

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

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, Rich Suchecki, Ryan Kelly.
Others present: Attorney Ron Redick, Fire Chief John Kriger, and Deputy Fire Chief Kyle Botbyl.
3. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the January 10, 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. Don Jablonski asked about an area along the bike path near the old sewer plant where a considerable hole was left from some tree cutting several years ago. Supervisor Erhorn will look at the current situation. No other comments were heard.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was offered. Please see the attached Supervisor's Monthly Meeting Notes. General consensus of the board and fire department is to hold a work session on March 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Crockery Township Fire Department.
8. Clerk's report was offered. Clerk Buchanan stated that she has received a request for the township to buy back 4 cemetery plots in the Old Section of the Nunica Cemetery. The couple who owns them no longer live in Michigan. The Clerk is suggesting the township buy them back and designate them as cremains plots.
9. Treasurer's report was offered. No report was heard.
10. Fire Chief's report was offered. Chief Kriger reported that the department responded to 27 calls last month. Firefighter Jeff Vollmer has submitted a letter of resignation. The fire department is requesting approval to purchase 5 tablets. These tablets will be placed in the main vehicles and will be connected to First Net and used to improve communications with Central Dispatch, it has capabilities for mapping, and can also be used for truck checks. This program also works with our already existing I AM RESPONDING system.
11. Attorney's report was offered. No report was heard.
12. Board Member report was offered. Trustee Kelly reported that the Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on the proposed new Subaru dealership. If approved it will be an eleven million dollar investment in Crockery Township. The Planning Commission will also be addressing the need to look at the anti-blight section of the zoning ordinance so it is consistent with the General Ordinance. The Planning Commission will also be working on finalizing the shipping container issue.
13. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Erhorn to approve the Clerk to buy back 4 cemetery plots from Norman and Carol Walbrink at the rate set by resolution.

These are located in the Old Section of the Nunica Cemetery, Row 14, Lot 101, South half 1-4. All in favor. Motion approved.

14. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to accept the resignation of firefighter Jeff Vollmer effective immediately. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by VanBemmelen seconded by Buchanan to authorize the fire department to purchase 5 tablets for use in the fire trucks through FirstNet at a cost of \$2,000. Monthly data service will need to be provided by AT&T at an additional cost. All in favor. Motion carried
16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve the request from Chris Bade from ASI Environmental and owner of River Flats AG, LLC to place 3-5 test wells on township property along the bike trail provided he and the township attorney can reach agreement on the license/lease agreement. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the new Fresh Coast Planning contract. This is a renewal of our current contract with a small increase. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Ordinance 2023-01, Anti-Blight Ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to authorize Prein & Newhof to proceed with the scope of work detailed in their letter dated February 6, 2023 and to have them rewrite the Professional Services Agreement. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Public comment was offered. Ron Lovelace asked if the ordinances are tight enough on landscaping requirements to protect against invasive species in the township. No other comments were heard.
21. Motion by VanBemmelen , seconded by Suchecki to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk