

CROCKERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2014

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 and Suchecki
Others present: Fire Chief Gary Dreyer and Attorney Jim Brown.
4. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to approve the minutes of October 13, 2014 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 received.
7. Supervisor's comments/correspondence was heard. Supervisor Stille reported that we have received a letter from the MNRTF that the township will receive \$120,000 in grant money for property acquisition for Phase 2 of the North Bank Trail. Supervisor Stille has a meeting this Thursday with representatives from Hope Network, regarding their rezoning request. On Thursday he will also be meeting with our attorney Ross Leisman at the Herzshaft property regarding the pending lawsuit. Tiles Excavating has delivered and spread a load of gravel out on the back drive behind the townhall and also black dirt over the old volleyball court. The electricians union which have been renting classroom space at the townhall will be leaving by December 1st. The Supervisor would like to meet with Dave Kitchen to request the rooms be returned to a satisfactory condition. Supervisor Stille reported that he had requested a \$25,000 donation from TransCanada Pipelines, Inc. to be used for the North Bank Trailhead. We have received a donation of \$2,500 from them for this purpose. On the 18th Supervisor Stille will be meeting with Holly Johnson from the Grand Haven Community Foundation to talk about a possible grant for the North Bank Trail construction project. The construction would be from 130th Ave to 112th Ave. Attorney Jim Brown has been in contact with Mr. David Kooi and his attorney regarding Crockery Township being named as a beneficiary in a trust he is establishing in his wife's name which would benefit the Nunica Cemetery. The MTA Ottawa County Christmas Party will be held December 1st at the Main Street Pub in Allendale. Board members should let the Supervisor know if you plan to attend.
8. Treasurer's Report was offered. None was heard at this time.
9. Clerk's report was offered. None heard.
10. Fire Chief's Report was offered. Chief Dreyer reported that the new tires have been placed on the trucks and was completed today. The Chief has received a recall notice on the airpicks. He has been in contact with the company and they will be coming to the station to service them. The Fire Advisory Committee meeting that was scheduled for November 6th was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. Trustee Constantine asked if the FDAC membership could be dropped

dropped down to a 5 member committee.

11. Derek Hall from the State of Michigan gave a presentation of the fiscal audit. Discussion was held regarding the financial health of each fund. Treasurer VanBemmelen asked to be able to schedule an audit for this fiscal year which will be scheduled for next fall.
12. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to authorize the Treasurer to proceed with scheduling with the State for an audit for next year. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Rich Hyde, who represents Crockery Township on the Spring Lake Area Recreation Authority was present tonight. He submitted to the Board the participation figures which we had requested. Due to the higher participation numbers SLARA is requesting an increased financial contribution from Crockery Township.
14. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve \$3,600 in financial support to Spring Lake Area Recreation Authority. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Discussion was held regarding the Sewer Assessment Tax Tribunal issue with Hathaway Lakes.
16. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to authorize Andrea Crumbacker to proceed with appraisals on the parcels involved in the Tax Tribunal. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Discussion was held regarding the construction phase of the North Bank Trail.
18. Motion By VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to adopt Resolution 2014-24, Resolution To Support The Submission Of A MNRTF Grant Application And To Seek Donations For The Townships 20% Matching Funds. All in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Suchecki to pay the invoice from Lakeshore Advantage Corporation (Ken Rizzio) for 2014 membership. All in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Suchecki to approve Resolution 2014- 23, Resolution Establishing Township Property Tax Rates For 2014. All in favor. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Constantine, seconded by Buchanan to establish Fund 271, Library Fund. All in favor. Motion carried.
22. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to amend the 2014-15 Fiscal Budget by the addition of Fund 271 Library Millage by \$69,000 revenue and expenditure. All in favor. Motion carried.
23. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to approve the snow plow bid from Abe Anderson for the 2014-15 season. All in favor. Motion carried.
24. Motion by Constantine, seconded by VanBemmelen to go into Closed Session to discuss a written opinion of the township attorney. All in favor. Motion carried. The Board went into Closed Session at 9:25 p.m.
25. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Constantine to come out of Closed Session at 10:45 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.
25. Motion by VanBemmelen, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Buchanan, Clerk
Crockery Township