



**Chesaning Township Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 4, 2013 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting: Called to order at 7:38 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Supervisor Robert Corrin, Clerk Frances Kukulis, Treasurer Cathy Gross; Trustees: Kevin Carlton, William Hedrich, Peter Hemgesberg, and Ken Hornak

Members Absent: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 7, 2013 were presented for approval.

Public Comments: None

Committee/Board Reports:

County Commissioner – Commissioner Greenfelder reported on current activities including City of Saginaw Police Department/County Sheriff contract discussions; dog license fees now being substantially used to fund the animal shelter; vicious dog ordinance updates; Saginaw Transit Authority countywide millage discussion; cutting legacy costs/bonding to finance county budget deficit; and countywide ordinance being sought to allow use of golf carts on all county roads. She answered questions and heard concerns from board members and visitors regarding the proposed countywide transit millage.

County Road Commission – Managing Director Borchard introduced himself. He discussed intentions to implement new processes at the road commission such as a monthly update of maintenance work completed in the townships. He answered questions on a local drain proposed to be moved, and listened to comments of board members and visitors.

SCTOA – Hornak reminded the board of the Spring Meeting to be held on April 24 noting the April 19 reservation deadline.

Cemetery – Hemgesberg suggested section markers be placed in the cemetery for ease of grave location and recommended use of wood posts, he indicated water will be turned on for May 1, during Spring clean-up April 8–May 1 unclaimed flower pots from past clean-ups will be put in front of the garage for those interested and then will be disposed of after this date, finally he noted poor conditions of some areas of the roads in the cemetery and the need for gravel or grading.

Building Official – No one present to report.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – No one present to report.

Parks & Rec – Carlton reported 200 trees will be planted at Showboat Park utilizing honor students and Kiwanis volunteers during the upcoming tree sale in April, Don Plat will be putting on disc golf clinics May 8 and May 11 at 10:00 a.m. and is additionally making plans for a pickle ball presentation to introduce these games to those interested, and the split rail fence at the entrance of Showboat Park will be replaced with white fencing.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross reported no meeting was held, she discussed/passed around the Health Center services report noting 1280 shots were given to Chesaning residents, and United Appeal letters will be going out shortly with information on how to apply for the \$30,000.00 raised.

Fire Board – Corrin and Carlton reported the recent pancake breakfast raised \$600, vehicle radios will be reconfigured to narrowband and will be changed to include the whole county in communications, fiscal year budget adjustments and the new proposed budget will be adopted at the next meeting, a large insurance rebate check was received, truck repairs continue, and the new ladder truck went out on a recent barn fire run although it did not need to be used.

MMWA – Kukulis noted the next meeting is April 8, 2013, tentative dates have been set for hazardous and e-waste events, and noted the recent article in the paper detailing plans proposed for changes to garbage and recycling pickup and containers in upcoming contract negotiations.

Task Force – Carlton noted discussions continue about the Showboat.

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor – Corrin noted signed contracts are back from Saginaw Future, Board of Review addressed 33 appeals, Planning Commission has reviewed proposed zoning ordinance changes, these changes will be sent to the attorney for his review, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on May 1 for comments and concerns, the Township Board will hold a public hearing on May 2 for comments and concerns regarding revisions to the Township's nuisance and weed ordinances, the Zoning Board of Appeals held their annual meeting and elected its' chair Gary Azelton and secretary Harold Mallory and set April 2, 2014 for their next annual meeting, proposed county drain work to the Miller, Richter, West branch of Deer Creek and Wickham drains totaling \$4,095.00 came in after the budget (\$2,000.00) was adopted noting the 2013-14 budget will have to be amended when work is completed, requests for crack seal and chip-n-seal have been turned in to the county and timing of brining and gravel on Amman will be addressed with the county prior to either happening.

Clerk – Kukulis noted Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk Vogl finished her clerk's training and is awaiting accreditation.

Treasurer – Gross reported tax settlement was completed on March 26, all went well, the buyback check from the county for delinquent parcels will be distributed once received, BSA tax program learning continues, and she and Vogl have been reviewing rolls for clean-up prior to the next roll in July.

Unfinished Business:

Saginaw County Township Officers Association Meeting-April 24 – A reminder was given board members.

MTA Township Legislative Advocacy Day-May 2 – A reminder was given board members.

Cemetery Road Discussion – A road proposed for construction in the West Section of Wildwood Cemetery to access grave sites and a future columbarium was discussed. The board felt specifications submitted by Spicer were more road than needed and asked to have engineers look at specifications to see what could be adjusted to more appropriately fit what is needed. The committee will meet Monday, April 8 to discuss changes prior to putting the work out for bid.

New Business:

Electrical Plan Reviewer Appointment (Leon Buning) – Corrin updated the board noting a recent change to the Michigan Building Officials, Plan Reviewers and Inspectors Rules requiring electrical inspectors be certified plan reviewers by a date mid to late April 2013, adding our inspector, William Neuhaus III, is working toward this requirement and in the meantime Leon Buning, as recommended by Building Official Kehoe, could serve in this capacity for the township.

Computer Purchase (Assessor) – Corrin noted the computer used by the Assessor has been having operating issues and will additionally need to be replaced prior to the new assessing programming being purchased in fiscal year 2014-15. He reminded this computer was budgeted for in the newly adopted 2013-14 budget and was seeking board approval to move forward with the purchase.

Extended Public Comment: None

Extended Township Board Comment: Hornak quoted from a recent article he read on skyrocketing values of farm land in Indiana and Ohio ending with a comment that farmland is black gold and we should all "buy farm land because they ain't making it anymore".

Items Approved:

- Motion by Hornak, support by Hedrich, to approve the March 7, 2013 Budget Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Gross, support by Carlton, to approve putting in a new cemetery road as discussed and presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to appoint Leon Buning to fill the position of Electrical Plan Reviewer upon his acceptance of this position and until the township Electrical Inspector William Neuhaus III can accomplish becoming certified per new State of Michigan requirements. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak to proceed with the purchase of a new computer for the Assessor's office to fit the specifications recommended by BS&A for the assessing program that will eventually be placed on it. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hedrich, to pay bills as presented. Bills totaled \$68,663.96. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Kukulis, to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Motion Carried.

**Frances Kukulis, Clerk
Chesaning Township**