



**Chesaning Township Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 4, 2015 @ 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 May 7, 2015 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 –Kukulis stated the monument for the mausoleum was delivered on June 2nd; the kids from Zion Lutheran school volunteered their time and helped with clean-up at the cemetery on May 21; enforcement of the rules at the cemetery continues; Hedrich noted he talked with the contractor about trees to be removed in the cemetery and paperwork that needs to be updated in the office before work can begin but was not given a definite date of when he will do the work. Hedrich will contact him again to determine when it will be done.

Building Official – No one present to report.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – No one present to report

Parks & Rec – Trustee Carlton reported on the June 3 meeting; two quotes for engineering of the trail at Showboat Park were received, one at \$9,000 for a trail that covers half of the park, and another at \$21,000 for a trail that covers the whole park; the village provided the budget to the commission; Jake Slater will perform in the amphitheatre on July 16, and Apologetix will perform on July 17th; volunteers are needed to spread mulch at Cole Park on June 5, a cookout for workers will follow; the 5K road race held during River Days may be headed by the Soccer Club this year; the front 9 disc golf pads are ready for concrete to be poured; a crimson maple memorial tree for George Lorencz will be planted in Showboat Park; Halloween camping, discouraging parking on the grass in Showboat Park during events, and the boat docks were all discussed.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross stated no meeting was held.

Fire Board – Carlton noted the firefighter, seriously hurt recently, is now home and expected to be walking by August; Corrin reported the Board voted to buy another duck boat with low-flow and hope to pay for it with donations; all 2014 tax distributions have been received; the new fiscal year has started; the damaged truck has been repaired and is back in service; Fire Chief Falls is on sick leave until after the 4th of July.

MMWA – Kukulis noted the June 8 meeting has been cancelled with plans to be rescheduled.

Task Force – Corrin noted committee reports were given; a lengthy discussion was held on the proposed bike path through town; the Village selling the Peet Center since it is seldom used; the Village offices moving to the school is no longer being considered, instead adding an office area on to the Chamber of Commerce building is now being looked at.

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor – Corrin stated he attended MTA on the Road held June 2 in Midland, Larry Merrill was a presenter, he spoke on proposals to fix state roads being taken up by the House, additionally discussed were changes and new requirements of the

Freedom of Information Act, and fracking. He added many issues are being discussed in Lansing to give townships some of the same powers as cities but additionally being discussed is taking power of setting speed limits away from townships in lieu of the County or State police; also noted, the gravel and asphalt work on Frandsche Road has been completed but the cutting of the sides of the road has not been done yet; fireworks will be held on July 1 at Showboat Park.

Clerk – Kukulis noted the auditors were in on June 1 to audit the FY 2014-2015 records; the FOIA procedures and guidelines policy is included for consideration tonight; work on the cemetery ordinance revisions can begin again.

Treasurer – Gross noted the June 1 audit; escrow letters for the summer tax season are coming in; envelopes are stamped/ready for mailing tax bills when the county finishes printing; Chesaning Township is now on the list of participants and effective July 1 able to participate in the Michigan Fire Insurance Withholding Program; inquiries on tax amounts for the upcoming season are increasing.

Unfinished Business:

Appoint Planning Commission Member (To Fill Vacancy) – Corrin noted the position remains open with no new interest shown.

Consider General Roadway Drain Work Ordinance – The board was presented a roadway drain work ordinance for their consideration.

Consider Approval Parks and Rec 5-year Master Plan - Corrin stated the 5-year Master Plan for Parks and Rec has been completed and requires all three entities, the Village, the Schools, and the Township to approve it for it to take effect.

New Business:

Consider Adoption FOIA Procedures and Guidelines – The board was presented and discussed a FOIA Procedures and Guidelines policy, as recommended by MTA, for consideration; also available for board review were copies of the Public Summary of FOIA Procedures and Guidelines and forms as outlined in Section 11 of the policy.

Consider Addition to Township Insurance Policy-Loss of Salary/Fringe Benefit – The board was presented and discussed the July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 Township Municipal Insurance Policy including adding a Loss of Salary/Fringe Benefit rider for consideration. The rider would add \$152.00 to the \$6,412.00 policy renewal cost. The board decided against adding the rider at this time.

Consider 2015 Local Unit Foreclosures-Waiver for Right of First Refusal-Parcel #13-09-3-03-1001-004 Stuart Road – The board was presented and discussed the foreclosed parcel list received from the County Treasurer.

Extended Public Comment: None

Extended Township Board Comment: Hedrich thanked the Zion Lutheran kids for their efforts again this year in cleaning up the Wildwood Cemetery.

Items Approved:

- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak, to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hedrich, to approve the May 7, 2015 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to adopt the Chesaning Township Roadway Drain Work Ordinance Number 2015-0601, as presented. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg, to approve the newly written Parks and Recreation 5-year Master Plan. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Corrin. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton, to adopt the Chesaning Township FOIA Procedures and Guidelines policy, as presented. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Kukulis, support by Hemgesberg, to accept the proposal from Sovis Insurance Agency for the Township's Municipal Insurance Policy effective July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 totaling \$6,412.00. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hedrich, to waive the right of first refusal to foreclosed parcel #13-09-3-03-1001-004. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hedrich, support by Hornak, to pay bills, as presented. Bills totaled \$45,195.22. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Kukulis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Motion Carried.

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