



**Chesaning Township Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 3, 2013 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting: Called to order at 7:32 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Supervisor Robert Corrin, Clerk Frances Kukulis, Treasurer Cathy Gross, Trustees: Kevin Carlton, William Hedrich, Peter Hemgesberg, and Kenneth Hornak

Members Absent: None

Public Comments: Tracy Lectka resident of Frandsche Road and Ordinance Enforcement Officer Pat Olk updated the Board on the December 11 court decision regarding the nuisance citations issued last month. Tracy stated her disappointment in the court's decision noting since the hearing twelve new signs have been posted in about a 250' radius in addition to many new orange "no trespassing" signs on trees. She is consulting with a real estate attorney to determine how to proceed from here. Corrin noted the Township's Zoning Ordinance is being updated and is expected to be addressed by the Planning Commission at their February meeting.

Committee/Board Reports:

County Commissioner – No one present to report.

County Road Commission – No one present to report.

SCTOA – Hornak reported there was a good turnout at the Annual Meeting held December 12, 2012. Speakers from ITE Transmission and Consumers Energy offered informative presentations.

Cemetery Committee – Hemgesberg reported the mausoleum work is complete and flags were placed along road pathways for the snow removal contractor guidance when plowing. The committee will meet to begin review of the cemetery ordinance, plan the mausoleum signs, determine use of the area where the garage was removed, and to discuss the grounds maintenance and ground mole removal contracts up for renewal prior to the 2013-2014 budget meeting(s). A committee meeting was set for Monday, January 7 at 9:00 a.m.

Building Official – No one present to report.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Olk noted the Ferden Road house has a new roof and was sold so it has been closed out.

Parks & Rec – Carlton noted there was no December meeting; the next meeting will be January 9, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross reported no meeting was held; the United Appeal drive is going well noting \$24,000 of the \$30,000 goal has been collected to date.

Fire Board – Carlton reported the sirens are working and were tested on January 2, 2013. Corrin noted during the December meeting the 2013 Fire Authority Board meeting dates were set, odd numbered month meetings will be held in the evening and even number month meetings will be held during the day; the next meeting will be January 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

MMWA – Kukulis reported officers were elected, the new year's meeting schedule set and a 2012 year in review was presented by MMWA Staff during the December meeting; the next meeting will be held February 11, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

TASK Force – Corrin noted no meeting was held in December.

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor – Corrin stated the next Saginaw Futures meeting is February 15, 2013; the 2013 first quarter GIS meeting is January 28; the MTA Conference is January 22-25, 2013; the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting is January 19, 2013; during the Rural Task Force's December 18 meeting bridge replacement projects for years through 2016 were discussed noting these projects are Federally funded; and noted were new members of the Saginaw County Road Commission and Board of Commissioners.

Clerk – Kukulis commented briefly on unfinished business agenda item New Polling Place for Precinct 1 and the need to issue new voter identification cards for the voters of this precinct once the new precinct is established.

Treasurer – Gross reported 41% of Winter taxes and 92% of Summer taxes have been collected, there are 116 parcels with tax deferrals, the Board of Review met and five homestead changes were addressed, one additional homestead change will need to be addressed in July, there were eight State homestead denials, Deputy Treasurer Ann Buck worked a couple days to get familiar with collections again, and she asked Board members to once again consider extending the tax bill due date to February 28, 2013.

Unfinished Business:

New Polling Place for Precinct 1 (Fire Authority Building)-Corrin noted the Chesaning/Brady Fire Hall on M-57 has been chosen as a suitable replacement for the Precinct 1 Polling Location adding Chesaning Village Hall, the Peet Community Center, and the old Fire Hall were additionally looked at as possible replacements for the CAER Center but each of these buildings had challenges that would be hard to overcome. Kukulis attended the December 12 Chesaning/Brady Fire Board Meeting to seek approval of the Board to use the building for elections and the request was granted. The next step is for the Chesaning Township Board to additionally approve the use then voters will have to be notified of this change.

New Business:

Budget Process – Work Session & Contract Bidding-Corrin noted the 2013-14 Budget must be adopted at the March 7, 2013 board meeting to be in place by April 1. The Board tentatively set Tuesday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m. with an alternate date of Wednesday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. for the Board's Budget Work Session to be held. Corrin noted two contracts, the grounds maintenance and mole removal contracts' need to be addressed prior to the work session and asked the Cemetery Committee to review these items and prepare advertising for bids to be received prior to the February 7, 2013 board meeting.

Resolution Dissolving Chesaning Township 401(a) Defined Contribution Pension Plan (Chesaning/Brady Fire Dept.)-Corrin presented a resolution for adoption by the board and noted the 2009 board resolution closing the pension to new members other than those of the Chesaning/Brady Fire Department and amending the pension plan to a 0% township contribution for Elected Officials, cemetery employees and employees paid on a monthly salary and additionally eliminating the minimum contribution. These changes resulted in monthly fees being paid to maintain many small pensions. The Fire Department has asked the pension be dissolved to allow all participants to cash-out or rollover monies to an eligible plan.

Grave Opening/Closing Fee Increase-Corrin presented a letter received on December 11, 2012 from Joe & Elaine Zelinko indicating a rate increase to contractual services beginning January 1, 2013 and asked for the Board's consideration of these changes.

Extended Public Comment: None

Extended Trustee Comment: Hedrich noted he would like to approach the village about scheduling another community cooperative spring tire event.

Gross noted a River Rapids Footbridge Fundraiser Comedy Show is scheduled for March 16, 2013 at the Peet Community Center.

Items Approved:

- Motion by Hedrich, support by Hemgesberg, to approve the December 6, 2012, Regular Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton, to extend the tax collection due date without penalty to February 28, 2013. (Treasurer Gross will prepare a notice for publication in the local newspaper.) Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to move the Precinct 1 Polling Location to the Chesaning/Brady Fire Hall Station #1 effective immediately. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Gross, to adopt a resolution amending the Chesaning Township 401(a) Defined Contribution Pension Plan held at John Hancock so it is dissolved and the assets in the plan be distributed to the participants as either a cash-out or rollover to an eligible plan. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak to accept the increase to the fee schedule for grave openings/closings at the Chesaning Township Wildwood Cemetery. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hedrich, to pay bills as presented. Bills totaled \$49,918.70. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Carlton, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion Carried.

**Frances Kukulis, Clerk
Chesaning Township**