

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
HELD ON NOVEMBER 14, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Erik Erhorn at 7:01 p.m.
2. Roll call: Present: Erik Erhorn, Judy VanBemmelen, Rich Suchecki, Ryan Kelly and Kathy Buchanan.  
Others present: Attorney Ron Redick and Fire Chief Bill Mastenbrook.
3. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Kelly to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to approve the Disbursements as presented. All In favor. Motion carried.
6. Treasurer's report was offered. No report was heard.
7. Supervisor Erhorn offered public comment. One public comment was heard.
8. Supervisor's Report was offered. Please see attached Supervisor's monthly meeting notes.
9. Clerk's Report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported that the Presidential Primary Election will be held on February 27, 2024. This will be the first election with early voting available.
10. Fire Chief's Report was offered. Fire Chief Mastenbrook reported that the Department responded to 28 calls last month. NOCH Ambulance Agreement is up for renewal. Chief Mastenbrook reviewed some of the proposed changes requested by area departments. A new contract will be drafted and distributed to the municipalities for consideration. The grant period for SCBA equipment is open and Crockery Fire Department will be applying for a grant to replace approximately \$120,000 of SCBA equipment that will be expiring in a few years.  
Chief Mastenbrook is requesting Board approval to purchase a heavy rescue truck from Napoleon Fire Department. This will replace the current 572 which is a 1988 Ford rescue truck. The need for this replacement has been discussed for several years. The proposed replacement is a 2004 Freightliner Heavy Rescue. The cost for this truck will be \$70,000 plus \$3,500 for the broker fee. The current rescue truck was purchased for \$500 and the department is requesting approval to locate a smaller department probably in the U.P. that could benefit from the donation of this truck.
11. Attorney's report was offered. Attorney Redick stated that the Governor has signed into Law the Clean Energy Act which will take effect in one year.
12. Board Member report was offered. No report was heard.
13. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve the purchase of the 2004 Freightliner Heavy Rescue from Napoleon Township Fire Department for a cost of \$73,500, plus up to an additional \$10,000 to cover lettering, LED lights, etc. All in favor

14. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Buchanan to allow the fire chief to dispose of the 1988 Ford Heavy Rescue truck based on it having a net residual value that is de minimus or zero dollars. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly for the money needed to complete the purchase of the 2004 Freightliner, and the extras needed to place the truck into service to be paid from the marijuana excise tax money. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Kelly to approve the Supervisor's recommendation of three new members to the Planning Commission, Robert Machiela, Jake Noel, and Dave Willis, and the appointment of Ryan Arends to the Zoning Board of Appeals. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Public comment was offered. One comment was heard.
21. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Kelly to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kathy Buchanan  
Crockery Township Clerk