

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON JUNE 9, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stille at 7:04 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Roll call: Present: Stille, Buchanan, VanBemmelen, Constantine, Suchecki.
Others present: Attorney Ron Redick. Fire Chief John Kriger and Deputy Chief Kyle Botbyl.
4. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. No comments were heard.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that there was a meeting down at Larry VanDussen's corner property. A part of the sidewalk was removed and was not replaced. The removal was tracked down to a telecommunication company that was doing work there. They will be replacing 35 feet of sidewalk in the next week.
The North Bank Trail Phase 2 is nearing completion with just hydro-seeding needing to be applied. Work on the Spoonville Trail has started and reportedly will be completed this summer.
The fire department sign at the station is positioned in a location that the bike path will need to go around it.
More information on the sewer negotiations was received from Pat Staskewicz. The sewer authority passed a motion at their last meeting to continue the discussion on Crockery Township being allowed to join the authority. They are requesting further information from the County.
Supervisor Stille met with the Water Resources Commissioner about the Pollie Drain as several residents have complained about flooding along the drain. Bill Hatfield took Supervisor Stille on a tour to see the area of the drain that is bottlenecked and the Supervisor is requesting the county clean out the drain.
8. Treasurer's Report was offered. No report was heard.
9. Clerk's Report was offered. The fence at the Ottawa Center Cemetery is in need of a cleaning. It was suggested that a neighbor is willing to run hoses from his outside water source for a power washer and Larry VanDussen has offered to do the cleaning. Chief Kriger stated that the tanker has a hose adapter and could be used for the water source.
10. Fire department report was given by Chief Kriger. He reported that the department responded to 15 calls last month. The past 2 months have seen a reduction in calls for us and for surrounding communities, most likely due to Covid-19. This Sunday morning the department will be burning the house on the former Solow property on M-104 as training. Chief Kriger has been informed that the top asphalt coat will be put down at the station this Saturday, so the trucks will be stationed elsewhere.

11. Attorney Ron Redick reported that he has received the Harmon plans and he will review them and if satisfactory they will be attached to the consent judgement. He also stated that next Tuesday, the Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on adult use marijuana, so we may be having it come to us in July.
12. Trustee Constantine stated that the new curb in front of the post office should be extended because people are driving up on the lawn.
13. Supervisor Stille called the public hearing on the annual budget and proposed millage rates for 2020-2021 to order at 7:16 p.m. Treasurer VanBemmelen presented an overview of the proposed budget and Supervisor Stille listed the millage rates. Public Comments were offered. Erik Erhorn asked if the budget could be posted on the website. No other comments were heard. The public hearing was closed at 7:22 p.m.
14. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2020-11, Resolution Approving Annual Township Budget and Determine Tentative Property Tax Rates For Support Budget. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to set Thursday, July 23, 2020 for the trail dedication and to have the fire station open for residents to be able to see the addition. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2020-12, Crockery Township Recognized Holidays and Meeting Dates. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2020-13, Extension Of The North Bank Trail-TF17-0048. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2020-14, Consumers Energy Lighting Contract [for State and 136th] and authorize the Clerk to sign. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Constantine to approve continuing the Provident Insurance policy for the 3-year plan for a total cost of \$5,133.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk