





**Chesaning Township Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
July 11, 2019 @ 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.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 6, 2019 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; a report of activity was received.

SCTOA – Hornak noted no meeting was held.

Cemetery – Kukulis noted all has been quiet; Corrin mentioned a burial from the day before and inquired about progress on the tree removal of a neighboring property, Hedrich noted he had not heard anything and would follow-up on it.

Building Official – No one present to report, a report of activity was received and reviewed by Corrin.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – No one present to report; Corrin noted a property in the 9,000 mile of Volkmer remains in violation with unlicensed vehicles and un-mowed lawn after several attempts to resolve, the next step is to contact the Township Attorney, the Board agreed to have Olk proceed with attorney; a property on Stuart Road remains un-mowed; the Frandsche Road property has been mowed twice now; the property on S. Corunna has been cleaned up and is looking good; a property in the 8,000 mile of Ditch Road has a couple issues that Olk will follow-up on.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross reported the WIC clinic and mobile dental clinics held June 25 were fully attended; another WIC clinic on July 2 was not as full but believed to have been impacted by the holiday; appointments are being taken for the next WIC and mobile dental clinics scheduled for July 23 and the dental clinic is already 85% full.

Fire Board – Corrin reported two meetings have been held since the June 6 Board Meeting; the audit was completed and approved by the Fire Board, he provided a copy to the Township for their records; a rebate of \$9,242 has been received from the insurance provider; inspections of ladders, hoses, and pumps has been completed; year-end budget amendments were made and the new budget year has begun; 80 fire runs have been made to-date.

MMWA – Kukulis stated, at the June 11 meeting the cost to recycle and “recycling better” dominated the discussion; it was noted 5,000 tons of trash is collected to only 500 tons of recyclables monthly, approximately 10%-15%; poor recycling habits are causing recyclables to be diverted to trash resulting in higher costs for the service; the current cost for member communities to put trash in the landfill is \$28/ton and to process recyclables \$180/ton; it has been estimated that the cost of recycling may increase to \$325/ton; flyers were put in resident tax bills informing them of the situation and seeking their help in reducing contamination in recyclables; member communities will need to decide at what point the cost for recycling services outweighs the ability to provide recycling service; the recycling contract renewal is up at the end of the year and based upon prices received from the service suppliers a decision will need to be made.

Task Force – Corrin reported the meeting was held June 25, reports from committee members were given; and a guest speaker, Scott, discussed marijuana facility issues and answered questions from the members.

### **Board Officials Reports:**

Supervisor – Corrin noted Consumer Power Company performed a Small Business Audit on the town hall and determined \$70.57 per year could be saved by installing energy efficient lighting in areas that still have fluorescent, the cost to the Township was estimated at \$646.78 and the investment would pay for itself in 9.17 years; the next GIS meeting will be held July 15; Board of Review meets on July 15; road work on Gary, Gasper, Ditch and Corunna Roads has been done and paid for by the County additionally work on Frandsche, Peet and Amman roads was done, the Township will pay the cost of this work; it appears 2 large tubes will need to be replaced along the Bear Creek Drain, one on Dietring Road which was just worked on and another on Volkmer Road, Corrin noted that water from the Young's Drain is going down the Bear Creek and wondered what would have happened if the Bear Creek hadn't been worked on with the unusual amount of Spring rain, he added the Township will most likely have to share in these costs; it was noted the mulch work in the town hall park to meet insurance requirements is completed and 12' of fencing at Parshallburg Park still needs to be installed; a car show will be held in town on Saturday, a pancake breakfast and fly-in will be held Sunday, and the County Fair begins the last day of July.

Clerk – Kukulis reported preparation for the August 6 Special School Election continues; the Election Commission meets Tuesday, July 16 at 10 a.m. to appoint election inspectors and conduct the public accuracy test and results transfer management test of the Township's election equipment; to date absent voter ballot applications mailed are 370, applications for ballots received and ballots mailed 232, and ballots received back to send to the polls on election day 123; there is the possibility of a Village recall election to be held in November.

Treasurer – Gross reported summer tax bills were mailed June 28; the first rush of payments is ongoing; she is busy working on address changes; 3 Board of Review applications for corrections to homestead have been received; a State Revenue Sharing check in the amount of \$30,503 was received up from last years' amount of \$28,898; tax collection is ongoing.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Discuss/Consider Final Phase of Columbarium Project, Addition of Concrete Walkways & Seeding of Surrounding Ground – Kukulis presented the Board copies and read a letter received from Heritage Monuments of Michigan detailing reasons to move forward with the project at this time noting a nearly \$16,000 savings by placing orders along with two other cemetery columbaria projects they have going on, additionally noting discounts they receive by working on the projects simultaneously will be passed along; an estimate in the amount of \$48,500 total was included, the break-down of the estimate was for the purchase, deliver and set up of the remaining 4 columbarium(s) at a cost of \$39,000, completion of landscaping with black dirt and hydro seeding at a cost of \$4,500, forming and pouring 2 concrete walks 5' wide and 40' long at a cost of \$5,000, and providing 2 additional matching benches valued at \$4,000 for no charge. Discussion took place on the cost versus the benefit to finish the project now, doing just the landscaping and sidewalks now and columbarium(s) at a later date. Heritage was asked, and agreed, they would allow payment on up to 25% of the cost of the columbarium(s) to be delayed into the Township's next fiscal year if necessary. A motion to accept the estimate as presented was made and voted on.

### **New Business:**

Discuss/Consider Town Hall Building - Siding & Trim(s) - Painting or Replacement – Discussion on the Board's desire regarding either replacing the siding and trims on the town hall building or painting the building and trims took place. The decision was made to have the exterior of the building thoroughly cleaned and to paint everything except the brick and roof and have the windows caulked at the same time. A bid packet for the desired work will be prepared with bids to come back to the Board at their September meeting with work to begin immediately once the bid is awarded.

**Extended Public Comment:** Denise Seeley-Navarre commented she likes the columbarium project the Board has undertaken. Scott Mendez Mrdeza questioned the night-time grinding operations going on at the Pennington property on Sharon Road and wondered if there was a way to limit the activity to daytime hours. Building Official Kehoe will be instructed to look into the issue and write a letter.

**Extended Township Board Comment:** None.

**Items Approved:**

- Motion by Hedrich, support by Hornak, to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak, to approve the June 6, 2019 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Kukulis, support by Hornak, to accept the proposal from Heritage Monuments of Michigan in the amount of \$48,500 to complete the Columbarium Project at Wildwood Cemetery. Cost includes purchase and setting of remaining 4 columbarium units, 2 reinforced, broom finished concrete walkways 5' wide by 40' long extending from existing concrete pad to nearest cemetery roadway, landscaping with black dirt and hydro seed around columbarium pad and walkways. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Kukulis, Carlton. No: Gross, Hedrich, Corrin. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Kukulis, support by Hemgesberg, to seek bids to wash the town hall building completely and then paint the building's non-brick areas and all trims (excluding the roof, soffit, fascia and gutters) including doors, shutters, window frames and additionally caulking all windows. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hedrich, support by Hemgesberg, to pay bills, as presented. Bills totaled \$46,038.42. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Kukulis, support by Gross, to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Motion Carried.

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