



**Chesaning Township Minutes
Regular Meeting
September 4, 2014 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting: Called to order at 7:34 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 noted Planning Commission Member Gerald Harris passed away August 23, 2014, a moment of silence was held.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented for approval.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 7, 2014 and Special Board Meeting of August 14, 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 – Hedrich stated the tree removal contractor indicated he will be completing work this month; additionally he discussed issues at the cemetery with headstone foundations on single graves noting he felt the cemetery ordinance description of a grave being 4 x 8 ft. needed to be amended. Hemgesberg noted he did not have an issue with shepherd's hooks being placed in the cemetery and would like them to be re-considered at the same time as the grave description is looked into. Kukulis noted an area in the West section of the cemetery where headstones butt up to the tree line restricting planting as set by guidelines, so this area should additionally be looked at. The Board asked the cemetery committee to meet and review the complete ordinance and bring findings back to the Board for amendment consideration.

Building Official – No one present to report. Corrin noted there has not been much activity other than a couple pole buildings.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – No one present to report. Corrin noted five properties with weed ordinance violations have been mowed; the Frandsche Road property ticketed for abandoned vehicles may end up in court.

Parks & Rec – Carlton reported the meeting was held in Showboat Park on September 3, he noted Jeff Thiel resigned from the board adding applications to fill the vacancy are available at the Village office; a boy scout has volunteered his time to clear a parking lot and trails, and to put up a sign up to make the Peet Ponds look more like a park, he is doing this as a project to earn his Eagle Scout Badge, the Village will need to still approve his project before he begins the work; the disc golf is ready to use and has been reset to feet from yards; golf carts on the pedestrian bridge were discussed; Halloween camping with kids trick-or-treat has been scheduled for the last week of September; two open house meetings, for public input on the Parks and Rec 5-year Master Plan, have been scheduled for October to be held in the High School Cafeteria; the Parks and Rec Committee has voted to pay \$300 the difference left when the Township agreed to pay the 1/3 share of the low bidder on the project.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross noted no meeting was held; processing of paperwork for the United Appeal drive has started, mailing will go out next month.

Fire Board – Corrin stated the Regular meeting was held the second week of August, discussion on the new fire truck, the cost of repair to equipment, and results of the ISO rating inspection, which went well and should keep insurance rates from increasing, took place. Additionally he noted a Special meeting was held on September 4; the Board voted to purchase a reconditioned truck at a cost of \$325,000; the new truck will replace a 1988 truck which will be sold; the Board will address financing at their September 10 meeting. Carlton added the third annual craft sale will be held October 25; vendors are needed.

MMWA – Kukulis stated no meeting was held in August.

Task Force – Corrin noted the meeting was held the last week of August; member reports were given; the new Village Manager introduced himself, discussed the street millage question going before voters in November, his career, and some long range plans for the village; the Chamber discussed getting more coop programs between the schools and businesses going.

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor – Corrin stated drain work on Stuart and Chesaning Roads has been completed property owners will now be billed; the tube on Gary west of Sharon Road has been put in, this tube will be a shared cost with St. Charles; the MTA announced the State's projections of revenue sharing and school aide will be less; the County has notified the Township 6 additional drains, in addition to the Bear Creek Drain, will be worked on, the township and residents will be assessed for this work; the GIS annual meeting will be held September 21.

Clerk – Kukulis noted training of the new Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk is ongoing and preparation for the upcoming November General election has begun.

Treasurer – Gross reported the May/June State Revenue Sharing check in the amount of \$25,292.00 has been received up \$1,020.00 from last year at the same period; Summer tax collection continues, 1% interest will be due on taxes paid after September 15; 72 tax deferments have been received to date.

Unfinished Business:

Appoint Board of Review Member-Alternate (To Fill Vacancy) - Corrin noted nothing final but we may have a prospect to fill this position.

Cemetery Timber Buyer (Update) – Corrin stated the timber buyer who showed interest in trees at the cemetery has bid \$27,200.00 for removal of the mature trees only, acceptance of this bid will all hinge upon how they propose removal without crossing the cemetery. Discussion on damage to other trees and brush left behind took place.

Cemetery Clean-up (Prohibited Items) – The Board discussed meeting as a whole to begin clean-up of prohibited items at the cemetery; it was agreed the first meeting would be Sunday, September 21 at 10:30 a.m.

New Business:

Appoint Planning Commission Member (To Fill Vacancy) - Corrin noted a vacancy on the Board due to the passing of Gerald Harris; the vacant seat will have to be filled by a Township resident; the Board directed the Clerk to run an ad for one week in the paper as soon as possible.

Extended Public Comment: None

Extended Township Board Comment: None

Items Approved:

- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg, to approve the August 7, 2014 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Carlton to approve the August 18, 2014 Special Board Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hedrich, to pay bills, as presented. Bills totaled \$29,299.96. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Carlton, support by Hemgesberg, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Motion Carried

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