

Chesaning Township Minutes
Regular Meeting
September 1, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Supervisor Robert Corrin, Clerk Sue Emmendorfer, Treasurer Cathy Gross; Trustees: Kevin Carlton, William Hedrich, Peter Hemgesberg, and Ken Hornak.

Public Comments: none.

Committee/Board Reports:

Cemetery – Hemgesberg reported a sink-hole has been filled in.

Building Official – one new home building permit was issued for Niver Road.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer Pat Olk – nothing to report.

Parks & Rec – Carlton reported the meeting will be held later in the month.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross reported on a meeting with County Commissioner Michael O'Hare and newly appointed Saginaw County Director of Public Health in attendance and touring the site; noted the center's nurse retired and a new nurse is now on duty; the medical and dental clinics still have some issues to resolve, but guidance counseling is available; Gross and Mary VanLoon are now appointed co-chairs of the United Appeal.

Fire Board – Corrin reported the department recently completed a ladder test; FEMA grants are once again available; the board recently received an MML Work Comp refund; and one firefighter recently returned from active duty in Iraq.

MMWA – Emmendorfer reported the next meeting of the MMWA will be a golf outing on September 14, at Bayou Golf Course in Thomas Township; also noted the household count and annual rate will be reviewed for approval at the October meeting.

Task Force – is considering bringing back the business expo, in a joint effort with several other communities.

Supervisor – Corrin noted a September 7 Public Hearing on the Alberts Drain; a September 17 Saginaw County Fair harvest dinner; also noted the Michigan Court of Appeals struck down portions of the Medical Marijuana Law., plus noted STARS may be looking to provide some type of county-wide transportation along with a possible millage request.

Clerk – Emmendorfer reported on the November 8 School Election with four school board members to be elected, a school operating millage for Non-PRE and a Saginaw Intermediate School District millage request; Absentee Voter Ballots will be available by September 24, and the last day to register for the election is October 11.

Treasurer – Gross reported the arrival of a State Revenue check \$27,798; summer taxes are due without interest by 5 p.m. September 14; some large delinquent personal property taxes were recently paid; winter tax bills will be printed soon and dog tags will be processed online this year.

Unfinished Business:

Roads – Corrin reported Ferden Road is nearly wrapped up; grass seed had to be redone do to rains.

Cemetery Riverbank – the township's DNR Permit request may take too long if there is a request for public hearing, that could hold up the project until next year, which could be too late to save the riverbank and the graves along its ridge.

River Cleanup September 17 – the board approved placing a Port-A-Jon along the cleanup route.

New Business:

Cemetery Ordinance Amendment – the board adopted a cemetery ordinance amendment to clarify that only one headstone may be placed on each grave site, no matter how many bodies or cremation remains are placed.

MTA Fall District Meetings – board members must notify the office by September 20 if they intend to anticipate.

Extended Public Comment: none.

Extended Trustee Comment: Emmendorfer noted the township website, www.chesaningtwp.org received 757 hits in the month of August, with 75 percent coming in during non-office hours Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Approved:

*Motion by Hedrich, support by Hemgesberg, to approve the August 4, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

*Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton, to adopt a Cemetery Ordinance Amendment as presented (available in township office). Motion Carried.

*Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to pay bills as presented with the exception of the two county road bills until satisfied with their accounting. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Carlton, Hedrich, Gross, Emmendorfer, Corrin. No: none. Motion Carried.

Bills totaled \$63,482.34, with the road bill to be researched before payment.

*Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion Carried.

Sue Emmendorfer, Clerk
Chesaning Township