

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON APRIL 12, 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 Deputy Fire Chief Kyle Botbyl.
3. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to approve disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Buchanan seconded by Kelly to approve the agenda with the additions of item G, consider revoking an IFT for Precision Manufacturing, item H, water expansion update and item I, township hall rentals. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. Paul Krause, an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Ottawa County was present and he introduced himself and spoke of his background with the court system. Mr. Kraus is running for the newly created position for a 5th judge in Ottawa County which will be responsible for handling family law matters.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was offered. Supervisor Erhorn reported that he has talked to one of our current firefighters about taking on the general maintenance projects in the township. This would include emptying garbage cans along the trail and keeping the pavilion area at the trailhead clean along with other similar projects that need to be taken care of. This position will be paid at \$20.00 per hour and it is expected to be a couple hours per week.
The gravel parking area at the town hall needs to be re-graveled. Meekhof Lakeside Dock will provide the gravel and Tiles excavating will spread the gravel for a cost of \$600. Supervisor Erhorn has already made the arrangements.
The concrete pad under the pavilion was completed today and the picnic tables will be placed there soon.
8. Clerk's report was offered. No report was heard.
9. Treasurer's report was offered. No report was heard.
10. Fire Chief's report was offered. Deputy Chief Botbyl reported that the department responded to 39 calls last month which makes 104 calls so far this year.
Chief Kriger will be making the final inspection on the new pumper tomorrow. The new truck will be going to be on display at the FDAC in Indianapolis thru April 30th and will then be delivered to Crockery. The department estimates it will be 3-4 weeks before it is fully in service. The truck will need some mounting brackets and accessories at a projected cost of \$3,500. The department is asking approval to order these needed items.
This Monday the department will be having a demonstration with battery powered extrication tools.
The department is asking approval to order new t-shirts for the firefighters. They have a quote for \$736.

11. Attorney's report was offered. Attorney Redick reported that AZKO has missed two deadlines for the appeal.
12. Board Member report was offered. Trustee Kelly reported that Price Right Auto has received site plan approval for the oil change operation and they will now be working on plans for their property on the opposite side of M-104.
13. Motion by Erhorn, seconded by Kelly to approve Brian Bishop and Derek Wright to do general maintenance projects in the township as needed. They must be in good standing with the Fire Chief and rate of pay will be \$20 an hour. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase brackets, holders, and accessories for the new fire truck at a cost up to \$4,000. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve the purchase of new T-shirts for the firefighters at a cost of \$740. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to approve the purchase of a fire hood for each firefighter at a cost up to \$2,500. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Buchanan to approve the quote from Tiles Excavating for work needed for the cemetery expansion. This will include tree removal and new slag in the driveway for \$9,340. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to approve the quote from West Michigan Painting Services to paint the caboose at the trailhead for \$7,470.50. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to approve the quote from Tiles Excavating to install a water service line into the trailhead for \$7,384.28. This work will be done after the electrical company has the plan finalized for the lighting to be installed at the trailhead. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to establish sewer connection fee at a total \$10,000, subject to determination by legal counsel of whether it can be a flat fee, or is required to be allocated into separate fees for Trunkage, Asset Management Fee, Facilities Reserve Fee and Inspection Fee. All in favor. Motion carried. This would apply to connections outside of Hathaway Lakes.
21. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to approve to update water connection fees for 2022 due to the increase in material costs. All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Buchanan to approve the bid from Precision Edge Lawn Care LLC for this season's lawn care. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to approve Resolution 2022-06, To Revoke IFT Abatement for Precision Manufacturing Group – 16913 Power Drive. All in favor. Motion carried.
24. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to proceed with engineering and cost analysis for option 4 of the possible water extension, Leonard, 136th, M-104 water main and meter station improvements. Included will be making the loop along M-104 under the highway. All in favor. Motion carried.
25. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to approve resuming building rentals again with the new building and grounds rental rates. All in favor. Motion carried.

26. Public comments were heard. Dave Willis questioned why the Planning Commission subtracts the road right-of-way from a parcel's square footage when determining whether to allow a building. He also asked if there will be a public hearing scheduled this month for the zoning changes.
27. Motion by Erhorn, seconded by Kelly to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Submitted by



Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk