



**Chesaning Township Minutes
Regular Meeting
August 7, 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: William Hedrich, Peter Hemgesberg, and Ken Hornak

Members Absent: Trustee Kevin Carlton

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented for approval.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 1, 2014 were presented for approval.

Public Comments: Ron Hornak handed sheets of information to board members and additionally asked Kukulis to read an excerpt he had highlighted on a copy of the Township's Regular Meeting minutes of June 6, 2013. He then read to the Board from a Saginaw County Sheriff Crime Report saying a misrepresentation of the June 6, 2013 meeting was attested to in the report by Trustee Hornak. He asked for comments from the Board regarding what he presented and indicated he would need a copy of the minutes for a recall hearing petition. Trustee Hornak and Ron Hornak exchanged some dialogue and were gavelled down by Supervisor Corrin when they refused to stop talking.

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 – Hedrich noted a large tree branch hanging in the roadway near the dumpster needs removal; compliance with clean-up appears to be taking place, adding though some are placing new prohibited items. Hemgesberg stated it would be best if all Board Members were involved in the clean-up of prohibited items, not just committee members, with a start date to be shortly after the Labor Day weekend; he added items removed of value would be stored in the shed over winter and in spring the Township could advertise once for persons to pick these items up. Kukulis inquired if the tree removal had begun. Hedrich indicated the contractor had not started yet adding he would follow-up with him. Corrin noted the Township Attorney called today noting the Medical Examiner does not want to be held liable for the movement of graves, so he offered an alternative through circuit court; an order will be signed by Corrin seeking permission of the court tomorrow. Hedrich noted the crimson maple trees have been being watered and he was seeing some bug damage to the leaves.

Building Official – No one present to report. Corrin noted there has not been much activity.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – No one present to report. Corrin stated properties with weed and grass violations that need to be addressed are increasing; he noted a lot on Frandsche Road was ticketed for abandoned items and added there are other properties with unlicensed cars that need to be ticketed.

Parks & Rec – Carlton was not present to report.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross noted no meeting was held another meeting is scheduled for September to follow-up on changes to the programs.

Fire Board – Corrin noted discussion on financing a new fire truck continues; the fire truck housed in Oakley is no longer a concern as the Village has secured insurance coverage; paperwork has been forwarded to the auditors and they have begun the audit; one new firefighter has started working; and two trucks were in for maintenance with repairs accomplished in-house. Hedrich questioned if the curbs at the fire hall have been cut for easier snow removal yet, Corrin indicated they have not adding he would follow-up on it.

MMWA – Kukulis stated a special meeting of the thirty-five authority members was held July 28; a one year extension of the current contract with Waste Management was approved by members which included a rate increase for the second half of

2014 and another increase for the 2015 year; these increases were negotiated to accomplish the extension of the current contract, and to allow time to re-bid the previously bid long-term renewal contract that came in with unacceptable numbers. It was noted, actual cost per household for collection services (rubbish and recycling) for FY 2013 for Chesaning Township was \$106.76 (the township billed \$106.00 per household for these services on the 2013 winter tax bill); additionally the original estimate by MMWA for 2014 costs was \$119.08 per household but as a condition of the extension of the contract Waste Management sought an increase for the second half of 2014 resulting in a change to the estimated cost for the year to \$119.68 per household; additionally for the 2015 extension year of the contract an increase in cost for the same services is estimated at \$124.24 per household. MMWA Director noted, extending the contract for one year will allow time to re-negotiate an 8-10 year contract that would begin in 2016.

Task Force – Corrin noted the museum is now completed and an open house was held for residents to see the structure; once displays are set-up the museum will once again open to the public; the owner of the Heritage House has begun cleaning up overgrown shrubs around the building but it has left the basement exposed in areas; a report on the River Days activities was given and next year's event discussed; committees reports were additionally given.

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor – Corrin noted a tube on Gary Road west of Sharon Road has failed and will be replaced with a 15" concrete tube at a cost of \$35/foot; he added the replacement has been designed with a 48' long cross tube for a 20' wide road so he is following up with the county for clarification as to why; this tube replacement will be a shared cost with St. Charles Township; leveling of the high spots on Frandsche Road has been accomplished; chip and seal on Ferden, McKeighan, and Frandsche Roads is completed; and a patch on Corunna Road where the tube was not replaced has had to be re-done. Corrin asked Hemgesberg to discuss the previous evenings Planning Commission meeting. Hemgesberg noted discussion took place on the right-to-farm issue on Sharon Road; on regulation in the ordinance with regard to barbed-wire fencing; on the master plan renewal to take place next year; on the change in business from Big Boys Toys to a vegetable stand on M-52 & M-57; and on the county fair.

Clerk – Kukulis noted the August 5 Primary Election is behind us; unofficial results are posted on the County Clerks website; 303 absent voter ballots were issued; 27.32% of voters voted at Precinct 1 and 29.81% at Precinct 2; equipment problems at Precinct 1 were resolved quickly but caused undue stress to all workers.

Treasurer – Gross reported the State has paid the summer tax collection fee of \$6,192.00 to the township equivalent to \$2 per parcel; 13 changes were addressed at the July Board of Review; a County GIS system update resulted in an error to all SEV's in the township that went unnoticed for a short period of time but has now been resolved; summer taxes are due September 15 due to the 14th falling on a weekend.

Unfinished Business:

Appoint Board of Review Member-Alternate (To Fill Vacancy) - Corrin noted no official resumes have been received only inquires made with regard to the position.

Appoint Administrative Assistant – Kukulis read a memo presented to the Board that included resumes and candidate details and outlined the process followed in interviewing and noted the recommendation made by the committee to fill the position. Hemgesberg thanked the committee for their work in this process.

Cemetery Riverbank Stabilization – Corrin noted 4 contractors had been contacted adding only 2 responded to a request for proposal for work to be accomplished to stabilize the riverbank. Hedrich detailed weep tile would be run parallel with the bank to cut the flow of water and minimize erosion; he noted water from the back of the cemetery flows underground to the river bank causing the stability issue; 600' of field tile was mapped out to be laid with pea rock placed above and below for seepage as recommended by the engineer. The two proposals were opened; Everett Excavating proposed 450' of weep tile at a cost of \$4,400 to complete the work; Hedrich Excavating proposed 600' of weep tile (as specified) at a cost of \$9,500. No explanation was given on the Everett Excavating bid to explain the difference.

The board recessed at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

Decision on the bids was tabled until clarification of the bids could be accomplished. Corrin noted a special meeting may have to be called as the urgency of this work will not allow holding it until the September Board meeting.

New Business:

None

Extended Public Comment:

None

Extended Township Board Comment:

Gross noted an opening ceremony with ribbon cutting will be held on August 13 at 6:30 p.m. for the new Cole Park Pedestrian Bridge; Board members are invited to attend.

Kukulis noted cake and well-wishes will be served for outgoing Administrative Assistant Vogl on Friday, August 15 since

this will be her last day with the township.

Hedrich noted utility poles along Peet Road were never removed when new ones replaced them and asked if they could be followed-up on.

Items Approved:

- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hedrich, support by Hornak, to approve the July 1, 2014 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg to appoint Yvonne Brown as the new Administrative Assistant/Cemetery Sexton with a starting date of August 11, 2014. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg to table award of the cemetery riverbank stabilization project bids until clarification can be made with the bidders noting a special meeting will be held if needed to award the bid. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hedrich, to pay bills, as presented. Bills totaled \$35,992.95. 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 9:00 p.m. Motion Carried.

Frances M. Kukulis, Clerk
Chesaning Township