

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

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Erhorn at 6:32 p.m.
2. Roll call: Present: Erik Erhorn, Kathy Buchanan, Rich Suchecki.
Absent: Judy VanBemmelen, Ryan Kelly
Others present: Fire Chief Bill Mastenbrook and Attorney Ron Redick.
3. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Erhorn, to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Erhorn to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024 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. Sarah Matwiejczyk was in attendance and she is running for Ottawa County Prosecutor. She has been serving as a prosecutor in Ottawa County for over 22 years. She currently is the Chief Assistant and she spoke about her experience in the prosecutor office. No other comments were heard.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was offered. Supervisor Erhorn reported that the township has secured the easement needed for the proposed water extension, but we are still working with Ottawa County Road Commission on the location for the water line down 136th.
Supervisor Erhorn suggested that the time limit for public comments remain at 3 minutes but that a guest speaker would be allowed 6 minutes. There were no objections from the board.
8. Clerk's report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported that County Commissioner Allison Meidema responded to the question that was raised several years ago about what Ottawa County was doing with the marijuana excise tax dollars from the State of Michigan. The county receives the same amount as municipalities do based on the number of retail locations. In July of 2022, the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners authorized the purchase of a community support unit for the Sheriff Department funded by marijuana excise tax payments current and future. No other report was heard.
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 63 calls last month.
The department received a firefighter application from Cameron Chatman. The applicant has attended meetings at the station and was interviewed by the officers. Chief Mastenbrook is recommending him for hire contingent on background check, passing a medical physical, and physical agility test.
11. Attorney's report was offered. Attorney Redick stated that Attorney Ross Leisman and himself will be speakers at the MTA conference April 22-24. Attorney Redick is now lead counsel for Grand Haven Township.
12. Board Member report was offered. No report was heard

13. Zoning Enforcement Officer Dave Bonthuis reported that he has sent 38 violation letters, and 4 of those have already taken care of their violations. He will be meeting with Attorney Leisman tomorrow about the Hickory Street violations.
14. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve the hiring of Cameron Chatman on the fire department pending his background check, successfully completing a physical agility test, and medical physical. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve the purchase of sixteen sets of wildland gear and boots for a total of \$17,400. These items will be paid for from marijuana excise tax payments. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Buchanan seconded by Suchecki to approve the purchase of a Zodiac MilPro ERB-400 inflatable boat and a 20 Hp Mercury motor for a cost not to exceed \$17,000. These items will be paid for from marijuana excise tax payments. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. A discussion was held on the proposed zoning ordinance amendments from the Planning Commission that were sent to public hearing in March.
18. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Ordinance 2024-03, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery [Site Plan Review, Single Family Dwellings, Nonconforming Lots, Church or Other House of Worship, Condominiums]. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Erhorn, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Ordinance 2024-04, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery [Lot Coverage]. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2024-03, Resolution To Approve Ballot Proposal For A New Fire Protection Services Millage. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Erhorn to adopt Ordinance 2024-05, An Ordinance To Provide Regulations For The Subdivision Of Land Within The Township Of Crockery And To Provide Penalties For The Violation Thereof. All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Public Comments was offered. One comment was heard.
23. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Erhorn to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk