

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

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 and Suchecki, Constantine. Others present: Fire Chief Gary Dreyer and Attorney Jim Brown..
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of August 11, 2014 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 received.
7. Discussion was held on Final Plat 5 of Hathaway Lakes. The Board is very concerned that the access road out to 136th has been removed during the construction of Phase 5. That access road was a requirement of previous plat approval. With approximately 120 houses in Hathaway Lakes it is important to have an alternative entrance/exit for the subdivision in case of an emergency at the entrance on M-104. Attorney Brown will include in the resolution of approval the requirement that the access road out to 136th Ave. be restored by September 29, 2014. This will give the developer 21 days to complete restoring the road.
8. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve Resolution 2014-21 Resolution Approving the Final Plat of Hathaway Lakes No. 5 with the access road modification. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Rich Hyde was present to give a report from the Spring Lake Area Recreation Association. There is a push by NORA to put a millage request for the 7 local communities for arts & culture, an activity center, parades & fireworks. Nothing is definite on this at this time. Crockery will probably be asked to increase our contribution. Crockery currently contributes \$1,000.00 a year for our children to be able to participate in the SLARA programs. Rich Hyde will get back with us after their financial and participation figures are available in October.
10. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that he received notice that the vote on the fire department's continuation with the union is final. There were 22 firefighters eligible to vote. The voting results were 9 yes and 1 no, in favor of discontinuing with the union. 10 new concrete parking bumpers have been ordered and should be here this week. 8 will be reused from the previous parking lot. The Ken Herzshaft court case continues. Supervisor Stille and Trustee Constantine met with the attorneys at the property. Conestoga Campground has constructed 2 new buildings without obtaining building permits or site plan review approval. Doug Hopkins, the Building Inspector issued a stop work order. They have since come in and applied for the necessary applications. The Township is waiting for the property survey to be completed so we will be able to continue on the Ottawa Area Cemetery fence issue. Resident Ted Greenlin on Vink Drive off 136th has enlarged a pond on his property. He did not apply for the required permits. He has removed a lot

of dirt which he used on his driveway. There is not adequate slopes on the banks. He was notified of the ordinance violation and has since applied for a soil erosion permit.

11. Treasurer's Report was offered. A person came in to the township who stated he bought a piece of property thru a foreclosure on South Street. It has a broken up sidewalk and he wants to tear it up when he puts a driveway . He is asking if he can remove the sidewalk. Supervisor Stille stated that we do not have a sidewalk ordinance, but since it is in bad shape the board sees no problem with it being removed. The auditor stated to Treasurer VanBemmelen that the Building Fund is doing well. On his recommendation the Treasurer is requesting a transfer of funds to the General Fund. The Grand Haven Community Fund Fire Department Endowment Fund balance is currently \$8,698.29.
12. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to transfer \$9,000.00 from the Building Fund to the General Fund. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Clerk's Report was offered. We have received a request from the Crockery Citizens Committee to approve the use of the townhall for the children activities and pancake breakfast dates.
14. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Constantine to approve the pancake breakfast and children activity dates as requested by the Crockery Citizens Committee. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Fire Chief's report was given. Fire Chief Dreyer reported that he has received a letter of resignation from Michael Brewer who has moved out of the township. He has also received verbal notice of resignation from Katie Lasich. A meeting was held regarding the tanker project this past week and it was discovered that the rear axle as it is on the chassis needs to be changed to handle the weight of the water and two firefighters. This will increase the cost by \$5,000.00. This will put the new cost at \$132,777.00. It was also decided that we will withhold 10% of the cost for up to 30 days after delivery to make sure the truck meets our requirements. The fire department has received a request from Jay Mink to burn down the old house on the junkyard property. There is no training value to burning the house.
16. Committee Chair reports were offered. None were heard.
17. Board Member Committee reports were offered. None were heard.
18. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to accept the letter of resignation from Firefighter Mike Brewer with regret. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to proceed with the tanker rechassis project with E-Tanker.Com, not to exceed \$135,000.00 and to authorize the Treasurer to sign the contract. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Ordinance 2014-06. An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Crockery [Articles 2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,19,23]. Roll call: VanBemmelen, Suchecki, Buchanan, Stille, Constantine – Yes. Motion carried.
21. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to request a quote from

Holmes Concrete to add an additional sidewalk out to the parking lot and replace the step pad at the front door, and to proceed with the project if the cost does not exceed \$2,000.00 for the total project. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 22.. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to accept the quote from Aire-Serv Heating & Cooling to replace existing exhaust hood on the roof and install two exhaust louvers on the east side of the building at a cost of \$2,137.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Constantine to approve the General Fund Budget Amendments as presented by the Treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.
24. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve the bond payments for water and sewer as presented by the Treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Water System April 12, 2010	-	\$8,497.75
Water System Ext. 1997	-	\$22,200.00
Sewage Disposal System 2004	-	\$87,088.38
Water System 2005	-	\$26,961.25

25. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk
Crockery Township