community Foundation offering a \$300.00 grant from the Technical Assistance Fund for a State class on grant writing. The cost of the class is \$485.00 so with the grant the cost to the township would be \$185.00. Dan Zalsman will be attending. Chief Dreyer will be meeting with a representative from Liberty Mutual Insurance to discuss information on a possible \$10,000.00 grant they offer. The Chief was asked for his assistance with an ISO rating from a community in Kent County.

- Sometime this year 561 needs to go in for warranty work on the paint. There are a couple of areas with a small amount of corrosion.
11. Committee Chair's reports were offered. Mike Wallis, Chairperson for the Fire Department Advisory Committee reported that Chief Dreyer's yearly evaluation has been completed. The results are about the same as last year. He also asked if the Board would consider a pizza appreciation dinner for the fire department.
  12. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to authorize Supervisor Stille to sign the Summer 2012 School Tax for OAISD and Spring Lake. All in favor. Motion carried.
  13. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to remove any inspectors (i.e. John Ruitter) due to possible conflicts of interest, from the Construction Board of Appeals and to appoint James Duer to the Construction Board of Appeals. All in favor. Motion carried.
  14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to reappoint Larry VanDussen to the Building and Parks Committee. All in favor. Motion carried.
  15. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to appoint Tom Farage to the vacancy on the Fire Department Advisory Committee. All in favor. Motion carried.
  16. Discussion was held on a possible extension of 136<sup>th</sup> Ave from north of Cleveland Street, south to State Road.
  17. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2012-01, Resolution In Support Of Construction Of 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue From Its Current Terminus North Of Cleveland Street, And Extending North To Its Current Terminus South Of State Road. All in favor. Motion carried.
  18. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to enter into a 63 month lease with conditions for a new copier with Copy Tech. The lease will include a \$1.00 purchase option at end of lease. Roll Call: Suchecki, Buchanan, Stille, Constantine, VanBemmelen – Yes. Motion carried.
  19. Discussion was held on possible window replacement. It was found that the windows go all the way up to the roof which will cost much more than originally projected. Window replacement project will be put on hold for now.
  20. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk