



**Chesaning Township Minutes
Regular Meeting &
Fire Protection Special Assessment District Roll Public Hearing
May 1, 2014 @ 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 Agenda: Agenda was presented for approval; Item d) Road Discussion was added to the agenda under Unfinished Business.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting/Fire Protection Special Assessment District Public Hearing of April 3, 2014 were presented for approval.

Public Comments: None

Open Public Hearing: The public hearing was called to order at 7:37 p.m.

Hearing to create Fire Protection Special Assessment District Roll – Corrin read the Public Hearing Notice informing owners of land located in the fire protection special assessment district of the public hearing purpose.

Public Comments – None

Letters of Protest – Kukulis noted no letters of protest were received.

Close Public Hearing: The public hearing was closed at 7:39 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 stated there was a fair turnout at the April 23rd Annual Meeting noting four persons represented the township; election of officers and a speaker from Consumers Power were part of the program activities; a larger program is being planned for the winter meeting.

Cemetery – Hemgesberg noted water is on; 4 faucets needed repair, he is out of parts if others need repair, the board approved his purchase of parts for future use as needed; dumping of refuse has been occurring on cemetery and an adjoining property owners land, the situation needs to be monitored; the ledge at the riverbank continues to hold; he knows of someone who may haul the large rock for the mausoleum sign at no cost. Corrin noted Hedrich repaired a water leak at the cemetery, Hedrich added Corrin dug to repair the leak by hand; the two of them have taken elevation shots to determine what needs to be done to resolve the drainage issues near the mausoleum, they have come up with possible solutions but more studying needs to be done. Hedrich noted the drain on the Maie land is filling with silt and river sediment again and asked what the County's plan for clean-up was, Corrin stated he will follow-up with the County. Flagging of grave sites in violation of cemetery rules was discussed, flags will be placed near the headstone informing the lot holder to call the hall for information; flagging will begin before Memorial Day. Corrin noted Selleck has begun mowing the cemetery and Zelinko has been grooming winter burial sites.

Building Official – No one present to report. Corrin noted a permit for a new home on Frandsche Road has been received.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Corrin stated he will follow-up on enforcement letters that have been sent.

Parks & Rec – Carlton stated the next meeting will be May 7.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross stated United Appeal money will be awarded next week, the Health Center Board are planning another meeting, bringing the WIC program back and other issues will be discussed; the water problem next to the Center has been fixed.

Fire Board – Corrin stated budget amendments were addressed during the April 9 meeting, the memorial for firefighter Don Wilson was well attended; a \$2,500 DNR grant for updating equipment was received, the light tower on one of the trucks is down and needs repair, an update from the fire truck purchase committee is expected next week.

MMWA – Kukulis stated the board was informed April 14 the bids from waste haulers for the curb carts came in much higher than anticipated; MMWA will look to get the current contract extended by 1 year to allow time for negotiation or re-bid as needed.

Task Force – Corrin noted bank foreclosed properties and how to improve town were discussed during the April 22 meeting; minutes from the March 25 meeting were in township board packets this month.

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor – Corrin attended the SAGAGIS meeting, he noted a fly-over is being planned to update topographic maps, a personal property link has been added to the site, and property lines in the site are being improved; the next Planning Commission meeting will be May 7; the High School Senior work day is planned for May 14, with a rain date of May 15, the students assist with clean-up at the cemetery and hall grounds; the American Legion annual Memorial Day ceremony will be May 26 at the cemetery; a lumber buyer came to the hall and inquired if the township had considered timbering at the cemetery, he indicated there were a number of trees at peak to be harvested that could generate some money for the township, the Board was concerned of damage that may result from the process but agreed it should be looked into; Corrin stated he attended the MTA Legislative day, today, May 1 noting it was informative, revenue sharing changes, State road improvement funding, FOIA changes, and gas taxes and sales taxes were all discussed.

Clerk – Kukulis noted an updated proposal for the budgeted assessing program has been received, all details remain the same, a signed copy of the proposal has to be returned to BS&A for them to schedule the installation and conversion, additionally the QVF computer, also budgeted for, needs to be purchased shortly after the upcoming election per the State, the Board agreed to move forward with the purchases and authorized Kukulis to sign the BS&A agreement. Also noted, the upcoming May 6 School Election, Kukulis will be in the office Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. for AV ballots and Monday, May 5 AV ballots will be available for those voting in person until 4 p.m.

Treasurer – Gross reported she has been processing address changes in the tax system brought to light by the Fire Assessment letters; cleaning up delinquent personal properties before the new tax season; the County has been in contact with her regarding the Summer season already; also preparation of reports for the June audit has begun. A check was received from the County for \$987.00, interest from properties with revoked homestead exemptions.

Unfinished Business:

Consider Policy and Procedure for Public Inspection and Copy of Public Records in Lieu of Customary Business Hours – A policy for public inspection and copy of public records was presented to the Board for consideration.

Consider Purchase of Trees-Wildwood Cemetery –Hedrich presented information for replacement of trees at the cemetery taken down during road construction. Weigold's Nursery recommended planting potted hardwood trees due to the poor soil conditions. Crimson Maples and Norway Maples are available at a cost of \$100/each and Flowering Pears would cost \$80/each. The number of trees needed, the location of where the trees would be placed were discussed. Hedrich noted three trees are going to be donated by an anonymous source. Planting of the trees would be accomplished by Board volunteers, Hemgesberg stated he would additionally provide materials needed to properly stake the trees once planted.

Township/Village Tire Recycling Day-Update – Hedrich stated Mosquito Control has contacted him and plan to host the Tire Pickup Day on June 24 at the Middle School parking lot, he added they plan to man the clean-up and advertise the date.

Road Discussion – Corrin presented a list of road work to be considered. He stated the County has decided to fund projects this year at 80% with a cost share of 20%. The projects presented total an estimated \$61,230, \$16,191 would be paid from the County allotment for the Township and the balance would be paid for from the Township's road dollar budget. Discussion on, the yet unknown cost of, additional repairs needed to Frandsche Road, caused by heaving, may cause the project to be further discussed at a later date. Corrin additionally noted the cost of brining will be shared with the County at 50% this year. Hemgesberg noted weight restrictions on roads are due to be lifted at 5:00 p.m. on May 5.

New Business:

Consider Resolution Creating Special Assessment District Roll No. 2014-1 Funding of Fire Protection – A resolution to create the special assessment district roll no. 2014-1 for fire protection was presented to the Board.

Accept Resignation of Charles Sadilek from Board of Review – The board was presented a letter of resignation from Charles Sadilek from Board of Review.

Appoint Leonard Strait to Fill Vacancy on Board of Review – Corrin noted Board of Review Alternate Member Leonard Strait has agreed to move up to the vacancy in the regular member position. He noted an alternate member will need to be chosen to fill the Alternate Member vacancy.

Porta-John Town Hall – The board discussed and approved placing a Porta-John at the town hall park again this year as has been past practice.

Cemetery Tree Removal (Phase 2) – Corrin stated we are ready to begin phase 2 of the tree removal project started last year. Hemgesberg and Hedrich noted approximately 14 or more trees/shrubs, and a stump need to be removed. Corrin will contact Dave's Tree Service for a price, once all the trees have been marked, to be brought back before the Board.

Consider Attendance at 2014 MTA Regional Meeting (Early Registration Discount by May 14) – Board members were asked to let Kukulis know prior to May 14 if they plan to attend the regional meeting to be held in Frankenmuth June 16.

Extended Public Comment:

None

Extended Township Board Comment:

Corrin noted stonecrete has been delivered to Parshallburg Park for the Conservation Club to spread.

Items Approved:

- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Carlton, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item d) Road Discussion under Unfinished Business. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to approve the April 3, 2014 Regular Board Meeting/Fire Protection Special Assessment District Public Hearing minutes, as presented. Motion Carried. .
- Motion by Kukulis, support by Hemgesberg, to adopt the Policy and Procedure for Public Inspection and Copy of Public Records in Lieu of Customary Business Hours, as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Kukulis, support by Hedrich, to purchase 5 crimson maple trees at a cost of \$100/each from Weigold's to be planted at Wildwood Cemetery. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to accept the proposed road work list, as presented, with the understanding that Frandsche Road project be further discussed if cost of leveling comes in much higher than anticipated. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak, to adopt the Resolution For Chesaning Township Fire Protection Special Assessment District No. 2014-1 Roll, as presented. (Complete copy available in the Clerk's office). Roll Call Vote – Yes: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to accept the resignation of Charles Sadilek from Board of Review effective May 1, 2014. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton, to move Leonard Strait up from Alternate Member and appoint him to fill the Member vacancy on Board of Review. It was noted the Alternate Member vacancy would need to be filled. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hedrich, to place a porta-john on the hall playground for the months of May-October. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hedrich, to pay bills, as presented. Bills totaled \$20,450.37. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. Motion Carried.

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