

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON JUNE 13, 2016

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, VanBemmelen, Constantine, Suchecki, Buchanan. Others present were Attorney Jim Brown, and Fire Chief Gary Dreyer.
4. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2016 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to approve the disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. Jim Lilly introduced himself and stated that he is a candidate for the Michigan State House of Representatives in the 89th District. This is the seat to be vacated by term limited State Rep. Amanda Price. Mr. Lilly is from Park Township and he spoke of his background in finance and his reasons for running for this seat.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that brining took place on June 1st. The supervisor and our Zoning Enforcement Officer visited Alfred Smith's property. He reported that 90 percent has been cleaned up. All vehicles have been removed. He will continue with the rest of the cleanup and he was told not to accumulate any more. The E-Tankers settlement agreement has been signed and a check for the first payment has been received. Mrs. Hitsman, State Road, was in court over the accumulation of junk on her property and she was fined. The Nunica Cemetery has been re-graveled. A large tree has been removed from Ottawa Cemetery. LP Tree Service cut the tree down, volunteers cut up and removed the wood and Tiles Excavating removed the extremely large stump.
8. Treasurer's report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that we had a very large turnout for trash day. 19.72 tons of trash was collected. She also reported that the township will soon be able to accept credit cards for payment of taxes and water bills. Tax bills have been sent to the printer.
9. Clerk's report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported that the May election went very well. Unfortunately there was a very small turnout, but it did give the township the opportunity to use the dual e-pollbook system that is now allowed by the State. Hopefully this system will help move the voting process along faster on election days. We will also be ordering some new voting booths which will be added to what we already have. The State requires a certain number of voting booths be available to voters based on the number of registered voters in each precinct.
10. Fire Chief's report was given. Chief Dreyer stated that two weeks ago lines were down across the road at the intersection of Main and South Street. The road was closed to the north and south with traffic re-routed. Firefighters and trucks were on duty at those intersections. It took Frontier 5 hours to respond. With the Cost Recovery Ordinance in place the Fire Chief has billed Frontier for the manpower and equipment that was on duty. The township was asked to assist with a tanker for the bascule bridge wash and a bill has been sent for reimbursement for labor

and equipment for this also. Chief Dreyer went to Hathaway Lakes looking for the installation of parking spots and No Parking signs that were to be installed as agreed upon. There has been no work done as of that time. A week ago the Chief attended the Central Dispatch meeting and the 800 megahertz paging system is still being discussed for the fire department switch over. Chief Dreyer would like to put a freeze on new radio purchases until it is more clear on what Ottawa County will be doing.

11. Trustee Suchecki reported that when he was in Hathaway Lakes recently he saw a cement pumper truck that was working on a job site in the subdivision was parked on the bike path.
12. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to authorize the Supervisor to sign the judgment for Crockery Township vs. E-Tankers. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2016-11, Resolution to Approve Recognized Holiday and Meeting Dates. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to allocate \$8,000 from the general fund to put towards engineering expenses for the completion of the bike trail portion that is the I-96 underpass. These funds will be added to several other grants and donations that have been designated for this project. Yes – 4, No - 1. Motion carries.
15. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to refund \$2,000 demolition escrow to Dr. and Mrs. Fett for the demolition of a home on their property on 144th Ave. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Supervisor Stille declared the public hearing for the proposed 2016-17 budget open at 8:50 p.m. Treasurer VanBemmelen explained the proposed changes in the budget and discussion was held. Supervisor Stille asked if the public had any questions or comments, and after hearing none, the public hearing was closed at 9:45 p.m.
17. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2016-12, Resolution to Approving Annual Township Budget and Determine Tentative Property Tax Rates for Support of Budget. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to increase elected officials salary by \$1000 annually. 4-yes, 1- no. Motion carries.
19. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to increase the Trustee meeting pay to \$150. 4- yes, 1- no. Motion carries.
20. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to go into closed session to discuss a written legal opinion of the attorney. All in favor. Motion carried. We went into closed session at 9:59 p.m. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to end the closed session. All in favor. Motion carried. Came out of closed session at 10:08 p.m.
21. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to purchase a \$100 Jack's gift certificate for Jon Tiles in appreciation for his assistance with a loader at the township cleanup day. All in favor. Motion carried.

22. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All in Favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk