



**Chesaning Township Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
June 6, 2013 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting:** Called to order at 7:42 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 Public Hearing Meeting and Regular Board Meeting of May 2, 2013 were presented for approval.

**Public Comments:** Randy Braeutigan made complaint of a neighbor's barking dog disrupting sleep and un-mowed grass on the same property. O/E Officer Olk asked Braeutigan to file paperwork on the complaint.

Ron Hornak read a letter to the board from the Watchful Citizens Overseeing Self-Enrichment Political Leaders (WCOSPL) regarding accusations of abuse of power of public office by Trustee Ken Hornak. He handed a packet of information to board members. Trustee Hornak responded the issue is a civil matter and asked that discussion be stopped. Discussion continued and O/E Officer Olk asked Ron Hornak to step into another room to discuss the issue further with him.

**Committee/Board Reports:**

County Commissioner – No one present to report.

County Road Commission – No one present to report, monthly report of activity has been received.

SCTOA – Hornak noted no meeting was held in May.

Cemetery – Hemgesberg stated standing water remains near the cemetery pole barn and recommended discussion with the County Road Commission indicating the drainage problem appears to have occurred since the road project was completed; the contractor will begin the new road as soon as the ground dries; complaints of stolen planters have been received. Hedrich noted the river bank has been seeded and dog woods planted. Corrin added volunteers from the high school senior class assisted with the planting and additionally mulched the flower beds at the town hall and raked lawns at the cemetery. Corrin noted there is a damaged tree needing immediate removal and asked Hemgesberg to determine if others are in need of attention and then to proceed with having work completed; over growth of brush and trees impeding upon headstones was additionally discussed and the board directed Hedrich to proceed with removal of overgrown shrubs and trees around headstones and to treat with root killer. Corrin noted a drain located in the right-of-way of Sharon Road needs repair, the damaged drain is flooding a section of private property it drains the north section of the cemetery and runs from the Catholic cemetery; the County does not have record of the drain and it appears it may be a private drain; additional discovery has to take place to determine ownership and repair.

Building Official – No one present to report.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Olk reported Frandsche Road property has sold; personal protection orders remain in place; a drain complaint is being handled on Ferden Road; State Road barn work is still progressing.

Parks & Rec – Carlton reported Dr. Teal chaired the meeting since there currently is no Chairman; discussion on the "no mow zone" of grass at Showboat Park, the tree planting, tire recycling program, repairs to the railing of the Showboat, that Showboat has been decorated, and upcoming Summer events were mentioned. Corrin noted the Parks and Rec reorganization continues adding the new commission will consist of two members each from the village, township and school and one member-at-large from the community.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross reported no meeting was held; the United Appeal campaign has closed and will begin again in August.

Fire Board – Corrin reported equipment in Oakley damaged by electricity during storms has been replaced; driveway at the fire hall has been crack sealed; fire hose replacement is underway; a certificate of deposit is up for renewal, interest rates are very low.

MMWA – Kukulis noted the next meeting is June 10; survey flyers on refuse and recycle have been printed and Treasurer

Gross will be putting them in the tax bills prior to mailing.

Task Force – Carlton noted discussion on Showboat park grass, street conditions, and parks were discussed at the meeting.

**Board Officials Reports:**

Supervisor – Corrin reported Jim and Della Smith resigned their positions as the cemetery foundation contractors due to Jim's health noting a backlog of eight foundations from the winter months needed to be addressed right away; Trustee Hedrich worked with the Smith's to complete the foundations and document details for future foundation work; the American Legion held Memorial Day services at Wildwood Cemetery and were well attended; two students read their essays on what Memorial Day means to those attending; Tire Recycling Days are June 12 and 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; county road projects/work is in process, Amman has been graveled; the cross culvert on Havana is complete; the cross tube on Gary and work on Fergus has begun; potholes are being patched, side road mowing has begun; seal coating of roads is yet to be done.

Clerk – Kukulis noted the Maple Grove Township Clerk handled our May 7, 2013 New Lothrop School District voters adding four of the sixteen registered voters voted. The board was reminded the Clerk and Deputy Clerk will attend training in June.

Treasurer – Gross reported she received the County buyback check of more than \$29,000 for delinquent real property and will begin distributions; refuse and recycle flyers have been printed and will be stuffed into the tax bills that mail on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Unfinished Business:**

Confirm Adoption of Amendments to Zoning Ordinance (pertaining to signs and the Farmland Preservation District) – Kukulis explained information received from the township planners after the May board meeting indicated the Board took action prior to the required 30 days from receipt of the Planning Commission recommendations on amendments to the Zoning Ordinance so the board will have to confirm their intentions on the amendments to the ordinance at this meeting.

Parks and Recreation Agreement – Corrin noted the agreement is still in progress and meetings are being held.

**New Business:**

Waiver for Right of First Refusal – Foreclosed Parcel #13-09-3-04-4004-000 – 14000 S. Sharon Road – A list of foreclosed parcels located in the township was sent to the board from Saginaw County for consideration of purchase for public purpose.

Accept Cemetery Foundation Contractor Resignation (Jim & Della Smith-due to health) & Discuss Replacement – Corrin reiterated due to health the Smith's have resigned their contract and asked the board for input on a replacement.

Discuss Changes to Building Permit Fee Structure and Adopt Amended Fee Schedule – The Board was presented a proposed amendment to the current building permit fee structure as recommended by Building Official Kehoe. Increased costs for new construction permits and a desire to see an illustration of the proposed fees as compared to current fees was discussed.

Discuss/Adopt MTA Principles of Governance – The board was asked to consider and adopt the Michigan Township Association's (MTA) Principles of Governance affirming that as a function of its structure and traditions, township government embodies efficient, effective, economical, ethical and accountable local government in Michigan.

Invitation to 100<sup>th</sup> Saginaw County Fair Opening Ceremony July 30, 2013 – An invitation to the opening ceremonies of the 100<sup>th</sup> Fair of the Saginaw County Fair was given to the Board with the reminder that rsvp's should be made by June 26.

Reminder, July Board Meeting Date (Tuesday, July 2, 2013, adjusted for holiday) – Corrin reminded the board of the date change to the July meeting due to the holiday and noted an ad will be run in the paper to notify citizens.

**Extended Public Comment:** Randy Braeutigan questioned if there was additional information on proposed changes to refuse and recycle. He was referred to the previous month's minutes for information that was presented to the Board by MMWA and reminded of the survey going into the summer tax bills.

**Extended Township Board Comment:** Gross commented on the nice job the high school volunteers did at the hall and cemetery.

**Items Approved:**

- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Carlton, to approve the May 2, 2013 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Carlton to adopt revisions to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to signs, agricultural farmland preservation district (A), and single family residential (R-1A) as recommended by the Planning Commission and amended during the meeting. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried. .
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg, to waive the right of first refusal to foreclosed parcel #13-09-3-04-4004-000. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to accept the resignation of the township cemetery foundation contractors, Jim and Della Smith, due to health. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak, to assign Trustee Hedrich the additional duties of the cemetery foundation contractor and to temporarily appoint him the same. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Corrin. Abstain: Hedrich. No: None. Motion Carried.

- Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg, to table to the July 2 meeting consideration of proposed changes to the Fee Schedule pertaining to the Building Permit Fee Structure. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Carlton, to adopt MTA's Principles of Governance as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to pay bills as presented. Bills totaled \$39,204.57. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Gross, support by Carlton, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Motion Carried.

**Frances Kukulis, Clerk  
Chesaning Township**