

**CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 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, Ryan Kelly, Rich Suchecki.
Others present: Attorney Jim Scales 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 November 14, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Suchecki seconded by Buchanan to approve the disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. Two comments were heard, both dealing with Eastbrook Homes Kingfisher Estates Site Condominiums proposed for 144th Ave. No other comments were heard.
7. Ottawa County Commissioner Allison Miedema was present. She gave an update on recent decisions by the Board of Commissioners. Some of the items she covered are the county budget, expansion of the Ottawa County Veterans Affairs, Broadband, and the District 6 Commissioner vacancy.
8. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was offered. Supervisor Erhorn reported that the township is in need of a Zoning Enforcement Official. Bill Mastenbrook was filling the position, but feels he does not have the time to do the job since he became the Fire Chief. The Supervisor is asking to start the search for a replacement. No board members had any objections. The Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting in January. Supervisor Erhorn attended the Polkton Township meeting last week looking for information on Polkton's plans for advancing the North Bank Trail. Polkton has not yet made full commitment to the expansion of the trail. Supervisor Erhorn and Clerk Buchanan interviewed Bridget Cook for the office staff and are recommending her hire.
9. Clerk's report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported that the Friends of Spring Lake District Library has requested the use of our building to hold their board meetings for a few months while the library is under construction. The Board members did not have any concerns with allowing this.
Clerk Buchanan has been contacted by an attorney working on an Asset Transfer License Application for one of our marijuana facilities. The name of the facility is unknown at this time.
10. Treasurer's report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that tax bills will be mailed shortly.
11. Fire Chief's Report was offered. Chief Mastenbrook reported that the department responded to 36 runs last month. Chief Mastenbrook and 2 members of the department attended Carter Kit training. These kits are designed for the departments in Ottawa County to use with autistic children. The kits contain items that an autistic person might find soothing. The department purchased a kit and

were also given one. This was made possible from an Ottawa County grant. The Emergency Medical Services Agreement 4th Amendment is ready for local communities to sign. Chief Mastenbrook reported that Joseph Frisch and Alex Baxter have resigned from the department due to a lack of availability to respond to calls due to their full- time employment.

12. Attorney's report was offered. Attorney Scales reported that the Governor signed The Clean Energy Act. Wind and solar farms will be exempt from local ordinances and it puts the MPSC as sole decision maker. It will take effect November 28, 2024.
13. Board Member report was offered. No report was heard
14. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the hiring of Bridget Cook to the office staff. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to accept the resignation of Joesph Frisch and Alex Baxter from the fire department. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the 4th Amendment to the Emergency Medical Services Agreement and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign after attorney has reviewed. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Discussion was held on a request from Old Stonegate Farm for a Class C liquor license. This is the last license available in Crockery Township. Trustee Kelly voiced his concern about granting this request because Stonegate is a seasonal event venue.
18. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to approve to table Stongate's liquor license request to allow due diligence on a possible Special Use license instead of a full Class C license. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to adopt Resolution 2023-12, Resolution Approving The Final Condominium Project Plan Of Kingfisher Estates Site Conominium. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to adopt Resolution 2023-13, Resolution To Approve 17th Amendment To Condominium Master Deed, Pursuant To Circuit Court Judgement [Waybury Condominiums at Hathaway Lakes]. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2023-14, Resolution To Approve 18th Amendment To Condominium Master Deed, And To Approve Minor Amendment To Condominium Project Plan, Pursuant To Circuit Court Judgement. All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2023-15, Resolution Authorizing Purchase And Acceptance By Donation Of Real Property [Parcel No. 70-04-19-300-028]. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to clarify the appointment of Robert Machiela to the Planning Commission was to fill the remaining 2 year term of Jon Overway due to his resignation. Dave Willis and Jake Noel will each serve a 3 year term. All in favor. Motion carried.
24. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to approve the reappointment of all Construction Board of Appeal members to another 1 year term. They are Shawn

James, Jon Tiles, Roy Holmes, Rich Kelley, and Gordy Constantine. All in favor.
Motion carried.

25. Public Comments was offered. Three comments were heard.
26. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Kelly to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk