

**CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON JULY 12, 2022**

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Erhorn at 7:01 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 VanBemmelen to approve the minutes of the June 14, 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 Suchecki to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. Nancy Czinder who lives across the street from Hope Network discussed encounters she has experienced with residents from that facility. Don Jablonski asked about the use of shipping containers for storage uses. Mercedes Watts introduced herself and stated that she is running for the 20th District Court Judge for the newly created family court. Greg Van Woerkem introduced himself and stated that he is running for the Michigan House of Representatives for the 88th District. Mr. Van Woerkem is the current State Representative for District 91. The change is due to the recent redistricting within the State. Bill Hatfield stated that the road conditions on 120th Ave. are dangerous. Roy Trowbridge stated that vehicles fly down 120th Ave way too fast. He understands that being an unposted gravel road the speed limit is 55 MPH, but that is too fast. He is asking if anything can be done to lower that. Don Jablonski stated that there should be signs placed on the North Bank Trail at the former sewer plant letting bikers know that there may be vehicles on that portion of the trail. This is where the bike trail comes onto the driveway for the plant.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was offered. Supervisor Erhorn reported that the OCRC lunch is this Thursday at noon.
The township hall parking lot was resealed and looks great.
Supervisor Erhorn reported that he met with Kevin Kieft on 136th Ave. to go over the water project and preliminary engineering. Kevin will contact the OCRC to try and get official road right of way maps for main placement to avoid needing private easements due to terrain.
The caboose at the trailhead has been painted and the Nunica Junction sign has been installed at the trailhead.
Fire engine 561 had a major failure of the pump and will cost over \$21,000 to repair.
Lisa Fuksa has submitted her letter of resignation for another job with benefits. We have already posted the job and seek board approval to hire a new Administrative Assistant for the Building Department.

The trees by the water pumping station on State Road have been removed. The trees were dead and posed a hazard. The quotes received were within \$200 of each other. Get-R-Cut was the company that removed the trees and they found there were 4 trees dead not three. The cost was \$3,900.

The Supervisor met with George Czinder to go over routine maintenance items on the bike path. A retaining wall is failing, a concrete pad has sunk 1 ½ inch and needs to be repaired. The brush needs to be trimmed way back from 130th Ave. almost to Hortech.

8. Clerk's report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported that we have received a request from Darlene Collett seeking approval to place artificial turf on her husband's grave site in the Nunica Cemetery. The Cemetery Ordinance does not allow this. No members were in favor of allowing this.
Clerk Buchanan followed up on the suggestion to have the cemetery plot maps put on signs to be placed at the Nunica Cemetery. The cost will be much less than purchasing a kiosk to place them in.
9. Treasurer's report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that tax bills have been sent out.
10. Fire Chief's report was offered. Deputy Chief Botbyl reported that the department responded to 24 calls last month. Crockery was called to assist at the Johnston Boiler fire in Ferrysburg and a fire in the Village of Fruitport. There have been 206 runs year to date.
The panels for the new 521 have arrived and will be installed soon. Roger from Toyne will be assisting with the installation.
The department has received 2 applications, one of which is still in high school.
11. Attorney's report was offered. No report was heard.
12. Board Member report was offered. No report was heard
13. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to interview and hire a new administrative assistant for the building department to replace Lisa Fuksa. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve the purchase of new signage of the cemetery plots for the Nunica Cemetery for a cost up to \$600. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to approve the annual fee of \$1,200 to Lakeshore Advantage. Lakeshore Advantage assists local businesses with development and expansions. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to adopt Ordinance 2022-04, An Ordinance To Amend Township Ordinance No. 2017-03, As Amended, The Township Medical Facilities Ordinance [Marijuana Facility Fee]. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Ordinance 2022-05, An Ordinance To Amend Township Ordinance No. 2020-9, As Amended, The Township Adult Use Marijuana Establishment Ordinance [Marijuana Establishment Fee]. All in favor. Motion carried.

18. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Ordinance 2022-06, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of the Township Of Crockery [Split Zoning]. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Ordinance 2022-07, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery [Definitions]. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Kelly to adopt Ordinance 2022-08, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery [Private Streets, Driveways]. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Kelly to adopt ordinance 2022-09, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery [Outdoor Ponds Amendment]. All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Ordinance 2022-10, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery [Parking and Loading]. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to send the proposed outdoor lighting amendment back to the Planning Commission. All in favor. Motion carried.
24. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2022-16, Resolution For Hathaway Lakes Street Lighting. All in favor. Motion carried. All in favor. Motion carried.
25. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Kelly to table the State Road abandonment issue until we hear from Spring Lake Schools on the issue. All in favor. Motion carried.
26. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to approve increasing the rate of pay for election inspectors to \$17.00 an hour, and election chairperson to \$20.00 an hour. Yes - 4, No - 1. Motion carried.
27. Public Comments were offered. Tom Farage asked the Board to look at the Republic garbage bill as his bill has increased greatly.
28. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Kelly to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk