

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2020

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, VanBemmelen, Constantine, Suchecki.
Others present: Attorney Ron Redick, Fire Chief John Kriger.
4. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the minutes of the September 8, 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. None heard.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that the tree trimming and gravel placement has been completed with donations at the North Bank Trailhead. Crummy Movers has assured the Supervisor that the caboose will be moved sometime in October.
8. Treasurer's Report was offered. None heard.
9. Clerk's Report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported that she applied for a grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life for the purpose of operating a safe and secure election. Crockery Township was awarded \$5,000 which will be used to help cover the costs of PPE, window barriers, and securing the ballot drop box. The Clerk also applied for a First Responder Hazard Pay Grant. This would pay our firefighters who responded to calls during Covid-19 additional money based on how many runs they responded to from March 1, 2020 through September 2020 and would cap out at \$1,000 per firefighter.
A representative from St. Luke's Church has requested to be able to place a donation box in the vestibule at the town hall for the purpose of collecting food items for the church's food pantry. The need for the food pantry has greatly increased during this time of Covid-19. The consensus of the Board was to allow a donation box at town hall.
10. Fire Chief's report was offered. The department responded to 21 calls with one being a fire call, and a fire assist to Coopersville. Chief Kriger stated that the firefighters are having a problem with the placement of the fire hydrant between the bike path and the fire station parking lot. They would like a cement pad poured there or could the hydrant be moved.
11. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to relocate the hydrant at the station to the edge of the parking lot. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Committee Chair reports were offered. No reports were heard.
13. Board Member Committee reports were offered. No reports were heard.
14. Pat Staskiewicz led another discussion on the feasibility of Crockery joining the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority for the purpose of handling the sewage from Hathaway Lakes. It has been determined that there is capacity to handle Crockery's wastewater, so the next step will be to pass a resolution

formally asking to become a customer of the Spring Lake Township Wastewater System. It is still unknown at this time whether the Hathaway Lakes and Cobblestone customers will see any savings.

15. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to authorize Phase 1 and 2 engineering for the sewer line connecting to the Spring Lake Township line up to \$35,000. All in Favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to authorize Pat Staskiewicz to act as our representative in negotiating contracts for becoming a Spring Lake Township wastewater system customer. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Discussion was held on the current status at the Grand River Landing sites as the township continues to try to assist the owners with the requirements from EGLE.
18. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to give a 30 day extension to the Grand River Landing Condominium owners. Vote taken; Yes – 4, No- 1. Motion carried.
19. Discussion was led by Treasurer VanBemmelen about a possible increase to the clerk’s salary due to the increased work load with the marijuana facilities application and licensing procedures. The Clerk’s salary would be increased by \$500 per month, and be retroactive to the beginning of the current fiscal year.
20. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2020-21, Resolution To Establish Township Officer’s Salary [Clerk]. All in favor. Yes – 4, with Clerk Buchanan abstaining. Motion carried.
21. Discussion was held on a request from Chris Bade to purchase from the township the parcel of land directly North of the Eagle North Condominium. This is the same parcel that the Board agreed to sell to Doug Melching and Mike Murphy a few years ago, however that sale was not completed.
22. Motion by VanBemmelen,, seconded by Suchecki to approve the sale on parcel #70-04-16-400-004 for \$20,000 with the purchaser paying for the survey and all legal costs. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Discussion was held regarding Rick Brown doing some excavating on township property in an area assumed to be wetlands without the township’s permission. Attorney Redick will send a letter to Mr. Brown telling him to stop excavating until he obtains proper permitting.
24. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk