

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 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.
4. Motion by Suchecki, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to approve disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public comments were offered. None heard.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that the township has received a request from Mr. Leach, a Grand River Landing Condominium owner for an extension for compliance at his site. At this time David and Marisa Hearth from Grand River Landings Lot# 7, stated that there is a considerable amount of confusion with the lot owners due to incorrect information being distributed from the association. They were questioning why they are being told from the association that the cost of the hydrologic study will be split among all the condominium owners when they and several others have only a travel trailer on their lots. Attorney Redick stated that only those lots with decks or sheds are being required from EGLE to have the hydrologic study done. Mr. Hearth asked that communications from the township on this issue be sent to all the property owners.
The caboose has been placed at the trailhead. It will need to be sandblasted and repainted, but at this time there are not funds set aside for this.
The unauthorized ditching issue East of the trailhead has been resolved. It has been filled back in.
The fire department sign has been repositioned and the landscaping has been restored. The fire hydrant at the station has also been relocated.
The trail crossing at Apple Drive has been corrected to where the Ottawa County Road Commission stated it needed to be and the Spoonville Trail has received the final asphalt coating. Supervisor Stille believes that they are still finishing up on some bridge work near the golf course.
The sale of the parcel behind Eagle North Condominium has not been finalized yet. The parcel will be combined with the Eagle North parcel and all will be purchased from Mike Murphy by Chris Bade.
8. Treasurer's Report was offered. The State of Michigan assessing audit has been completed and our result was 100% compliant.
The scoring on the grant for the trailhead has come back to us with an increase in points. The awarding of the grants will probably not occur until December.
Treasurer VanBemmelen presented to the Board members a report of some of the large water uses in Eastbrook.
9. Clerk's Report was offered. Clerk Buchanan reported that the township has been awarded a First Responder Hazardous Pay Grant for \$9,310. This is for

those firefighters who responded to calls from March through the end of September. Hazard pay for the firefighters was based on the call hours they totaled during this period.

10. Fire Chief's report was offered. The department responded to 29 calls in October. The Chief was notified that weather permitting, Consumers Energy will be repositioning a pole in front of the station on Wednesday. This will mean the station could be without power for a few hours. Preparations have been made so fire department services will not be disrupted.
Chief Kriger is asking for the termination of firefighter Forrest Whipple due to no activity on his part for the last 6 months.
11. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to terminate Forrest Whipple as firefighter for Crockery Township due to inactivity All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to accept the letter of resignation from firefighter Erik Erhorn effective November 20, 2020. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Derek Hall, State of Michigan Auditor presented an overview of the recently completed annual financial audit.
14. Committee Chair reports were offered. No reports were heard.
15. Board Member Committee reports were offered. Trustee Constantine reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals had a meeting recently to elect officers and work on some by-law changes. No other reports were heard.
16. The Board reviewed a list of Planning Commission and other committee members whose terms are expiring (see attached list).
17. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to re-appoint the list of commission/committee members whose terms are expiring, as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to re-appoint the list of Corridor Improvement Authority members whose terms are expiring, as presented. All in Favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Suchecki to approve Precision Edge Lawn Care, LLC for this winter snowplowing. The rates and terms will remain the same as last year. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve Michigan Chloride Sales (MCS) for the 2021 road brining. This will be for three brine applications beginning April 29, July 8 and the final application will be September 8th. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Clerk Buchanan read a letter from Lukas Hill, Chairman of The Friends of The North Bank Trail. The contents of the letter encourage creating a position for a person to oversee the completion of the North Bank Trail and trailhead on behalf of Crockery Township, and that they support Leon Stille to fill that position.
22. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to adopt Resolution 2020-22, Resolution To Create Position Of Township Non-Motorized Pathway

Coordinator, And To Make An Appointment To That Position. Yes – 4, with Supervisor Stille abstaining. Motion carried.

23. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan
Crockery Township Clerk