



**Chesaning Township Minutes  
Regular Meeting &  
Fire Protection Special Assessment District Public Hearing  
April 3, 2014 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting:** Called to order at 7:31 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

Corrin announced Administrative Assistant Vogl had a baby girl two weeks ago noting this is a first for the township since he has been in office.

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was presented for approval; Item b) Road Discussion and Item c) Parshallburg Park Discussion were added to the agenda under Unfinished Business.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting/Budget Public Hearing of March 6, 2014 were presented for approval.

**Public Comments:** None

**Open Public Hearing:** The public hearing was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

Hearing to create Fire Protection Special Assessment District – Corrin explained the Chesaning-Brady Fire Department operating millage expired on December 31, 2013. Because the previous assessment district has ended the Township is required to notify residents and hold public hearings to re-establish the fire protection special assessment district millage. This process is not to create an additional assessment or to increase the previous assessment, approving this district will allow the Township to keep the funding of the Fire Department the same as it has been for the past 15 years.

Public Comments – Chet Terry of 704 Thayer, Chesaning addressed the board. He questioned how the figure listed in the public hearing notice of \$166,000 was calculated. Kukulis indicated the figure was the taxable value of all non-exempt real properties in the Township multiplied by 1.5 mills. No other public comments were heard.

Letters of Protest – Kukulis read the three (3) letters of protest received by the Township, these letters were from Kathleen and Francis Beckman of 639 Center Street, Chesaning, Gerald and Julie Koviack of 18700 Sharon Road, Oakley, and Lynne Glover of 19517 S. Niver Road, Oakley.

**Close Public Hearing:** The public hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

**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 he would discuss the Annual Meeting during New Business.

Cemetery – Hemgesberg noted water should be turned back on, weather dependent, by May 1. Hedrich questioned if the process of replacing trees along Ferden Road (to replace those taken out of the cemetery during road construction) could begin adding it is a good time to plant trees now. Corrin noted tree replacement was budgeted for and can happen at any time. Corrin stated roads in the cemetery are too muddy to begin grading; he has a possible lead on a rock for the mausoleum sign; surveying to set grade for a drain to solve water issues near the mausoleum needs to begin; Selleck has begun clean-up of downed limbs and will begin Spring clean-up of lots on April 7. Kukulis noted residents have until April 6 to remove items prior to this clean-up and have been notified not to place new items until May 1.

Building Official – No one present to report.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Corrin noted enforcement of fences, cars and buildings will be addressed now that weather has improved.

Parks & Rec – Carlton updated the board on the April 2nd meeting noting discussion on how the budget process will work continues; the disc golf in Showboat Park will be re-done since it has been determined the stations are too far apart; the campground brochure is being re-done to make it more generic so it can be re-used each year; planning is underway for uses of the waterway, such as canoeing, etc.; a 5-year Parks and Rec plan will be worked on this year; the Village is writing for grants for Showboat Park and Peet Pond.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross stated a meeting was held to discuss ongoing clinic cancellations and staffing problems, County Commissioner Greenfelder, now a member of the Health Center Board, was present and it is hopeful problems can be resolved. The United Appeal looks like it may meet their goal of \$30,000 with last minute donations; the next meeting will be April 15 and discussion will include how this money will be distributed.

Fire Board – Corrin noted a memorial will be held on April 22 for firefighter Don Wilson who passed away; the ISO rating base has recently been checked and has improved, this rating affects insurance rates paid by the department; truck repairs---tires for one, a pump on another, and possibly a light tower on another need to be replaced; the proposed budget will be presented at the next meeting.

MMWA – Kukulis noted the next meeting will be April 14, no agenda has been received yet but it is anticipated that bids for the proposed curb carts will be in and presented.

Task Force – Carlton noted Village improvements, upcoming School election, and the Chamber River Days were discussed; committee reports were received.

#### **Board Officials Reports:**

Supervisor – Corrin noted MTA's Legislative day will be held May 1 in Lansing; Board of Review met for 2 days, received 42 petitions, 14 veteran exemptions and 1 poverty exemption were addressed; the Library has appointed Sally Alexander and Carol Somers as their new co-directors; Zoning Board of Appeals held their annual meeting April 2, the playscape at the hall needs work, noting the tic-tac-toe unit, the child seats on the swing, and the picnic table need to be replaced, the Board will have to decide how to address these items soon; and County questions to be included on the August ballot include renewal of the Commission on Aging millage, renewal and an increase to the mosquito control millage, renewal of the Parks and Rec millage proposed to nearly double, and .2 mills for Hoyt Park.

Clerk – Kukulis reported the upcoming May 6 school election and filling in for the Administrative Assistant duties have kept her very busy.

Treasurer – Gross reported tax settlement was March 18 and all monies have been disbursed; 90% of taxes were collected with 10% going delinquent; real property taxes are now due at the County with personal property still being collected here; a SALTA meeting will be held April 16; preparation of reports for the June audit will begin; and the collection season will start again in July.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Township/Village Tire Recycling Day-Update – Hedrich said he has contacted Mosquito Control and they will contact him once they have their dates set to schedule our recycling day.

Road Discussion – Corrin noted due to changes in county funding of road projects we are limited on how much road work can be done with the dollars we budgeted during our budget workshop. The Board discussed and decided 1-1/2 miles of McKeighan Road needs to be finished with seal coating at approximately \$24,750; a mile of Ferden Road will be seal coated at approximately \$16,500, a mile of Frandsche Road needs the sides of the road cut back, low spots in the road filled and seal coat done at approximately \$16,500 and to be possibly fog sealed for around \$2,500. Chesaning and Stuart Roads have driveway tubes that need work; jetting will be attempted to possibly avert replacing the tubes, an additional tube on the north side of Chesaning Road West of Stuart will have to be placed to correct some water issues with the hopes of sharing the cost with the homeowner; all tubes will be replaced with steel tubes where needed. Cross tubes needing replacement are still unknown and will need to be determined yet. Corrin noted work on the Gary Road Bridge is expected to start in November; a bump sign has been placed on the corner of Frandsche and Peet Roads to alert motorists of a large bump, Hedrich stated it had been removed possibly hit by a car.

Parshallburg Park Discussion – Corrin noted the deck at Parshallburg Park needs 2 – 4x4 braces purchased to replace those taken out by ice and bumper blocks need to be added along the parking area to divert water from the hill. Hedrich added the concrete foundation is broken and needs to be removed and rebuilt. Corrin asked for Board direction, do we asphalt the balance of the roadway or stonecrete it; the Board decided to postpone asphalt and to stonecrete the remainder of the drive and take care of the foundation work needing to be done.

#### **New Business:**

Consider Resolution Creating Special Assessment District for Fire Protection Funding – A resolution to create a special assessment district for fire protection was presented to the Board.

Consider Policy and Procedure for Public Inspection and Copy of Public Records in Lieu of Customary Business Hours – Kukulis explained the Assessor has recommended the Board consider adopting a policy for public inspection and copy of public records since the Township is marked down during assessment roll audits for not having such a policy in place. The Board will consider a policy at its May meeting.

Saginaw County Township Officers Association Annual Meeting – Hornak noted a flyer was included with the Board's packet. He added the Annual Meeting will be held April 23, 2014 at Crooked Creek Golf and Banquet Center, it is a fun and informative event with presenters speaking on items pertinent to township government. Board members were asked to confirm attendance with Kukulis prior to the April 18 RSVP deadline.

**Extended Public Comment:**

None

**Extended Township Board Comment:**

None

**Items Approved:**

- Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item b) Road Discussion and Item c) Parshallburg Park Discussion under Unfinished Business. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to approve the March 6, 2014 Regular Board Meeting/Budget Public Hearing minutes, as presented. Motion Carried. .
- Motion by Kukulis, support by Hemgesberg, to adopt the Resolution Creating Special Assessment District for Fire Protection Funding and Other Matters Related Thereto, as presented. (Complete copy available in the Clerk's office). Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hedrich, support by Carlton, to pay bills, as presented. Bills totaled \$55,844.41. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Gross, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Motion Carried.

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