

**CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON MARCH 14, 2023**

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, Rich Suchecki, Ryan Kelly.
Others present: Attorney Ron Redick, Fire Chief John Kriger.
3. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the agenda with the addition of item G, the Prein & Newhof Agreement. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Suchecki seconded by Kelly to approve the disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. Allison Miedema, County Commissioner was present and gave an update on the Board of Commissioners and some of the actions they have taken. Commissioner Miedema also reported on what boards and committees she will be actively involved with.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was offered. Please see the attached Supervisor's Monthly Meeting Notes.
8. Clerk's report was offered. No report was heard.
9. Treasurer's report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that taxes have been completed and turned over to the County.
10. Fire Chief's report was offered. Chief Kriger reported that the department responded to 19 calls last month. Chief Kriger is requesting approval for the department to order 2 battery operated fans which will be used when they respond to a carbon monoxide call.
11. Attorney's report was offered. No report was heard.
12. Board Member report was offered. Trustee Kelly reported that the Planning Commission has approved the Murphy project.
13. A discussion was held on the need to replace the overhang on the front of the township hall. The structure is becoming a safety issue and should be replaced.
14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve the quote from Shawn James/ Rude Dog Construction to demolish and reconstruct a new front entrance overhang for the town hall at a cost up to \$25,000. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by VanBemmelen seconded by Buchanan to authorize the fire department to purchase two new fans at a cost of \$3,733 each, and they will be paid for from the marijuana excise tax money. All in favor. Motion carried
16. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly adopt Resolution 2023-02, Resolution Approving the Final Plat of Hathaway Lakes No. 10. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve the ordinance regarding shipping containers that was received from the Planning Commission for approval, but changing the minimum required acres. Roll call: Suchecki, Erhorn – Yes, Buchanan, Kelly, VanBemmelen – No. Motion failed.

18. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to table the shipping container issue until a Special Board Meeting is held with the Planning Commission on March 21, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Ordinance 2023-02, Fire and Emergency Service Charge Ordinance. [an ordinance to provide for reimbursement of expenses for certain fire and emergency services; and to provide procedures for the collection of such expenses from responsible individuals]. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2023-03, A Resolution To Establish Fees And Charges For Emergency Response Services Under The Township Fire And Emergency Service Charge Ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to purchase a Dodge 3500 from Watson's of Ludington for \$59,618.00 and authorize the Clerk to sign any needed documents. This truck will replace the current DNR brush truck and will be paid for with marijuana excise tax money. All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Suchecki, and seconded by Kelly to approve paying the water and sewer bond payments as requested by the Treasurer.
 - 2009 Nows WTP Expansion Interest payment - \$6,602.34
 - 2004 \$1,275,000 Sewage Disposal System interest payment - \$3,775.63
 - 2021 \$2,770,000 Sewer Improvements interest payment - \$27,310.00All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to approve the annual payment to the Spring Lake Area Recreation Commission in the amount of \$3,600 (Last year there were 262 Crockery Township children who participated in activities). All in favor. Motion carried.
24. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the 2023 Projects Professional Services Agreement with Prein and Newhof, and to authorize the Supervisor to sign. All in favor. Motion carried.
25. Public Comments were offered. Dave Willis asked about the proposed updates to the blight ordinance.
26. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk