

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2020

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, Buchanan, VanBemmelen, Constantine, Suchecki.
Others present: Attorney Ron Redick, Fire Chief John Kriger and Deputy Chief Kyle Botbyl.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. Mr. and Mrs. Mezeske asked the Board what needs to be done to get a no-wake zone in front of their parcels. They stated that boats and jet skis are traveling very fast through a channel area between the shoreline in front of their house and an island, and they have witnessed several come dangerously close to hitting their dock. The wake is also causing erosion and damage to the shoreline at a rapid pace.
Dawn Detra, a representative from Conestoga Campground also asked for a no-wake in front of the campground. She stated boats and jet skis are traveling at fast speeds and the wake created is causing damage to the docks and the boats moored at their docks. People on the docks are often put in danger of being thrown into the Grand River due to the wake. She also stated that there is significant erosion as a result of high water and wake from watercraft.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that he had a recent conversation with Pat Staskiewicz from Ottawa County regarding the proposed sewer expansion. There is a delay with moving forward due to the tremendous amount of groundwater entering the system in the Village of Spring Lake. This increase has nearly doubled the gallons going into the sewer line to the treatment plant, so at this time they are not able to get accurate sewage capacity flow.
The re-work of the curb and paving has been completed at the trailhead. Our engineer made sure the county signed off on it as the work was occurring and again when it was completed. Repair was also completed on the driveway across the street from the trailhead.
The trailhead area has had a lot of work done by Supervisor Stille and a resident who is fulfilling community service hours with clearing brush from the area. The Supervisor personally has removed 24 trailer loads of brush from the area. The area for the setting of the caboose at the trailhead is being prepared and should be ready for the plates and spikes to be put in place soon. Volunteers to help drive the spikes into the track plates would be appreciated. All the work for the caboose being relocated to the trailhead area is being done by donated labor and materials. The caboose could possibly be set within the next two weeks.

Saturday, August 15th is the township clean-up day. Six dumpsters will be set at the town hall gravel parking area with the cost and restrictions the same as previous years.

Supervisor Stille spoke on the outcome of the recent primary election for the supervisor position. He stated he is comfortable with the outcome, even though he felt he had more to contribute. He further stated he is willing to assist the new supervisor anyway he can for a smooth transition.

8. Treasurer's Report was offered. None heard.
9. Clerk's Report was offered. None heard.
10. Fire Chief's report was offered. The department has held interviews with firefighter applicants, and are recommending two for hire. Those applicants are Derek Wright and Brian Bishop. No further report was heard.
11. Committee Chair reports were offered. No reports were heard.
12. Board Member Committee reports were offered. None was heard.
13. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Constantine to approve the hiring of Derek Wright and Brian Bishop to the fire department on the condition that they successfully complete the physical agility test and medical physical All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to rescind the motion approved at the July 22nd meeting to pay Eastbrook for the water line expansion per the payback agreement. This is due to the fact that there have been no new connections so no money is due to Eastbrook at this time.
15. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve setting September 8, 2020 for a public hearing date for consideration of DNR resolutions for a no-wake zone along the Meseke property and Conestoga Campground. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Discussion was held regarding the SIB agreement with Spring Lake Village. It was confirmed by the May 8, 2017 minutes that the agreement was approved by the board, and the action authorized the supervisor and clerk to sign the agreement as it was presented.
17. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to approve the budget amendments for the year ending June 30, 2020 as recommended by the treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to approve budget amendments for the current fiscal year (Sewer Fund/legal and engineering and Zoning/ legal) as recommended by the Treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Public comments were heard from Mr. and Mrs. Mezeske that the fence and sign at the Ottawa Center Cemetery needs cleaning. They recommended a product that could be used for this purpose. The clerk will check on this and work with the fire department for assistance with the water supply to clean the fence.
20. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk