

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Erik Erhorn at 6:31 p.m.
2. Roll call: Present: Erik Erhorn, Judy VanBemmelen, Rich Suchecki, Ryan Kelly and Kathy Buchanan.
Others present: Fire Chief Bill Mastenbrook.
3. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the agenda with the addition of item D. Budget Amendments and item E. Millage Rates. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2024 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2024 Special Meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to approve the Disbursements as presented. All In favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comment was offered. Allison Miedema, County Commissioner for District 11 was in attendance and she updated the board and public on the current business of the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners. The Commission is currently in the budget review process. The public can view the new proposed budget on the County's website.
7. Treasurer's Report was offered. No report was heard.
8. Supervisor's Report was heard later at this meeting.
9. Clerk's Report was offered. No report was heard.
10. Fire Chief's Report was heard later at this meeting.
11. Attorney's report was not heard due to the attorney not being present.
12. Board Member report was offered. Trustee Suchecki stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing on September 4, 2024 concerning an application for a variance to allow an unpermitted addition onto an existing dwelling that does not meet the minimum required setbacks. The ZBA denied the applicant.
Trustee Kelly reported that the Planning Commission is still reviewing the topic of short term rentals. Trustee Kelly also attended a West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) meeting and he provided an update of recent decisions.
13. Mandy Cooper from Lakeshore Advantage was present. She presented the Annual Investor Update report with an emphasis on the two business expansion projects that have been completed recently. She also reported on the continued business growth in Ottawa County.
14. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to authorize the payment of \$3,000 to Lakeshore Advantage. All in favor. Motion carried.

15. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve two bond payments as requested by the treasurer.
2009 NOWS WTP Expansion – Crockery Share % - \$5,872.11
CT Sewage Disposal System 2004 (final payment) - \$87,719.38
All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Fire Chief Bill Mastenbrook reported that the department had 29 calls last month. We are currently at 349 calls for the year. Last year at this time we had responded to 265 calls. We are currently up 84 calls over last year.
The department responded to a structure fire on First Street. The homeowners were not home at the time but there were 3 dogs in the house that all required the department to administer oxygen. Two dogs survived and unfortunately one dog did not.
The fire department has received two applications which the fire chief would like the Board to consider for hire.
Chief Mastenbrook presented information he has been preparing regarding the hiring/promotion procedures for the three full-time firefighters.
17. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the hire of Rylee Anderson as firefighter pending background check, medical physical, and physical agility test. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to approve the hiring of Drake Anderson as firefighter pending background check, medical physical, and physical agility test. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve the budget amendments as recommended by the treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2024-10, Resolution Establishing Township Property Tax Rates For 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Supervisor Erhorn reported that he has received the Prein and Newhof estimate of probable cost for the water extension and currently bonding rates are very good.
Further information was received from the engineers regarding the fire station proposed driveway change.
The house on Taft Street has been demolished and the property cleaned up. There are two remaining vehicles on the property and Supervisor Erhorn is working with the owner to get those removed.
Fall Clean Up Day will be October 19th from 8:00 to noon.
22. Public comment was offered. One comment was heard.
23. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.
Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by,
Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk

