

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2019

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.  
Absent: Suchecki  
Others present: Recording Secretary Tammie Anderson, Fire Chief John Kriger and Attorney Ron Redick.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to approve disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. None was heard.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that Bob Toland received a notice about sand mining on the Steve Waite property but no permit applications have been received at the township hall. Ed Rusticus was in court today with the Tenbrink case. No one was there representing Mr. Tenbrink, and the most recent pictures show more junk on the property. The court issued a deadline for Mr. Tenbrink to complete clean-up or the township is authorized to proceed with clean-up and the cost of the clean-up will then be charged to Mr. Tenbrink.  
The Hundley property has been satisfactorily cleaned up provided some barrels and a trailer are removed from the property.  
Supervisor Stille reported that he and Lucas Hill met with Mr. Siebelink regarding the use of the railroad bed as an easement for the North Bank Trail as it leads to 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the trailhead in town.  
Supervisor Stille reported that he had Stille Construction come and look at the hole in the overhang that is located at the entrance to the town hall. The roof in that area is made of metal and due to the hole allowing water to enter, and is now causing the metal to rust. The recommendation is to plug the hole in the roof for the winter and look into a new roof in that area in the spring.  
Supervisor Stille reported that he met with Pat Staskiewicz and Mark Nettleton to discuss the water/sewer funds. Mark stated the bill of sale was never completed and that there are a lot of details to figure out.  
The search warrant for Groenink's was served and the fire inspection was done without incident. The fire marshal did find about 21 items that need to be corrected to be in compliance.  
The sheriff department was out to look through the building to determine a security plan for the township hall. That report will be available at the next board meeting.  
It has come to the attention of the township that Versatile Woods is conducting a second business at the same address. The attorney will be looking into any ordinance issues with this.  
There will not be an MTA Christmas Party this year.

8. Treasurer's Report was offered. Winter taxes will be finished soon and will then be sent to the printer.
9. Clerk's Report was offered. There is a tree in the Ottawa Center Cemetery that is in question as to whether it should come down. If the big branch falls it will most likely damage headstones. Clerk Buchanan is requesting a survey of the rear parcel line so that it is clear what trees belong to the township and what trees are on private property. Supervisor Stille did mention that he did ask the tree trimmers to take down the 2 dead pine trees and a branch that came down in the cemetery. Clerk Buchanan sat in on the last Cemetery Committee meeting and asked that they clarify a few items with the ordinance and they will be doing so. There were some questions about grave markers and they will allow what is there and refine the ordinance for the future.
10. Fire Chief's report was given. Fire Chief Kriger reported that they have been busy. They did have an Agricultural Training Class this last weekend at the Crockery Fire Department. It was a good class and very educational. A gentleman by the name of Jordan has approached the fire chief and asked if Crockery Fire Department would sponsor him to attend the Ottawa County Fire Academy. Fire Chief Kriger reported that Jordan is willing to pay for all fees and that he just needs the sponsorship.
11. Committee Chair reports were offered. No reports were heard.
12. Board Member Committee reports were offered. No reports were heard.
13. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve that Stille Construction plug the hole in the roof at the township hall. All in favor, Motion carried.
14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to approve authorization of a survey of the rear property line of the Ottawa Center Cemetery to be done by Brian Ford. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to approve the sponsorship of Jordan for Ottawa County Fire Academy following the signing of an agreement that includes a liability clause that Crockery Township and Crockery Fire Department is not responsible. Jordan will assume all financial responsibility per his request. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Ordinance 2019-19, An Ordinance To Regulate The Division Of Parcels Or Tracts Of Land In Order To Carry Out The Provisions O Michigan Public Act 288 Of 1967, As Amended, Being The Land Division Act; To Establish Minimum Requirements And Procedures For The Approval Of Such Land Divisions And To Prescribe Penalties For The Violation Of This Ordinance; And, To Repeal Prior Inconsistent Ordinances. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Constantine to approve Ryan Arends to submit a MNRTF and MDOT-TAP grant for Nunica to 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue trail, including estimate for trailhead and 2 miles of trail. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve Supervisor Stille to submit for other grants to complete trailhead development. All in favor. Motion carried.

19. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to reappoint committee members that are up for reappointment in December 2019 and January 2020 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to approve the Spring Lake Area Recreation Commission annual contribution in the amount of \$3600.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to accept the snow removal bid received by Precision Edge Lawn Care for the 2019-2020 winter season. All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2019-31, Resolution to Approve Eighth Amendment to Condominium Master Deed, Pursuant to Circuit Court Judgement (Waybury Condominiums at Hathaway Lakes). All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to approve the creation of an Economic Development Advisory Committee and appointments to it. All in favor. Motion carried.
24. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to approve the progress payment in the amount of 145,991.80 to Wolverine Building Group for fire station addition. All in favor. Motion carried.
25. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Constantine to approve a pay raise to sexton Robert Veeneman beginning January 1, 2019 as submitted in a statement dated November 11, 2019. All in favor. Motion carried.
26. Trustee Constantine informed the board that the water is off in the cemetery and the lines have been blown out.
27. Trustee Constantine inquired on a thank you to Roy Holmes for his willingness to allow the fire trucks to be parked in his building during the paving phase of the construction at the fire station. Supervisor Stille agreed to write a letter to be sent to Mr. Holmes.
28. Trustee Constantine inquired about whether there has been any new information regarding the Spoonville Trail extension. Supervisor Stille stated that county will be resubmitting for bids in February 2020.
29. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by

Tammie Anderson, Recording Secretary  
Crockery Township