

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 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, Suchecki, VanBemmelen, Constantine
Excused Absence: Buchanan
Also present was Attorney James Brown
4. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013 Regular Meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki, to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2013 Special Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion Carried.
6. Motion by Suchecki, support by Constantine to approve the disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Public comments were offered. None were heard.
8. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that the Potter's field at the Nunica cemetery has been cleaned up. Trees were cut, stumps were burned and the area is looking much better, the Ottawa County SWAP members spent 6 hours working at the cemetery. Supervisor Stille also attended a "Green" burial. He suggested it is something we may want to investigate for the future.
9. Treasurer's report: No Report
10. Clerk's report: No report
11. Fire Chief Report was not heard due to the open house at the Fire Department for Fire Prevention Week.
12. Board Member Committee Reports: No report
13. Request was heard from Shirley Buursma for the Township Board to consider a request to put a ballot proposal on the August 2014 ballot for .33 tens of a mill for a library contract with Spring Lake District Library. The committee has created a web page for support for library services. Spring Lake District Library is currently charging \$85.00 per card, without having the services of Inter Loan and Books digitally. If the millage proposal were to pass there would be a contract with the Spring Lake District Library for library service. A lengthy discussion followed with those in attendance supporting the request for a millage. The board is concerned that the group does not have all of the facts. We are requesting to have it in writing from the library board and the director that if the millage were successful the residents would have full library service. There would be a contract for this service which would be tied to the length of the millage.
14. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve Resolution #2013-27, Special Assessment Resolution #3. This resolution sets the amount that will be charged to each parcel within the Special Assessment District. The board was very specific as to how the resolution was

worded and the charges outlined clearly. The Assessment amount will be determined on an annual basis.

15. On a motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine, the Board approved Ordinance 2013-03, to amend Ordinance No. 2005-04, The Sewer Connection, Use and Rate Ordinance to include a new fee Facilities Reserve Charge. This fee will be part of the Water/sewer application.???
Roll Call vote: Yes: VanBemmelen, Stille, Constantine, Suchecki. No: None. Motion carried.
16. On a motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki, the Board approved Resolution 2013-28, establishing the sewer fees for the 2013-14 fiscal years. The resolution included a rate increase for the Commodity Fee of \$5.40 per 1,000 gallons and a Facilities Reserve Charge of \$1,000 per unit. Roll Call vote: Yes: Stille, Constantine, Suchecki, VanBemmelen. No: None. Motion carried.
17. On a motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki, to declare the Board's intent to contribute to the Hathaway Lakes sewer system from the General Fund in the 2013-14 budget year, the sums of \$10,000 for Operation and Maintenance and \$10,000 for debt retirement. The supervisor is directed to include these items in the current budget. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Constantine, Suchecki, VanBemmelen, Stille. No: None. Motion carried.
18. On a motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki, the Board directed the Supervisor to write a letter to the Ottawa County Road Commission rescinding the letter, written on April 9, 2013 terminating the contract for operation of the Clean Water Plant. Roll Call Vote: Suchecki, VanBemmelen, Stille, Constantine. No: None. Motion Carried.
19. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Judy VanBemmelen, Clerk –pro-tem
Crockery Township