

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 21, 2023
Joint Meeting of the Planning Commission and Twp. Board

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sanders at 7:30 p.m.
2. Roll call was taken with Planning Commissioners Meekhof, Sanders, Arends and Munch present. Commissioners Overway and Holmes were absent. Township Board members VanBemmelen, Buchanan, Suchecki and Kelly were present. Supervisor Erhorn was absent.
Others present: Attorney Ron Redick and Zoning Administrator Julie Lovelace.
3. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to appoint Clerk Buchanan president pro-tem for this meeting due to the absence of Supervisor Erhorn. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Chairman Sanders asked for public comments. None were heard at this time.
5. Discussion was held regarding the proposed shipping container ordinance. The use of shipping containers as accessory buildings is currently prohibited in Crockery Township. This proposed ordinance if passed would allow them with restrictions. The discussion mainly was in regards to what size parcel should they be allowed to be placed on in residential and AG property. This was discussed at great length and many comments were heard from the public A motion was made by VanBemmelen to adopt the shipping container ordinance with a change of 10 acres or more to be allowed in a residential or AG zoning district.
Treasurer VanBemmelen rescinded the motion to allow Attorney Redick to prepare amendment wording to be included in Section 3.02.6 and Section 3.02.1.K Small Accessory Buildings. The proposed ordinance will come back to the board for consideration at the April 11th meeting.
6. Discussion was held on the proposed blight ordinance amendment. The purpose of the proposed zoning amendment was that the wording would be the same in both the Zoning Ordinance and the General Ordinance. There were several comments heard from the public on this matter.
7. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Ordinance 2023-03, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery [Junk; Junk vehicles; Outdoor Storage; Vehicle Storage]. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Discussion was held on a proposed oversized accessory building ordinance amendment. After discussion and public comments were heard the Planning Commission voted to set a public hearing on this matter for their next meeting.
9. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Munch to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk