

**CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
HELD ON MARCH 8, 2022**

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Erhorn at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll call: Present: Erik Erhorn, Kathy Buchanan, Judy VanBemmelen, Ryan Kelly, Rich Suchecki.  
Others present: Attorney Ron Redick and Fire Chief John Kriger.
3. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022 Regular Meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to approve disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Kelly seconded by Suchecki to approve the agenda with the addition of item H. Budget Amendment to Water Fund (NOWS Reliability Study) and the closed session moves to item I. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. David Willis asked if a decision has been made yet about building rentals resuming. Supervisor Erhorn explained we are working on the details and costs for cleaning and opening/closing for a rental.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was offered. Supervisor Erhorn reported that we are waiting for word from the State on our possible eligibility for grant opportunities to extend our water service.  
The new website is now online and we will be adding and improving it as we go. Last month we changed the Design and Construction Standards to prohibit the use of PVC for water line construction. Eastbrook which is well into their newest project is asking for the township to allow them use PVC since ductile iron will not be available until September at the earliest due to material shortages. The consensus of the Board is to allow Eastbrook to use PVC since they are so far along with this current project and due to the shortage of ductile iron at this time.
8. Clerk's report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported that we have received a letter from the law firm representing the Kooi Trust. The attorneys are asking all parties named in the will to agree to accept the original percentages as stated in the David L. Kooi and Diane M. Kooi Revocable Living Trust Agreement. If the named parties do not agree it will need to go to probate court.  
Clerk Buchanan asked the Board to consider increasing the rate of pay for the Board of Review members since it has been a few years since there was an increase, and also considering the State now requires training for all members serving their municipalities as Board of Review members.  
The Clerk has received an offer from Pete Murdoch, Reliant Cleaning to donate up to \$2,000 for a flagpole for the Nunica Junction Trailhead. Board members gratefully accepted this generous donation.
9. Treasurer's report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that taxes have been completed.
10. Fire Chief's report was offered. Chief Kriger reported that the department responded to 20 calls last month.  
The department is asking approval to order replacement fire hose, and also Contract with Fire Catt for hose and ladder testing.

11. Attorney's report was offered. Attorney Redick reported that the zoning ordinance has been updated and should be placed on the website. Attorney Redick will make sure all marijuana amendments are correctly incorporated in the zoning ordinance.
12. Board Member report was offered. No report was heard
13. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to authorize the Clerk to sign the Kooi Trust Agreement letter to state the township's willingness to accept 10% of the trust proceeds. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve a pay rate increase for the Board of Review members. The pay will be \$100 for the half day sessions and \$200 for the full day sessions. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve the quote from Allied Fire for new hose and adding an additional five inch line for an approximate total cost of \$6,000. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve the agreement with Fire Catt for hose and ground ladder testing with option 1 and 3. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to open the public hearing for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate requested by Meekhof's Lakeside Dock Inc. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. The public hearing was opened at 8:03 p.m. Doug Meekhof spoke about the project. The estimated project cost is over three million dollars. The company currently has 25 employees and will be consolidating their Grandville location with 35 employees to Nunica, and they will be adding an additional 5-10 employees. They will be looking to relocate the bike path to a different portion of the property.
19. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to close the public hearing. All in favor. Motion carried. Public hearing was closed at 8:08p.m.
20. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to adopt Resolution 2022-03, Approving Application Of Meekhof's Lakeside Dock, Inc. For An Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate For A New Facility. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Amanda Cooper from Lakeshore Advantage presented an overview of how this company works with employers and governmental units to build economic growth. She answered questions from the board and the public.
22. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve hiring Paige Silva for part-time office staff for 32 hours per week. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Motion by VanBemmelen to approve the quote from Ottawa County to re-gravel 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue (M- 104 to Leonard) and 136<sup>th</sup> Ave (South of State Road to the end) with a 50/50 cost sharing with the County. Cost to the township will be \$30,000. The Clerk is authorized to sign the contract. All in favor. Motion carried.
24. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve renewing the assessing contract with Ottawa County and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign. All in favor. Motion carried.

25. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Kelly to approve the bond payments to Ottawa County Public Utilities as requested by the Treasurer.
  - Ottawa County Sewage Disposal Bonds Crockery Township Sewage Disposal System 2004 - \$5,465.63
  - 2009 Nows WTP Expansion - \$23,884.33
  - 2022 Annual Improvement Payment - \$29,413.21
  - Bond Processing Fee - \$100All in favor. Motion carried.
26. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2022-04, Approve The Agreement For Ownership, Management and Maintenance Of The Spoonville Trail and authorize the Supervisor to sign. All in favor. Motion carried.
27. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2022-05, To Not Proceed With Becoming A Charter Township. All in favor. Motion carried.
28. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to approve the budget amendments in the Water Fund for the Nows Reliability Study for \$8,000 as recommended by the Treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.
29. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to enter into closed session to consider a legal opinion with counsel. Roll call; Suchecki, Kelly, Erhorn, VanBemmelen, Buchanan – Yes. Motion carried. Entered into closed session at 9:21 p.m. Open meeting was resumed at 9:32 p.m
30. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Buchanan to not offer a settlement to AZKO in regards to the lawsuit. All in favor. Motion carried.
31. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan  
Crockery Township Clerk