

**CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Erhorn at 7:02 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 Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the August 9, 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 VanBemmelen seconded by Kelly to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. No comments were heard at this time.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was offered. Supervisor Erhorn reported that the new monitor has been installed in the board room at a cost of approximately \$800. The township is looking to further upgrade the board room with removing the raised podium, purchasing new tables, and possibly new carpeting.
The new ADA accessible portable restroom has been installed. We looked into buying one and having it serviced, but the cost savings just were not there.
The doors on the caboose that were originally missed have been painted.
Garbage service with Republic Services is up to \$275 per month for dumpster with one empty. It will cost \$1,700 to cancel the automatically renewed contract so the Supervisor is working with Republic to get a lower rate and going month to month so it can be cancelled if the cost rises again.
Our November board meeting will need to be cancelled or rescheduled due to the November 8th General Election. We will decide what to do at the next meeting.
Fall Dumpster Day is October 1st.
Water services have been installed at the trailhead, and the kiosk will be installed on Wednesday. Better effort will be made at the trailhead to clear brush between the trail and the road.
Brian Bishop has been collecting the trash weekly from the trailhead and cemeteries. He cut back brush hanging over the sidewalk between the trailhead and the fire station. Supervisor Erhorn is working on a solution for the brush along the sidewalk by the township hall.
124th Ave is currently being re-graveled.
Fruitport Township is still interested in purchasing the old AED/defibrillator equipment.
8. Clerk's report was offered. No report was heard.
9. Treasurer's report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reminded that taxes are due tomorrow.
10. Fire Chief's report was offered. Chief Kriger reported that the department had 35 calls last month. 284 year to date.

The fire department will be holding an Open House event on October 4th from 6 to 8 p.m.

11. Attorney's report was offered. Attorney Redick reported that the Spoonville Trail easements are now in the name of Ottawa County, but they have not been registered by the County with the Register of Deeds. Attorney Redick will be registering them.
12. Board Member report was offered. Trustee Kelly reported that WMSRDC is responsible for paving the portion of State Road between 144th Ave. and 136th Ave.
13. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded Kelly to approve the sale of the Fire Department's old AED/defibrillator to Fruitport Twp on the condition that the sale is "as-is", with no guaranties or warranties, express or implied, as to the fitness or suitability of the AED/defibrillator for any purpose. Fruitport shall assume all liabilities associated with its use. Yes – 4, No – 1. Motion carried.
14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to open the public hearing for the Hortech Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption request. All in favor. Motion carried. The public hearing was declared open at 7:38 p.m.
15. Ken Rizzio from Lakeshore Advantage was present. Mr. Rizzio along with Greg King have been working with Hortech on their application for the IFT. Dave Mackenzie, co-owner of Hortech, Inc. gave an overview of the project's construction phases. Phase 1 will be a 17,000 square foot warehouse, and Phase 2 will be offices, conference room, and training center. Supervisor asked for any public comments. There were no comments heard.
16. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to close the public hearing. All in favor. Motion carried. The public hearing was closed at 7:48 p.m.
17. Motion by Buchanan seconded by VanBemmelen to approve Resolution 2022-19, Hortech Industrial Tax Exemption Application in effect for 12 years, contingent on Dave Mackenzie signing a new agreement as prepared by legal counsel. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to approve the bond payments to Ottawa County Public Utilities as requested by the Treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.
2009 NOWS WTP Expansion – Crockery Share 7.16% - \$6,592.34
\$1,275,000 Issue Dated November 1, 2004 - \$85,915.63
\$2,770,000 Issue Dated July 20, 2021 - \$77,300.00
19. Motion by Buchanan seconded by Suchecki to approve the budget amendments as recommended by the Treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Ordinance 2022-11, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery (Outdoor Lighting). All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Ordinance 2022-12, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery (Building Design Standards). All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Public comments were offered. Ron Lovelace stated that he really appreciates the fire department involvement, specifically the number of calls responded to each month.

He also stated that many years ago where his parents lived a company came by selling shipping containers as cheap storage units. At first they did not look so bad, but after 10 years they looked terrible.

Tom Farage suggested the township look at a new sign that is electronic.

23. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk