

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Suchecki to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan 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 there was a meeting scheduled for Friday of this week with representatives from EGLE (Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy) to discuss the situation at the Grand River Landing located at the end of 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. This will be a zoom meeting. EGLE is stating that all three season rooms must be removed and park models must be made into an RV which can be moved. Negotiations on the proposed sewer project continue to be a work in progress, and is being held up by Spring Lake Village having a large influx of ground water entering the system. This is delaying the assessment of the capacity needs. If the process moves forward it will probably require contracts with Spring Lake Township, Spring Lake Village, Ferrysburg and the sewer authority. Ottawa County's Spoonville Trail construction is continuing along Leonard Road and will be brought into Nunica. The rails and ties have been set at the trailhead for the caboose. Supervisor Stille believes that the caboose could be moved on site sometime in the next few weeks.
8. Treasurer's Report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> is the last day to pay property taxes. The State of Michigan assessing audit came back with 100% compliance.
9. Clerk's Report was offered. Clerk Buchanan would like the Board to consider a pay raise for the election receiving board due to the addition of the absent voter counting board and the deputy clerk due to the additional work load the 2018 law change has created.
10. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve election receiving board and office staff pay increases for which there was Board consensus. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. Fire Chief's report was offered. There will be no fire department open house this fall due to Covid-19. The two firefighters that were approved for hire at the last meeting have both passed the physical agility test and physical so they are good to go. There is one more applicant that is attending the training tonight. The department responded to 36 calls last month.
12. Committee Chair reports were offered. No reports were heard.

13. Board Member Committee reports were offered. None was heard.
14. Supervisor Stille called the public hearing for two no wake zones on the Grand River to order at 7:30 p.m. The Supervisor and Attorney Redick gave a brief overview of the proposed resolutions. One is for the river area in front of the Conestoga Campground and the second is for the area of the river between Mezeske's island and their property. Public comments were offered and both land owners were present, but chose not to comment further at this time because they had spoke about the problems caused by wakes at the August 11, 2020 Crockery Township Board Meeting. During the public hearing, the Board also considered the comments offered by the adjacent landowners on August 11, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Mezeske spoke about the problems they are having with boats creating wake along the Grand River in front of their property. Boats and jet skis are traveling at high speeds through the channel area between the island and the shoreline in front of their house. Many times they have witnessed watercraft come dangerously close to their dock. The wake is also causing erosion and damage to the shoreline at a rapid pace. They are requesting the township's assistance in having a no-wake in this area.  
Dawn Detra, a representative from Conestoga Campground stated the campground is also asking for the township to help in getting a no-wake area in front of the campground. They stated that boats and jet skis are traveling at fast speeds and that wake created is causing damage to the docks and boats moored at their docks. People on the docks are often put in danger of being thrown into the Grand River due to the wake. They also stated there is significant erosion as a result of the high water and wake from watercraft. No comments opposed to the resolutions were heard. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:39 p.m.
15. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2020-17, Resolution To Request That The Michigan Department Of Natural Resources Recommend A Special Local Ordinance For A No-Wake Zone On The Grand River [Conestoga Campground, 9720 Oriole Drive]. All in Favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2020-18, Resolution To Request That The Michigan Department Of Natural Resources Recommend A Special Local Ordinance For A No-Wake Zone On The Grand River [Northerly Channel of Grand River, adjacent to Mezeske parcels]. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Ordinance 2020-12, An Ordinance To Amend Township Ordinance No.2020-9, The Township Adult Use Marijuana Establishment Ordinance. Vote taken; Yes – 4, No- 1. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2020-19, Resolution To Redetermine Annual Special Assessment For Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District No.1. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by VanBemmelen,, seconded by Buchanan to approve making a payment to Ottawa County in the amount of \$38,407.44 to pay off Crockery Township's assessment balance on the Hecksel Drain. 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 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan  
Crockery Township Clerk