



**Chesaning Township Minutes
Regular Meeting
July 1, 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

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented for approval.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 5, 2014 were presented for approval.

Public Comments: None

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.

Cemetery – Hemgesberg noted flagging of grave sites will need to continue; Pennington Farm Drain offered to donate a stone for the mausoleum sign they thought would work, Hemgesberg looked at it but there was not a sufficient smooth surface to work with, they have offered to continue to look for another stone for the sign. Hedrich noted a discussion with the lawn maintenance provider regarding headstones shifted by the mower needs to occur. Corrin noted no additional information has been received from the timber buyer interested in trees at the cemetery.

Building Official – No one present to report.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – No one present to report. Corrin stated properties are being addressed that have weed and grass violations noting a couple on Peet and Ferden Roads, and Corunna Road; he added the right-to-farm issue property has been given clearance by the State.

Parks & Rec – Carlton stated the meeting will be held July 2, noting the June 4, meeting minutes were in the packet.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross noted a meeting was held June 30; twelve persons were in attendance. Issues with cancellations of services at the clinic were discussed. It was noted population decline, flu shots being offered by pharmacies, preventative services now being covered on insurance, hearing and vision exams being mandated to be accomplished at the school level, and that TB testing be done by a registered nurse were among issues causing the changes that have occurred. An additional six extra appointments per month will be added to the WIC clinic and Chesaning residents calling for appointments will be referred to the Chesaning clinic. Another meeting is scheduled for September to follow-up on changes to the programs.

Fire Board – Corrin noted two firefighters have passed academy; 2,000 foot of hose has been tested, any hose that did not pass inspection will be phased out and replaced; the Back Forty held a fundraiser and donated the proceeds, \$400, to the fire department; and retired firefighter Doug Shindorf passed away this past week.

MMWA – Kukulis noted, at the June 10, meeting members were informed the rubbish portion of the contract has been extended for one year with a slight increase in service cost, an extension of the recycling service still needs to be addressed and should be accomplished by the next meeting, and negotiations for a long-term renewal of both services is still underway.

Task Force – Corrin noted a local bank representative presented at their meeting, he discussed ongoing issues in the Chesaning community; repossessed housing was a main focus including the bank process for take over and the number of repossessed properties overall; additionally concerns with the state of village roads were discussed.

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor – Corrin noted Board of Review will meet July 21, GIS will meet July 28, fireworks will be held at Showboat Park July 3, Chesaning River days, a new program to replace Chesaning Showboat, will be held July 10-13, he and the clerk attended the MTA mini-convention held June 16 in Frankenmuth where a legislative update was given including discussion that all road proposals at the State level were voted down and the federal government was discussing raising gas taxes. Hornak

questioned the status of the Frandsche Road project, stating he had been contacted by a resident inquiring. Corrin noted favorable pricing was not received but he is hopeful leveling of the high spots (where markings were made) may still be accomplished. He added the county is still discussing cutting back the sides of the roads yet, the Chesaning and Stuart Road project has been delayed until August, and no update from the county with regard to the Sharon Road drain has been received.

Clerk – Kukulis noted the township audit was accomplished June 9, reports are yet to be received; the last day to register to vote for the August 5 primary election is July 7; the nominating petition filing deadline for village and school offices to be placed on the November General Election ballot is July 22 at 4:00 p.m., over 360 absent voter ballot applications and 177 absent voter ballots have been mailed to date; the township will be hosting a county training of precinct inspectors on July 23..

Treasurer – Gross reported she attended the SALTA meeting on June 18 which kicked off the summer tax collection season; tax bills were mailed and collections started yesterday with over \$20,000 already paid.

Unfinished Business:

Appoint Board of Review Member-Alternate (To Fill Vacancy) - Corrin noted no resumes were received by the June 30 deadline and asked board members to start inquiring to see if anyone is interested.

Parks & Recreation – Master Plan – Board members reviewed the specifications presented by Village Trustee Cicalo and could not see a difference in the bids; OHM was recommended by Parks and Rec to receive the contract even though their bid was more than 13% higher than the low bidder, Spicer. Discussion on the township board's responsibility to its' residents, the village policy to favor local contractors that are as much as 10% higher than the low bidder, and the necessity of a Parks and Rec Master Plan update to be able to write grants for project funding took place. Board members by consensus indicated that Spicer, the low bidder, should have been awarded the contract, therefore, the township will share one-third (1/3) of the cost of the low bidder, Option B, in the amount of \$5,900.00, which includes an open house public meeting as opposed to an online survey.

New Business:

Cemetery Riverbank Stabilization – The riverbank in the South section of Wildwood Cemetery appears to be shifting; Hedrich and Corrin consulted with the engineer involved in the first stabilization project, Fishbeck, for a solution. They recommend running weep tile through the bank to drain the upper area; the ground will have to be dug to the clay base and tile run parallel to the side of the bank. Hedrich noted there are 6' wide walkways in this section of the cemetery that could be utilized for these tiles. Corrin noted this issue needs immediate attention and asked for board approval to move forward with contacting contractors for pricing. Board members by consensus directed Corrin and Hedrich to proceed with discussions with contractors to accomplish the work and acknowledged the urgency of the situation and the possibility that a special meeting to approve a plan may be needed. .

Update – Administrative Assistant Applications (To Fill Vacancy) – Kukulis noted ten resumes have been received to date, the deadline for resumes is July 7, interviews with candidates will be scheduled after that date with the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer conducting them, a recommendation will be made to the board at the August 7, 2014 meeting.

Extended Public Comment:

None

Extended Township Board Comment:

Corrin noted the replacement items for the town hall park playscape have been received and the child seats installed, the gate to replace the tic tac toe unit should be installed on Monday, July 7.

Items Approved:

- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hedrich, support by Carlton, to approve the June 5, 2014 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion Carried. .
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hedrich, to pay bills, as presented. Bills totaled \$31,820.60. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Carlton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Motion Carried.

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