

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
HELD ON April 9, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stille at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Roll call: Present: Stille, VanBemmelen, Buchanan, Suchecki, Constantine. Others present were Fire Chief Gary Dreyer and Attorney James Brown.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2012 Special 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. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that work began today on the M-231 bypass beginning with the 112<sup>th</sup> bridge over I-96. A couple of meetings have been held with Bill Hatfield and Jim Garzelloni concerning possible purchase of the old railroad trestle property for the North Bank Trail expansion project. We are currently at a standstill on the purchase price of the old railroad property. Magnum Coffee may be looking to expand their business. The Township would again be willing to work with them as long as they bring their sign into compliance. A letter will be sent to Macatawa Bank and Allen Edwin Homes regarding the open space requirements on the Jamikey Lake property. We have received a copy of Eastbrook's condo sewer realignments. Ottawa County has looked them over and has some reservations with the plans. The OCRC will be discussing these concerns with Eastbrook. The Corridor Improvement Authority and the Planning Commission met at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for a tour of the facility. They then met back at the town hall for a quick dinner and joint meeting of those committees. A letter was sent to the Road Commission asking them to consider a 4-way stop sign at the 144<sup>th</sup> and State Road intersection. We are waiting for a response. Due to a conflict, Supervisor Stille would like to change the date of the June board meeting.
7. Treasurer's report was offered. The Treasurer reported that the State of Michigan has accepted our deficit elimination plan in regards to the Wastewater Treatment Plant operating expense deficit for the next four years. Treasurer VanBemmelen asked Attorney Jim Brown if the township will be required to provide health insurance for our employees under the healthcare act. The Attorney stated that we will have a better understanding of this issue after the Supreme Court gives their decision at the end of June.
8. Clerk's report was offered. A reminder that the Spring Clean-up Day will be held on May 12, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners Legislative Forum has been rescheduled. If anyone is interested in attending, please see the Clerk for further information. The township has received a request from the Grand Haven Tribune to become a partner in the Newspapers For Education program. Attorney Brown stated that governmental entities are not allowed to allocate funds for this type of program.

Jay Wright has completed the DNR grant application and it has been sent in. A copy will be in the township office if anyone is interested in looking at it. A representative from Frontier was in today and a future expansion of high Speed internet is planned for an area of 112<sup>th</sup> west to 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. This will also include an area down Cleveland down to the Constantine property. This is a result of having to rework the lines due to the bypass construction.

9. Fire Chief's Report was offered. The ambulance contract meeting will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The HazMat Tech Rescue meeting will be next week. Crockery Township Fire department is hosting the Fire Academy. These classes will be held over the next two months.
10. Committee Chair Reports were offered. Pat Best , Chairperson of the Cemetery Committee stated that the Spring clean-up for Ottawa Center Cemetery will be at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Ottawa Center will be part of a cemetery tour that will be taking place on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. The clean-up date for the Nunica Cemetery will be May 19<sup>th</sup> also. The Boy Scouts will again this year be placing flags at the graves of veterans. A request has been made by Rich Weise asking to be allowed to tap the trees in the cemeteries. The Board members did feel that it is not in the best interest of the Township to give approval for this. It has been reported that someone has been tapping those trees for many years. An effort will be made to find out who is doing this and to inform them that tapping the trees on township owned property is not allowed. Supervisor Stille will call Mr. Weise and inform him of the Board's decision.
11. Board Member Committee Reports were offered. Trustee Constantine provided the Board with some pricing information on the cost to possibly run water into the Nunica Cemetery.
12. Public Comments were offered. No comments were heard.
13. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to cancel the June 11<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting and establish June 18<sup>th</sup> as the rescheduled board meeting date. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Constantine to disallow the tapping of trees on Crockery Township owned property. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to accept the Fire Department Advisory Committee's recommendation to accept and acknowledge the Crockery Township Master Plan as presented by the Fire Chief. This will be considered a basic plan which could be useful for future planning. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Discussion was held on making the custodian position a salary position. It was agreed that we need to approve a personnel policy and will discuss a possible salary position at that time.
17. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to establish a work session for April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of a discussion of the proposed 136<sup>th</sup> Ave. road construction. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve a \$1,000.00 payment to the Ottawa County Economic Development Department Contribution. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Discussion was held concerning membership in the Northwest Ottawa Chamber

- of Commerce. Supervisor Stille will get more information for the board.
20. Discussion was held concerning the cemetery mowing contract. Supervisor Stille will speak with Bob Veeneman.
  21. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to accept the resignation with regret from Jean Deckert from the Planning Commission effective April 30, 2012. All in favor. Motion carried.
  22. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to appoint Nancy Schindelbeck to the Planning Commission, effective May 1, 2012. All in favor. Motion carried.
  23. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to continue with White Truck Co. (John White) for road brining. The cost will be .19 a gallon, \$15,200 per application, to be scheduled for the third week of May. All in favor. Motion carried.
  24. Discussion was held regarding the need to have additional brining for the detour roads during the MDOT construction. 120<sup>th</sup>, 124<sup>th</sup>, and 130<sup>th</sup> Avenues will be heavily traveled during the duration of the detour. Supervisor Stille will make contact with MDOT asking for assistance with the additional cost. He will report back to the Board on whether MDOT will assist us with this additional cost.
  25. Discussion was held on the possibility of directional signs for local businesses during MDOT construction. No action was taken.
  26. Discussion was held on having concrete slabs poured at the two back entrances. Supervisor Stille will contact R.A. Holmes concrete for a price. Discussion was also held regarding the painting of the building and the possible reconfiguration of the parking lot. Trustee Constantine will work on bid scopes for these two projects.
  27. Discussion was held on the softball league program. At this time no one has volunteered to run the program. Beginning this year the league must provide insurance coverage as required by the township's insurance provided. The insurance carrier is also requesting that we place a cap on the ball field fence. Supervisor Stille will check on pricing and if not too costly he will proceed.
  28. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to adopt Resolution 2012-07, Resolution to Adopt Policy and Guidelines For Granting Of Exemptions From Real Property Tax or Principal Residence By Reason Of Poverty. All in favor. Motion carried.
  29. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen, to accept the resignation of David Ball from the fire department effective immediately. All in favor. Motion carried.
  30. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to approve budget amendments for the North Bank Trail. All in favor. Motion carried.
  31. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk

