

**CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON MARCH 11, 2025**

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, Judy VanBemmelen and Ryan Kelly.
Others present: Fire Chief Bill Mastenbrook and Attorney Ron Redick.
3. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki, to approve the agenda as presented.. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting as presented. 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 comments were offered. Field Reichardt, an Ottawa County Road Commissioner was present and stated that the road commission recently initiated a program for commission board members to meet with the elected officials in the cities and townships in Ottawa County. The goal of the road commission is to have these meetings at least twice a year. Mr. Reichardt spoke briefly about the origins of the road commission and what they oversee today. Mr. Reichardt also presented the Strategic Improvement Plan, projects completed in Crockery over the last 10 years, the 2024 County Tax Levy Review, and answered questions from board members and the public.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was offered. Supervisor Erhorn gave a reminder that the township cleanup/dumpster day will be on May 3, 2025.
8. Clerk's report was offered. No report was heard.
9. Treasurer's report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that she was in office on Friday February 14th for the last day for tax payments without an added penalty fee. She stated she was very busy.
Treasurer VanBemmelen stated that the township may need to raise a fee for zoning variances since often the costs related to these are not being covered by the amount paid by the applicant.
10. Fire Chief's Report was offered. Chief Mastenbrook reported that the department responded to 35 calls last month. The year-to-date total is 102. The same time last year they had responded to a total of 88 calls.
The attenuator purchase has been completed. The Coopersville/Polkton Area Fire Protection Authority was the successful bidder for the attenuator blocking apparatus truck from the Ottawa County Road Commission. Several municipalities will benefit from this purchase. These municipalities include Allendale, Chester, Conklin, Coopersville, Crockery and Wright. All of these will share in the costs of the project with Crockery contributing \$10,000. This truck will respond immediately to all calls on the highway. The attenuator is designed to protect our personnel and equipment from being struck while responding to highway calls.
Fire Chief Mastenbrook had several equipment purchase requests for the Board to consider. These included a Cargo Glide for medical truck 571, the purchase of

Storz Adapters, gas detector (for carbon monoxide), fire extinguisher vehicle bracket, Evacuation Stair Chair, Monster Lighting parts and installation, and 3 sets of wildland gear.

Firefighter Jeremy Collins has submitted his resignation from the department.

11. Attorney's report was offered. No report was heard at this time.
12. Board Member report was offered. Trustee Kelly reported that the Planning Commission have been working on the barn/event venue proposed changes to the zoning ordinance.
13. No report was heard for zoning enforcement.
14. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to authorize payment of \$10,000 to the Coopersville/ Polkton Fire Protection Authority for the attenuator blocking apparatus project. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to authorize the purchase of a sliding tray for medical truck 571 and the fire equipment as recommended by the fire chief for a total of \$9,500. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Kelly, seconded by VanBemmelen to accept the verbal resignation from Jeremy Collins given February 24, 2025. He will be leaving on good terms. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Kelly to authorize the bond payments to Ottawa County for water and sewer as recommended by the treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2025-07, Revised Resolution Approving Final Condominium Plan [M-104 Store More 2 Condominiums, LLC]. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to open the public hearing on the Kingfisher Lighting District. All in favor. Motion carried. Public hearing was opened at 7:55 p.m.
20. Treasurer explained the new subdivision lighting plan. Public comments were offered. No comments were heard.
21. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to close the public hearing. All in favor. Motion carried. Public hearing was closed at 8:06 p.m.
22. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2025-08, Kingfisher Lighting District. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Discussion was held on street lights throughout the township. Chief Mastenbrook stated that it is safer for intersections to be lit.
24. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to authorize the township to proceed with the fire chief's recommendation for street lights to be placed at all intersections and to authorize the clerk to sign the contracts with Consumers Energy. All in favor. Motion carried.
25. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Kelly to accept the quote from Precision Edge Lawn Care for the 2025 season. All in favor. Motion carried.
26. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Suchecki to authorize the purchase of three Streamlight rechargeable flashlights for the fire department at a total cost of \$456. All in favor. Motion carried.

27. Public comments were offered. George Czinder stated that he will hold prices to the same as last year for the mowing along the North Bank Trail. Two other comments were heard.
28. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Kelly to approve George Czinder to mow the North Bank Trail with the prices to remain the same as the previous year. All in favor. Motion carried.
29. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk