



**Chesaning Township Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
October 3, 2013 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting:** Called to order at 7:33 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 September 5, 2013 were presented for approval.

**Public Comments:** State Representative for the 85<sup>th</sup> District, Ben Glardon, gave an update on pending legislative issues at the State level noting personal property tax reform, road funding, and Medicaid have been taking much time; he answered questions and listened to comments.

Christopher Rosum, student of Environmental Science and Planning at the University of Michigan Flint, introduced himself noting he was sitting in on the meeting to observe for a class he is currently enrolled in.

**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 reported no meeting was held.

Cemetery – Hemgesberg noted the additional cemetery rule signs have been installed; Corrin and committee members have been marking problem trees/stumps for removal and bids have been sought for the work; Hedrich added the committee has discussed marking gravesites that have ordinance violations with flags informing lot holders/care takers to contact the hall; the board was asked for their input, and agreed by consensus to proceed with marking graves during spring clean up; replacing trees taken down along Ferden Road during road construction was discussed.

Building Official – No one present to report.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – No one present to report. Corrin stated Kehoe has sent a few ordinance enforcement letters to property owners and corrective action has been noted already on some properties.

Parks & Rec – Carlton said no meeting has been held and noted a meeting date change to Tuesday, October 8 at the Fire Hall; he noted Halloween camping held during September had a nice turnout.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross reported no meeting was held; the health center roof replacement is still planned for this Fall and is awaiting the contractor; United Appeal envelopes will be stuffed Tuesday, October 8 and mailed the following week kicking off the 2013-14 United Appeal drive.

Fire Board – Corrin noted a floor scrubber has been purchased; the driveway has been sealed with substantial cracks filled; the committee for the purchase of a new fire truck continues to meet; the audit is underway; smoke training took place recently at the old parish hall school with two members from Tri-Township training along with our firemen; the next training is planned for the week of October 7 and will be on vehicle extrication.

MMWA – Kukulis noted the next meeting is Monday, October 14; representatives of member communities will be asked to give their unit's position on the next contract so bids can be solicited; the final e-waste recycling day for 2013 will take place October 12 at Davenport University from 9am-1pm.

Task Force – Carlton stated a detailed report on the museum status was received, Main Street and a Main Street Plan with the DDA were discussed; an update on the new food pantry at the Methodist Church was given; the pantry will be visited during the next meeting.

### **Board Officials Reports:**

Supervisor – Corrin reported a Saginaw Area GIS Authority meeting will be held October 16; Maple Grove Township has joined S.A.G.A.; funding changes to S.A.G.A. are being proposed; a Shiawassee River Watershed Summit will be held October 17 at Baker College, Owosso from 3-8 pm; the Saginaw County Road Commission newsletter noted Ryan Whiteherse, Director of Engineering has retired, interviewing for a replacement is being conducted; crack sealing on McKeighan and Gasper Roads is completed; our District Foreman Paul Gohs has indicated no culverts currently need replacing for next year; an open house is scheduled for the end of the month at the road commission garage; winter preparation is underway; the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission is November 6.

Clerk – Kukulis noted I.T. contractor Reiber will be in Monday, October 7 to update the BIOS' and install virus protection on the e-pollbooks for the next election; Kukulis read an invitation to the Board and residents announcing a 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration being held for Bob and Ruth Corrin at the Bonnymill Inn Sunday, November 3.

Treasurer – Gross reported summer tax collections have slowed; the penalty on late taxes is now 2%; most tax distributions are completed; the first request has been received from an escrow agent for winter tax bills.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Review/Adopt Parks and Recreation Agreement – Corrin noted changes to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the proposed draft agreement are still being discussed including bonding, the ability to levy millage, what the district boundaries are, so review and adoption of the agreement is currently on hold.

Extend/Renew Snow Plowing Contract – 2013-2014 & 2014-2015 (Struck Lawn & Landscape) – the Board discussed concerns and contractor's interest in extending the contract; Corrin noted all concerns were addressed with the contractor and the contractor is willing to extend the contract at the same cost for two seasons.

The board added agenda item (h) Consider Cemetery Tree Removal Bids to the agenda under New Business.

### **New Business:**

Budget Amendments – Kukulis presented budget amendments to the 2013-14 Fiscal Year Budget for both Township Parks and Other Fund from Contingencies to cover shortfalls.

Cemetery Fall Clean-Up (Ad published twice 10-6 & 10-13/clean-up by Sunday, 10-20) – The Fall clean-up ad was presented for Board information.

Consider Attendance MTA 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Educational Conf, (January 28-31, 2014 – Grand Traverse Resort – Acme, MI) – Board members were asked to notify Kukulis of their intention to attend by October 14 so rooms could be reserved; more information on the conference will be presented for consideration at the November meeting.

MMWA 2014 Member Information/Solid Waste Report/Consider 2014 Rate \$106.00/parcel 930 parcels – The member information report was presented; Gross noted the County's assessment report was reviewed and one new parcel has been added to the roll bringing the certified house count to 930 from 929 (parcel #13-09-3-06-2002-003); the special assessment rate of \$106.00/parcel, which is less than the MMWA projected cost for the service, was offered for consideration since fund balance remains high.

MMWA Curbside Solid Waste Service Survey (Community Response Results) – Community survey response tallies were reviewed and discussed; 23% of those polled responded to the survey (217 surveys received of 929 residents served) with 58% responding yes, 33% responding no, and 9% of surveys received with no response to the question of switching from a 33-gallon trash can to a larger sized wheeled cart for trash pickup, additionally 63% responded yes, 33% responded no, and 4% received with no response to the question of switching from a recycling bin to a larger sized wheeled cart for recycling pickup.

Board's Desire on MMWA Curbside Solid Waste Methodology – Curbcart and manual trash and recycling options were considered along with container sizes, bulky item pickup, and how often recycling would be offered. It was the consensus of the Board to have Kukulis present Chesaning Township's position at the MMWA meeting to use curbcarts for both refuse and recycling services, to offer one size of curbcart for both services with preference to the middle size or 65 gallon cart, to continue to offer bulky item pickup even if only one time per month, and to continue to offer recycling pickup on a weekly basis.

Township Hall Park Porta-John Pickup-Sloan's – Consensus was to have the porta-john located at the town hall park picked up prior to Halloween as has been done in the past.

Consider Cemetery Tree Removal Bids – Corrin noted Dave's Tree Service was the only bid received; bids were broken into two parts one for the Center Section (mausoleum) and another for the two remaining sections combined the North (new) Section and Section East of Sharon Road (old) on the river. The bids were read and considered.

### **Extended Public Comment:**

None

**Extended Township Board Comment:**

Hornak, Hemgesberg, Kukulis, and Corrin thanked the Board for their attendance at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> MTA Conference in Frankenmuth and commented on the valuable information presented.

Hedrich thanked the Board for their condolences and the sympathy card received on the recent passing of his father-in-law.

**Items Approved:**

- Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg to approve the September 5, 2013, Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton, to extend the contract for snowplowing services with Struck Lawn and Landscape for two (2) years, 2013-14 and 2014-15 winter seasons. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich to amend the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget moving \$1,250 from Contingency to Township Park. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Carlton, support by Hornak to amend the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget moving \$1 from Contingency to Other Fund. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton to set the number of parcels in the refuse/recycle collection special assessment district roll to 930 and to keep the assessment at \$106.00/parcel. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to award the cemetery tree removal contract to Dave's Tree Service with one bid of \$1,060.00 for the North (new) Section and Section East of Sharon Road (old) on the river, and a second bid of \$2,210 for the Center Section (mausoleum), for a combined total of \$3,270. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hedrich, to pay bills as presented. Bills totaled \$22,429.97. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Gross, to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m. Motion Carried.

**Frances M. Kukulis, Clerk  
Chesaning Township**