

**CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2024**

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, Ryan Kelly, Rich Suchecki.
Others present: Fire Chief Bill Mastenbrook.
3. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to approve the agenda with the addition of item C. consider the estimate for the Tax Tribunal assessing, and moving the board member discussion on 2024 plans and goals to item D. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Buchanan seconded by Suchecki to approve the disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. No comments were heard.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was offered. Supervisor Erhorn reported that the township does not have a regulatory subdivision ordinance. Only the Zoning Ordinance covers subdivisions. Attorney Redick will be asked to prepare an ordinance for consideration at the next board meeting.
Supervisor Erhorn stated he will continue to seek the easement needed at 136th for the future water extension.
8. Clerk's report was offered. The County is working on the final details of the early voting process. The four early voting sites are Georgetown, Holland, Grand Haven Township, and Polkton. Voters can go to any one of these sites during the nine days of early voting.
9. Treasurer's report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that water bills have been mailed and tax bills are due on February 14th.
10. Fire Chief's Report was offered. Chief Mastenbrook reported that the department responded to 19 runs last month. Truck 572, the new heavy rescue, has had new lights installed and just waiting on the new lettering before it can be put into service. The cost for the lights and lettering is \$9,636.00 which will be paid for with marijuana excise tax funds. The department has been awarded a DNR grant which will be used to purchase a new skid unit for the brush truck. This is a 50/50 grant. The township will receive \$4,999 in grant funding and will have to pay the balance. The department has received three quotes and is requesting approval to purchase a QTAC Tsunami Skid unit at a cost of \$11,500, which includes \$800 shipping cost. Chief Mastenbrook will be mounting an AED unit at town hall for use in case of an emergency. Chief Mastenbrook will have a training for the town hall employees on operating the AED unit.
11. Attorney's report was offered. Attorney was not present at this meeting.
12. Board Member report was offered. Supervisor Erhorn reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting was held last Thursday and after much discussion the item up for consideration was tabled until February.

13. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to approve accepting the 50/50 grant from the DNR for \$4,999.00 to be used toward the purchase of a new skid unit. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to approve the purchase of a QTAC Tsunami Skid Unit at a cost of up to \$11,500.00 with the DNR grant money of \$4,999 going toward the purchase of the unit and marijuana excise tax money to be used to pay the balance. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve the hiring of David Bonthuis to fill the Zoning Enforcement Officer with 60 days probation at \$25.00 an hour, and after the 60 days if both parties agree to continue, the rate of pay will increase to \$28.00 an hour. This is a part-time position. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve to move forward with contracting the assessing of the Legendary Leaf building for the Tax Tribunal. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Discussion was held on the future staffing needs of the fire department.
18. Public Comments was offered. No comments were heard.
19. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk