

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2013

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, Suchecki, VanBemmelen
Excused Absence: Constantine
Also present were Attorney James Brown and Fire Chief Gary Dreyer.
4. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2013 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. None were heard.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that he has been trying to make contact with Jim Garzelloni and Bill Hatfield regarding the purchase option the township has with them for the proposed North Bank Trail. We executed the option with them almost a year ago so we need to renew the option for another year. There also will need to be a change in the language regarding the 50 foot railway right-of-way. Attorney Jim Brown while working on a title search located a document from 1865 granting a 50 foot right-of-way to the railway. The problem lies in not having a proper description of exactly where that right-of-way is located. Supervisor Stille met with Tom Newhof from Prein & Newhof to seek his assistance in preparing a request for bid document for sewer plant operations. Supervisor Stille is setting up meetings with other sewer facility operators to see if we can lower the plant operating costs by going with an independent operator. He has already met with Infrastructure Alternative at the sewer plant. Mick McGraw from Eastbrook has also provided Supervisor Stille with contact information for Brian Powell from Douglas Environmental. Supervisor Stille has called but has not received a response as of yet. Supervisor Stille had a meeting with MDOT. They want the township to change the proposed bike path route for getting from the Jablonski property to the new underpass. The path would follow around the east side of the cemetery, down M-104 to the corner of 120th, then across the street and north to the underpass. Supervisor Stille will try to contact the owners of the Greenburg property, which is adjacent to the Jablonski property, so the path could possibly go through that parcel out to Dickinson and over to the underpass. The Kooienga house on 144th Ave. that was destroyed by a fire is now down on the ground and they will be hauling the debris away.
8. Treasurer's Report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that the sewer bill for July is \$6,889.00. The Treasurer has received an e-mail from Auditor Derek Hall stating that the sewer audit will be taking place shortly.
9. Clerk's Report was offered. No report was given.
10. Fire Chief's Report was offered. Chief Dreyer stated that the FDAC

interviewed Roy Bronnekant for a position with the fire department. He lives at Wilson & 120th and has had experience in the state of New York. The background check came back clear and the FDAC is recommending the township hire him as a firefighter. Chief Dreyer also provided the board members with a copy of the Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement. The proposed changes have been highlighted.

11. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve hiring Roy Bronnekant as a member of the fire department provided he pass a medical physical and physical agility test. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to proceed with signing the Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement as requested by the Fire Chief. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to set a Public Hearing for establishing an Act 198 tax abatement for C-Plastics to be held on 9, 2013. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Discussion was held on a possible rezoning change of a 15 acre parcel owned by Anlaan.
15. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Ordinance 2013-02, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery (Rezoning of South 15 Acres of Anlaan Corp. to AG-1 District). Roll call: Suchecki, Buchanan, Stille, Buchanan – Yes. Motion carried.
16. Attorney Ross Leisman reviewed with the Board the contents of the Consent Judgement for the legal proceedings with Auto Pro. The Board wants the areas on the East and West sides of the parcel be clearly labeled on the site plan as setbacks.
17. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the Consent Judgement for the legal proceedings of the Township of Crockery vs. David Duscham, Justin Duscham and Auto Pro, Inc. and authorize the Supervisor to sign. Roll call: Stille, VanBemmelen, Suchecki, Buchanan – Yes. Motion carried.
18. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to authorize Supervisor Stille to proceed with closing with Larry Goldman on parcel 70-04-16-300-38 (approximately 50ft. by 1320) for the North Bank Trail for the amount of \$1,500.00. Roll call: VanBemmelen, Suchecki, Buchanan, Stille – Yes. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to set a board work session for Wednesday, August 14th at 7:00 p.m. The main purpose will be a discussion the sewer operating costs with the OCRC. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to approve a contribution of \$1,000.00 to the Ottawa County Economic Development Committee for the benefit of Crockery Township. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to approve a contribution of \$1,000.00 to Four Pointes (Council on Aging) for the benefit of the Township. All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to authorize Trustee

- Constantine to proceed with getting the final bids on the parking lot development. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to set a Special Meeting for August 26th at 7:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.
 24. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to set a Public Hearing for September 9th for setting the tax millage rates. All in favor. Motion carried.
 25. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve AT&T Metro Act extension to 2018 provided they comply with the 5% franchise fee. All in favor. Motion carried.
 26. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve a leave of absence extension for firefighter Katie Lasich to December 31,2013. All in favor. Motion carried.
 27. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to authorize Chief Dreyer to proceed with the hiring of Bill Mastenbrook to the fire department if recommended by the Fire Department Advisory Committee. All in favor. Motion carried.
 28. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve selling to Leon Stille some old netting that has been stored in the shed for \$25.00. All in favor. Motion carried. Supervisor Stille abstained.
 29. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve selling the old Clerk's computer to Kathy Buchanan for \$50.00. All in favor. Motion carried. Clerk Buchanan abstained.
 30. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2013

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, Suchecki, VanBemmelen, Constantine. Also present were Attorney Mark Nettleton and Fire Chief Gary Dreyer.
4. Public comments were offered. None were heard.
5. Treasure VanBemmelen presented the Board with requested budget amendments. The proposed amendments were reviewed and discussed.
6. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to approve the budget amendments as presented by the Treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Ken Zarzecki and Pat Staskewicz from the Ottawa County Road Commission were present for another discussion of the sewer plant operation costs. On August 14th the board held a work session to hear a financial report prepared by Peter Haefner of Vredeveld Haefner LLC. We discussed the recommendations that were in that report, which included some billing changes. Once again the board asked for some reductions in the billing methodology used by the Road Commission. Ken Zarzecki stated that they understand what a problem the operating shortfalls are causing for the township and that is why the Road Commission has already extended a line of credit to Crockery Township. He has also asked the Road Commission to evaluate alternative equipment costs to the State Rental Rates. They also explained the Administrative Charge. Ken and Pat also explained the ways they feel the Road Commission is saving Crockery Township money (kept sludge disposal costs to a minimum, purchasing chemicals cooperatively with other utilities, optimize work efforts in the least amount of hours, etc.) The Board stated that we do appreciate these efforts to keep costs down, but we are still frustrated with the fact that the operating costs continue to rise faster than the revenue.
8. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that the Consent Judgement for the legal proceedings with Auto Pro have been finalized. It was agreed that the site plan will have the east and west setbacks labeled as such on the site plan as requested by the Board. Both attorneys have indicated that with their signatures on those setbacks. Luke Strasler has started working on clearing and improving the Potters Field area of the Nunica Cemetery. This work is being done for his Eagle Scout Project. The Board approved his project at the June 10th meeting. The film makers from Columbia University have completed the first round of filming in the Nunica Cemetery. They will return sometime in January. The township has received notice of challenges with the Tax Tribunal from Michigan Mobile Homes and Terra Verde. The Supervisor stated that agreement was reached for an easement through the Greenburg and Meekhof properties which will allow the bike path to come out to Dickinson and follow along the road over to the new underpass. Lukas Hill is working on a 40 year title search for this area. Supervisor Stille

- received a request for a truck route to be established in the township. This is the result of some of the trucks hauling material for the bypass/bridge project using 120th Ave. to travel to the Muskegon area. Supervisor Stille met with MDOT representatives asking for help communicating to the drivers that this route is not acceptable. The supervisor is requesting that a change be made to the time that the township phone system sends all incoming phones to voice mail. He is suggesting the time be pushed back to 8 or 9 p.m. Supervisor Stille would like to set a work session for September 9th at 6:00 p.m. This will be an hour before our regular September meeting. The purpose of this meeting will be to meet with Prein and Newhof regarding the sewer plant operations.
9. Treasurer's Report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that there are problems with some of the remote water meters in the township. The remotes have failed on many of them and they will need to be replaced. We will start by replacing the readers with Sensus readers that can be read by a hand held reader, cutting the time for reading the meters, which currently can take two weeks. This project will take place over the next several years to complete.
 10. Clerk's Report was offered. None was heard.
 11. Fire Chief's Report was offered. Chief Dreyer stated that there is proposed legislation in the Michigan House of Representatives that will require an increase in financial costs for Emergency Medical Services license fees and continued education costs. Chief Dreyer is recommending the board pass a resolution supporting House Bill 4624 and one opposing House Bill 4785.
 12. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2013- 20, Resolution Of Support For House Bill 4624 and forward to the State Legislature as requested by the Fire Chief. All in favor. Motion carried.
 13. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2013-21, Resolution Opposing House Bill 4785 and forward to the State Legislature as requested by the Fire Chief. All in favor. Motion carried.
 14. Discussion was continued on the sewer plant operating costs. No action was taken.
 15. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk