

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON JULY 22, 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.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by Buchanan to approve disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. Public Comments were heard from Patrick Harmon and Erik Erhorn.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that he has an addition to the agenda for consideration of a zoning ordinance amendment regarding the keeping of farm animals in residential districts. There were no objections to this addition.
The Patrick Harmon site inspection went very well with great cooperation from Mr. Harmon. Mr. Harmon will notify the building department when items are ready for reinspection.
A section of Taft (Apple to the west) was missed on the recent brining. Supervisor Stille checked it out and contacted the brining company. They stated they will return and brine this section of road.
Ottawa County has not approved the curbing at the post office/trailhead area claiming it is an inch higher than they require. The County engineers approved the plans and they had a representative on site during the build. The County is insisting it be removed and replaced. The approximate cost could reach 10,000. The township is anticipating grant money will be used for this.
The township continues to work with the Ottawa County Public Utilities Department on the possibility of running a sewer line along the bike path from the sewer plant to 148th. We have received positive responses from Spring Lake Township, the Village of Spring Lake, and the sewer authority. The existing lines that would take our sewage to the treatment plant are being evaluated for capacity.
Ottawa County has a maintenance project beginning soon on the Pollie Drain. It will be cleaned from the highway to 120th Ave. The portion assessed to Crockery Township will be \$1,500.
The Supervisor reported that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for Phase 2 trail completion this Thursday at the fire station. The fire station will be open to the public so people can view the new addition. Refreshments will be provided by the Crockery Citizens Committee.
8. Treasurer's Report was offered. Treasurer VanBemmelen reported that she would like the board to consider a budget amendment to the Street Light Fund.

Township trash day will be held on Saturday August 15th at the town hall. Hours will be 8am to 2 pm.

9. Clerk's Report was offered. The Primary election will be held on August 4th. The State of Michigan has issued safety guidelines for in person voting and has provided masks, face shields, gloves, disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer for use at the precincts for all jurisdictions in Michigan.
10. Fire Chief's report was not heard due to the absence of the Fire Chief.
11. Committee Chair reports were offered. No reports were heard.
12. Board Member Committee reports were offered. Trustee Constantine reported that at the request of the Supervisor, he attended a meeting at Robinson Township regarding a no-wake zone request from Ottawa County Parks for a portion of the Grand River. Ottawa County Parks is working on a reclamation project along the shoreline in Robinson Township and this project is being made difficult due to the highwater table and the wake from boats. Trustee Constantine spoke about Crockery being supportive of Ottawa County's request for an extended no-wake zone. Robinson Township voted unanimously to deny the Counties request.
13. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Resolution 2020-15, Resolution To Approve The Tenth Amendment To Condominium Master Deed, Pursuant To Circuit Court Judgement [Waybury Condominiums at Hathaway Lakes]. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Resolution 2020-16, Resolution Establishing Township Property Tax Rates For 2020. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Discussion was held regarding the sewer and water payback agreement with Hathaway Lakes. A motion was made by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to pay \$62,416 on the sewer expansion payback agreement but was later withdrawn with no vote taken. The attorney was asked to review the contract before any action is taken.
16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to pay to Eastbrook \$7,697.13 for the water line expansion per the payback agreement to be paid from the water fund. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the annual contribution of \$1,250 to Lakeshore Advantage for assistance with economic development projects. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to adopt Ordinance 2020-08, An Ordinance To Amend Township Ordinance No. 2017-3, The Township Medical Marijuana Facilities Ordinance (Grower Permit). All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Ordinance 2020-09, An Ordinance To Authorize And Regulate State-Licensed Adult Use Marijuana Establishments; To Repeal The Prohibition On Such Establishments; And To Provide Penalties For The Violation Thereof. Yes – 4, No- 1. Motion carried.

20. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Ordinance 2020-10, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Crockery [Adult Use Marijuana Establishments]. Yes -4, No-1. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to adopt Ordinance 2020-11, An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Crockery [Keeping of Farm Animals in Residential Districts]. All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to approve the budget amendments as recommended by the Treasurer (Street Lighting). All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve an offer of support to Ottawa County Assessing as the Designated Assessor as required by PA 660 of 2018 (Assessing Reform). All in favor. Motion carried.
24. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to accept the quote from Baumann & DeGroot Heating & Cooling for option #1, for the installation of 4 mini-split heat pump systems for the township offices at a cost of \$8,800 (the replacement of the window air conditioning units was recommended by the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department security review). All in favor. Motion carried.
25. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk