

**CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON MARCH 12, 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 and Attorney Ron Redick.
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 February 13, 2024 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. Present were two candidates running for office in the 2024 election cycle. First was Derek Dahlman running for Probate Judge, and also Greg Todd who is running for running for County Prosecutor. Both spoke of their reasons for running for these positions.
Rich Houtteman, from Consumers Energy spoke about the Campbell Plant closure scheduled for May 2025.
Allison Miedema, County Commissioner District 11 presented an update on the work the county commissioners and employees of Ottawa County have accomplished in 2023.
The commissioners appointed John Anderson as Interim Administrator.
Commissioner Meidema serves on the Parks and Recreation Committee.
No other comments were heard.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was offered. See attached Supervisor's Meeting Notes.
8. Clerk's report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported that the total of early voters in Ottawa County was 1,553 voters.
A request for a cemetery gravesite buyback has been received. It is for one gravesite in the middle of a family plot and because of this there was no interest in the township repurchasing this gravesite.
9. Treasurer's report was offered. No report was heard.
10. Fire Chief's Report was offered. Chief Mastenbrook reported that the department responded to 23 calls last month. There have been 24 calls so far in March.
Chief Mastenbrook brought the new heavy rescue truck for the meeting so the public and board members could take a look at it now that it is in service.
Firefighter Matthew Amaya has passed his National EMT License. We now have 7 licensed EMTs
11. Attorney's report was offered. No report was heard.
12. Board Member report was offered. No report was heard
13. Zoning Enforcement Officer Dave Bonthuis reported on the number of violations he is currently working on and gave an update on the Mink junkyard and other properties on Hickory Street. He stated he sees this matter ending up in court and

wanted the board to understand this. He was told to proceed to enforce the zoning ordinance.

14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to accept the quote from Precision Lawn Care for the 2024 season. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Erhorn, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Ordinance 2024-01, Ordinance To Approve The Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation Franchise Agreement. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Ordinance 2024-02, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery [minimum separation distance from marijuana facilities establishments]. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to change the regular board meeting time from the current 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for a trial period of six months. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Discussion was held regarding the proposed fire millage.
19. Discussion was held on the proposed subdivision ordinance. This will be going to public hearing at the Planning Commission meeting on March 19, 2024.
20. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Buchanan to pay the bonds to the Ottawa County Public Utilities.
 - 2009 NOWS WTP Expansion – Crockery Share - \$24,666.45
 - 2021 Sewer Improvements - \$26,810.00
 - Sewage Disposal System 2004 - \$1,969.38All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Public Comments was offered. One comment was heard.
22. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk