

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON MAY 9, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Erhorn at 7:04 p.m.
2. Roll call: Present: Erik Erhorn, Judy VanBemmelen, Rich Suchecki, Ryan Kelly. Kathy Buchanan was not present until 7:31 p.m.
Others present: Attorney Ron Redick, Fire Chief John Kriger, Crockery Fire Department's Lieutenant, Bill Mastenbrook, and Paige Silva as Secretary recording minutes.
4. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Kelly to approve the agenda with the addition of item C, 'Election Worker and Board of Review Compensation' item D, 'Township Board and Planning Commission Recording Secretary' and 'Zoning Ordinance Report' as a subtopic for the Fire Chief's Report. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Suchecki, supported by Kelly to approve disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 7.. Treasurer's report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported turnout on Clean-Up Day. The Township took in 73 tires. Yellow Dumpster billed for five mattresses at \$25 per mattress. This Board will review in August the need for billing citizens for the landfill cost of the mattress. On Clean-Up Day the Township took in \$1,350. Yellow Dumpster billed Crockery Township for \$2,450. A total loss of \$1,100 was incurred for Clean-Up Day.
8. Public comments were offered at approximately 7:12 p.m. One comment was heard on various topics. Public comments ended at approximately 7:20 p.m.
9. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was offered. Please see attached Supervisor's monthly meeting notes.
10. Clerk's report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported both Township Cemeteries have been cleaned, free from most prohibited items. The current cemetery sign with rules is weathered. Four new cemetery rules signs have been ordered. Three signs will be placed in Nunica Cemetery and one sign will be placed in Ottawa Center Cemetery. Buchanan expects to have things ready for Memorial Day.
11. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to allow up to \$2,500 to cut down a dead tree in Nunica Cemetery, contingent on a secondary quote being obtained for the sake of a comparable estimate. All in favor. Motion passed.
12. Fire Chief's report was offered. Chief Kriger reported that the Department responded to 23 calls last month. The Fire Department received a donation from residents, Ron and Anna Lovelace. Chief Kriger previously sent correspondence to Erhon containing his resignation from Fire Chief, request of continuation of Fire fighter employment status, and recommendation for replacement. Chief Kriger recommends Lieutenant Bill

- Mastenbrook for his replacement. The Board of Trustees commends Chief Kriger for 39 years of service.
13. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to accept Fire Chief, John Kriger's transfer from Fire Chief to Fire fighter, effective July 1, 2023. All in favor. Motion passed.
 14. Lieutenant Bill Mastenbrook was recently hired as the Zoning Enforcer. He offered an update on the ongoing zoning enforcement process. Mastenbrook is offering offending property owners approximately 30 days after his first letter to remedy their issues. If after the 30 day period the offending property owner has not remedied their issue legal action will commence. Mastenbrook states he has sent out 24 letters to parcel owners and has received approximately 5 complaints regarding blight within the week he has been working as the Zoning Enforcer.
 15. Attorney's report was offered. No report was heard.
 16. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to set a public hearing for 2023-2024 Budget and Millage Rate for Tuesday, June 13, 2023. All in favor. Motion carried.
 17. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to adopt Ordinance 2023-05, Updated Sewer Use Ordinance. All in Favor. Motion carried.
 18. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve Election Worker and Board of Review meals as part of compensation. All in favor. Motion carried.
 19. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to approve the hiring of a Planning Commission Recording Secretary who will on occasion also serve the Township Board of Trustees. All in favor. Motion passed.
 20. Public comments were offered at approximately 8:32 p.m. Two comments were heard. Public comments ended at approximately 8:40p.m.
 21. Motion to by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk