

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Erhorn at 7:00 p.m.
2. This meeting is being held virtually due to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 directive.
3. Roll call: Present: Erik Erhorn - Crockery Township, Kathy Buchanan - Crockery Township, Judy VanBemmelen - Crockery Township, Ryan Kelly - Spring Lake Village, Rich Suchecki - Crockery Township.
Others present: Attorney Ron Redick – Grand Haven Township, Deputy Fire Chief Kyle Botbyl – Spring Lake.
4. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Kelly to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented. Roll call: Suchecki, Buchanan, Erhorn, Kelly, VanBemmelen – Yes. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to approve disbursements as presented. Roll call: Erhorn, Kelly, VanBemmelen, Suchecki, Buchanan – Yes. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. None heard.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Erhorn reported that the we are moving forward with trying to finalize the easements needed for the proposed sewer line. The Supervisor has had contact with the two land owners (Hortech and Eastbrook), where an easement for a sewer line will be needed. Attorney Mark Nettleton is reviewing the proposed sewer contracts for the township.
We are beginning to see some of the Grand River Landings property owners reach compliance with EGLE and at that point they reach compliance with Crockery Township.
8. Clerk's Report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported that a resident has complained about the condition of the Nunica Cemetery sign. The paint and lettering is faded and peeling. Clerk Buchanan stated she would like to proceed with getting prices that could be brought to the Board for consideration on purchasing a new sign. Members were in favor of this idea.
St. Luke's Church has sent a thank you card for allowing them to place a food pantry collection box here at town hall. Many food items were collected to keep the pantry stocked.
9. Treasurer's Report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that a few years ago we were notified that the township would be receiving a monetary gift from the David Kooi Trust after his death. The estate is being settled and the Kooi property has recently been sold. Any trust proceeds received were designated by Mr. Kooi for cemetery use only.
10. Fire Chief's report was offered. Deputy Chief Kyle Botbyl reported that the department responded to a total of 33 calls last month fires (23 medical, 3 fires, and 1 electrical were included in the total). Brian Bishop and Derek Wright are currently in the MFR class with 3 more classes to go then testing.

The department is requesting authorization to purchase new uniforms (T-shirts and job shirts) for each member of the department, and full uniforms for 4 members. The cost would be \$2,700 and it is a budgeted item.

The department is also asking for authorization to contract with Fire Cap Precision Testing for testing of every piece of fire hose. Testing is an annual requirement and has been done in house, and the equipment used is reaching end of life. The cost would be \$3,850.

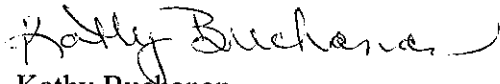
The fire fighters were out last weekend collecting again this year for the Crusade For Toys. Deputy Chief Botbyl reported that it was a very successful year, and estimates that they raised \$1,500 more than last year.

11. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to authorize the fire department to purchase uniforms, t-shirts and job shirts for the firefighters at a cost of \$2,700. Roll call: VanBemmelen, Suchecki, Buchanan, Erhorn, Kelly – Yes. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to authorize hiring Fire Cap Precision Testing to do this year's annual fire hose testing at a cost of \$3,850 and after completion will evaluate the possibility of a three year contract with them. Roll call: Kelly, Erhorn, VanBemmelen, Buchanan, Suchecki – Yes. Motion carried.
13. Committee Chair reports were offered. No reports were heard.
14. Board Member Committee reports were offered. No reports were heard but Ryan Kelly will be the Board representative on the same committees as former board member Constantine filled.
15. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to payback \$250,000 on the State Infrastructure Bank Loan. The money used for the payback is from grant money received for the North Bank Trail. Roll call: Buchanan, VanBemmelen, Suchecki, Kelly, Erhorn – Yes. Motion carried.
16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2020-23, Resolution To Approve 11th Amendment To Condominium Master Deed, Pursuant To Circuit Court Judgement [Waybury Condominiums at Hathaway Lakes]. Roll call: Suchecki, Kelly, Erhorn, VanBemmelen, Buchanan – Yes. Motion carried.
17. Discussion was held on the list of proposed road resurfacing projects that was received from Ottawa County Road Commission. Three of the roads are in Hathaway Lakes and the list also includes Power Drive and Amy Lynn Lane. The cost would be entirely paid for by Crockery Township. The total cost for all 5 roads is \$234,967.43. A few board members have driven those roads since receiving the list, and also questioned these resurfacing projects when we have so many roads still unpaved in the township. No action was taken at this time.
18. Treasurer VanBemmelen led a discussion on the possible need for a web company to be hired to take over the township's website. Currently it is being done in-house by the Administrative Assistant. This employee handles the work load for several departments and therefore has limited time for keeping the website updated on a regular basis.
19. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to contract with WebTecs for developing and maintaining a new Crockery Township website. The cost will be

\$5,000 for the building of the site and \$500 for yearly general maintenance. Roll call: VanBemmelen, Buchanan, Suchecki, Erhorn, Kelly – Yes.

20. Supervisor Erhorn asked if there were any public comments. Misty Hearth a property owner at Grand River Landings stated that she wanted the Board to know that the property owners are waiting for approval from EGLE. They are not able to comply with Crockery Township's deadline until they have a letter of compliance from EGLE. Misty has tried to reach out to Jacob Patin from EGLE, but has not gotten a response back from him.
21. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Erhorn, Kelly, Buchanan, Suchecki, VanBemmelen. – Yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by



Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk