

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Erhorn at 7:04 p.m.
2. Roll call: Present: Erik Erhorn, Kathy Buchanan, Judy VanBemmelen, Ryan Kelly, and Rich Suchecki.
Others present: Fire Chief John Kriger and Attorney Ron Redick.
3. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 Regular Meeting, as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Kelly to approve disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Public comments were offered. No comments were heard.
6. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was offered. Supervisor Erhorn stated that committee applications are available for residents who would be interested in serving on township committees. The Supervisor stated that he would like them distributed, and if there are several returned, then a couple of Board members can interview the applicants. The Board will have several appointments to make before the end of the year.
7. Clerk's report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported that the DNR public hearing on the Mezeske No-Wake request for the Grand River was held on September 1, 2021 at the town hall. This matter will now go back to the State for a final determination, and they will notify Crockery Township on their decision.
8. Fire Chief's report was offered. Chief Kriger reported that the department responded to 272 incidents for the year. The Fire Safety Open House has been canceled for this year, partly due to the surrounding area departments which take part in our event canceling their own due to Covid.
The tentative build date for the new truck chassis is October 11 and should take two weeks. Representatives from the department will then go to inspect and drive it.
Chief Kriger has a firefighter applicant Jeff Vollmer that he is recommending for hiring.
9. Discussion was held regarding a couple of inactive firefighters. The Board feels that by next month's board meeting we need to see that those firefighters are responding to calls and attending trainings, or they have submitted a letter of resignation. If neither has been done within that time frame, then the Township will terminate their employment.
10. Board member committee reports were offered. Trustee Suchecki reported that there is no agenda for the September Planning Commission meeting.
Trustee Kelly reported that he will be attending a West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) on September 15th.
11. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Buchanan to approve the hiring of Jeffrey Vollmer pending Mr. Vollmer can provide a copy of a current physical that

- shows he is medically cleared for the duties of a firefighter. He has already passed the physical agility test. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve the budget amendments to close out the 2020-2021 fiscal year as recommended by the Treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.
 13. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to approve calling the bonds on the Water System District #11, \$420,000 Extension and Improvement 2005 Bond, as recommended by the Treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.
 14. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Buchanan to approve the bond payments (principal & interest) for the following bonds:
 - 2009 Nows WTP Expansion – Crockery Share 7.16% - \$6,933.36
 - Sewage Disposal System 2004 - \$82,471.88
 - CT 2021 Sewer Improvements - \$63,334.44All in favor. Motion carried.
 15. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to accept the quote from WebTechs, Inc. for website design & implementation at a cost of \$5,000, with a yearly fee of \$2,500 for general maintenance and ongoing content. Yes – 4, No – 1. Motion carried.
 16. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Buchanan to approve items 1 and 2 of the proposal from Moore and Bruggink for expansion and GIS mapping of the Nunica Cemetery at a cost of \$34,000. All in favor. Motion carried.
 17. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to approve an extension as requested by Patrick Harmon for completion and compliance of his building on Garfield until December 31, 2021. No further extensions will be granted. All in favor. Motion carried.
 18. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to approve a 60 day extension beyond any possible EGLE approval of the hydrologic study for Grand River Landing. All in favor. Motion carried.
 19. Discussion was held again regarding outside council for a possible lawsuit involving the County regarding ownership of the Spoonville Trail. Crockery Township has always believed Ottawa County to be the owners of the trail. Ottawa County is now telling the Township that Crockery owns it. The Township is seeking outside council due to a conflict of interest with our legal counsel and the County. We have received a quote from one law firm and should be receiving a second law firm's quote in a few days. When we have both the Board will need to decide which firm to proceed with.
 20. Public comments were offered. No comments were heard.
 21. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk