

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON OCTOBER 12, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Erhorn at 7:01 p.m.
2. Roll call: Present: Erik Erhorn, Kathy Buchanan, Judy VanBemmelen, Ryan Kelly, Rich Suchecki.
Others present: Attorney Ron Redick and Deputy Fire Chief Kyle Botbyl.
3. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Suchecki seconded by Buchanan to approve disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Buchanan seconded by Suchecki to approve the agenda with the addition of item i. insulation quote, item j. budget amendments, and item k. payoff the State Infrastructure Loan with Spring Lake Village for Phase 2 of the North Bank Trail. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. No public comments were heard at this time.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was offered. Supervisor Erhorn reported that the locks will be replaced in the front doors of the town hall. This is because we have a problem with getting any extra keys made for the existing locks due to them being high security locks.
CopperRock has notified the township that there will be approximately a month delay on the delivery of the pavilion for the Nunica Junction Trailhead.
The generator for the fire station is also going to be delayed by at least a month.
The Community Foundation has grants available for the local communities in celebration of their 50th anniversary. This is currently being promoted on Facebook with each of the communities submitting 2-3 projects for the public to vote on. Crockery submitted one for trailhead amenities, and one for benches and garbage receptacles for along the trail. The community voted for the trailhead amenities which include picnic tables, a sign, and an information kiosk. These items will be ordered as soon as the grant funds are available.
The Planning Commission will have 3 site plans for review at the November meeting.
8. Clerk's report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported that she and Deputy Clerk Della Kiser met with Ryan Arend from Moore & Bruggink to discuss moving forward with the approved cemetery expansion and GIS mapping. The proposed completion date for the expansion bid package is February 16, 2022 and the GIS application February 25th.
The Clerk was recently informed of some railroad items that came to us when the caboose was placed at the trailhead. They have been stored in a local barn, but will need to be moved soon.
9. Treasurer's report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that the December tax bills are being prepared.
10. Fire Chief's report was offered. Deputy Chief Botbyl reported that the department responded to 31 calls last month with a total of 299 for the year.

The department has received a letter of resignation from Mike Killebrew, and a verbal resignation from Jacob Dyer. These firefighters have not been active in the department for an extended period of time.

The department is requesting approval to purchase three new sets of turnout gear at a cost of \$2,669 per set. These are included in the fire department yearly budget since the gear has a limited time frame.

11. Attorney's report was offered. Attorney Redick informed the Board that a letter has been sent to Patrick Harmon regarding his compliance extension until December 31, 2021. The letter also stated that no further extensions will be granted.
The Motion for Summary Disposition will be heard on November 1st on the AZKO lawsuit.
12. Board Member report was offered. No report was heard.
13. Motion by Erhorn, seconded by VanBemmelen to accept the letter of resignation from firefighter Mike Killebrew. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to accept the verbal resignation from firefighter Jacob Dyer. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve the purchase of three sets of turn out gear for the fire department at a cost of \$2,669 per set, as supported by the budget. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2021-12, Resolution To Approve 12th Amendment To Condominium Master Deed, Pursuant To Circuit Court Judgement [Waybury Condominiums at Hathaway Lakes]. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve the amended Spring Lake Village sewer buy-in for \$86,470.80. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Discussion was held on the Hortech request to create an Industrial Development District which would include 8 parcels. The Board feels strongly that the parcels with residential buildings would need to be split from their remaining parcel, and the properties on Cleveland should be combined into one parcel. This should be completed before the creation of the Industrial Development District.
19. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to table a motion on the Hortech Industrial Development District request until the splits are completed on the parcels with houses. The remaining properties should also be combined into one large parcel. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to accept the quote from Michigan Chloride Sales for the 2022 road brining at .22 per gallon. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Discussion was held regarding the disagreement with Ottawa County over ownership of the Spoonville Trail. Crockery Township has always believed that Spoonville was the County's trail. They named, engineered, built and financed the trail. Now, through the County's attorney they are stating it is Crockery's trail and therefore we are responsible for all maintenance and repair to the trail. While the township is finalizing the process of hiring an attorney to take this matter to court, the County has offered a possible proposition where the Township will pay

\$5,000 for 25 years to the County for maintenance of the trail and the County will state to being owners of the trail. The Township had previously agreed by a resolution that we would only mow and sweep the trail. Any terms agreed upon would need to be approved by the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners.

22. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to counter the County at \$3,000 per year for 25 years to be used for Spoonville Trail maintenance, and the County will state to being the owners of the trail. Roll call: Buchanan, Erhorn, Kelly – Yes, Suchecki, VanBemmelen – No. Motion carried by a 3-2 vote.
23. Discussion was held on the request from Eastbrook to build a portion of 136th Ave. located in the Hathaway Lakes subdivision, to private road standards even though it is in the public road right-of-way.
24. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Erhorn to decline to sign off on the Eastbrook and Ottawa County's request for a private road to be built in the public road right-of-way on 136th Ave. All in favor. Motion carried.
25. Motion by Buchanan seconded by Kelly to accept the quote with the option from Advanced Insulation Technologies for spray foam installation at the fire station in the original truck bay area. The cost for this project is \$26,650 All in favor. Motion carried.
26. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve the budget amendments for Fund 218 – Trails/Pathways as requested by the Treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.
27. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Buchanan to approve paying off the State Infrastructure Loan with Spring Lake Village for \$152,437.50. All in favor. Motion carried.
28. Discussion was held on the water system regarding looping the system. The Township will request the engineer explore options, and the pros and cons of each of those options. A work session will then be held to discuss how to best move forward.
29. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk