



Chesaning Township Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 7, 2018 @ 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 Ken Hornak

Members Absent: None

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented for approval.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May 3, 2018, Regular Board Meeting were presented for approval.

Public Comments: Trent Vondrasek, Village Council Member introduced himself to the Board and indicated he is a candidate for the 6th District County Commission seat. He discussed the four County millage questions (Castle Museum, Senior Citizen, Animal Control, 911 Millage) that will be included on the August 7 Primary Election ballot and the increase to taxes on an average \$100,000 value home on a monthly basis. He covered the 911 millage question in detail and indicated 911 have been operating in a deficit for a couple years.

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 a letter has been written to a grave owner/caretaker concerning his conduct toward the lawn maintenance contractor to make the Board aware of the situation; non-conforming items placed on graves are being removed and stored in front of the garage temporarily before being disposed of approximately 2 weeks later giving owners some opportunity to retrieve them; based upon a few calls received recently it appears someone has been taking items from the cemetery. Hedrich noted he was disappointed in the poor turnout at the cemetery, especially the young people, for the Memorial Day Services; he noted the trees have still not been trimmed; he will remove the grindings of the stump that appear to have been overlooked by the contractor.

Building Official – No one present to report; a report of activity for the month was provided by Kehoe. Corrin noted the number of permits for new houses being built in the Township.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – No one present to report. Corrin noted vacant houses and those with cars and miscellaneous violations are being followed-up on, he asked the Board to report any violations they see for follow-up.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross reported all is running smooth; 13 individuals were scheduled for the WIC Clinic; the cleaning person will be cleaning 1 time/month; they plan to hire someone for the office later this year; United Appeal has wrapped up and all funds have been distributed.

Fire Board – Corrin reported budget amendments have been finalized; Engine 1 is running good other than a small water leak; 2 firefighters have gone through orientation and have been showing up for calls; the high school explorer program that helps recruit young persons interested in firefighting hasn't been as well participated in as in the past; the audit compilation is done; Scott Falls and Clayton Barancik received the 100 Club Award..

MMWA – Kukulis reported the June 11 meeting was canceled due to a light agenda; no meeting will be held in August; the next meeting is scheduled for October 8.

Task Force – Corrin reported the meeting was held at the fairgrounds; there was no speaker this month so the meeting was short with reports from committee members.

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor – Corrin noted the Chamber of Commerce fireworks will be held June 28; Movies on Broad begin June 22; Senator Horn will be at the Chesaning Nursing Center on June 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for public comments; the State is working on assessing reform, it does not benefit townships, it will eliminate all Level II and lower assessor's, will force small units to combine with others and cause residents to travel to meet with the assessor and will have to share Board of Review, the goal with these changes is to have counties take over the assessing process, a hearing on this issue will be held June 8 in Lansing; a 911 meeting was held in Brant, the millage question was discussed; cost overruns to the County jail have been announced; the County has pulled a permit on June 6 and is moving forward with the line on Ferden Road at the cemetery.

Clerk – Kukulis noted the audit is completed and reports should be received in the next month or two; training on the new election equipment, the State's QVF Refresh programming changes, and a fairly new County Clerk and staff are causing some craziness with this year's election processes causing August election prep to fall about two weeks behind; nominating petitions for School Board, Village Council, and Library Board are being picked up but none have been turned back in to date; Election Inspector training is scheduled for July 16 at 2:30 p.m. at our hall; the contractor for the hall roof anticipated starting work May 27 but has run into an issue with an injured worker, he is trying to get another worker in place so they can begin work as soon as possible with hopes to be done before the July Board Meeting.

Treasurer – Gross reported County buyback money of \$8,566 has been received; Metro Act money of \$7,620 has been received; escrows are coming in daily for the July tax bills; the County is preparing to print tax bills; tax bills will be mailed by the end of June.

Unfinished Business:

Update Young's Inter-County Drain – Corrin noted a meeting was held May 22 in Corunna to discuss a new plan to correct the drainage issue, an increase in tube size to 5 or 6 times larger than the current size was proposed, Corrin feels this will push the problem further down the drain; there is no plan as to what will happen with the Mallory farm yet; no project costs have been determined to date; the project is still a long way off.

Update on Columbarium Project - Kukulis presented information and sketches based upon the Board's previous 2017 discussion on what they would like the columbarium to be and details of what could be offered through a vendor. A columbarium could be built to accommodate the Board's proposed design, it can be purchased complete or in pieces and can house a certain number of niches dependent upon what style is chosen. A picture of a custom columbaria similar to the Board's proposed design was used to determine very rough costs to project how much work could be afforded and to determine the footprint of columbarium and concrete base; discussion on the style, rough estimate, footprint, and budget took place and by consensus the Board determined to have the Cemetery Committee meet and come back to the Board at the July meeting with recommendations.

New Business:

Consider Acceptance of Township General Liability/Workers Compensation Insurance Annual Renewal Effective July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 – The Board was presented and discussed the Township Municipal Insurance Policy renewal including 2 options for additional Monetary Damages Zoning coverage at an additional cost. It was decided to add on \$250,000 of additional coverage at a cost of \$230 and to renew the policy, total cost of policy with addition \$6,855.00.

Consider 2018 Local Unit Foreclosures – Waiver for Right of First Refusal – Parcels #13-09-3-18-3011-000 12760 Peet Road and #13-09-3-29-2004-001 18143 Frandsche Road – The Board was presented and discussed the foreclosed property list. Gross noted normally the Township has no interest in purchasing property but the Peet Road property went into foreclosure while the Township was in the process of cleaning it up for ordinance violations; the Township had a lot of money invested in the clean-up, \$7,000.00, and placed a lien on the property at that time; the lien was removed by the County once the property was foreclosed; the Township could purchase the property for back taxes, processing fee and notice of judgment at a cost of \$3,400.67 and resell the property to recuperate costs or waive the right of first refusal on both properties and absorb the loss of the clean-up.

Extended Public Comment: None.

Extended Township Board Comment: Hornak thanked the public for their attendance at the meeting. Corrin noted a letter from the State of Michigan to County Commissioner Carl Ruth requesting a correction to the legal description of the Township property recently approved by the County for annexation into the Village, he noted the annexation will not be complete until the new legal description is approved by the State.

Items Approved:

- Motion by Hedrich, support by Hemgesberg, to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak, to approve the May 3, 2018 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion Carried.

- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak, to accept the proposal from Sovis Insurance Agency/EMC Insurance Companies for the Township's Municipal Insurance Renewal Policy effective July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019 adding an additional \$250,000 coverage to Monetary Damages Zoning at a cost of \$230.00, policy totaling \$6,855.00 . Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Gross, support by Hedrich, to purchase for a public purpose foreclosed parcel #13-09-3-18-3011-000, Property Address 12760 Peet Road from Saginaw County at a cost of \$3,400.67. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg, to waive the right of first refusal to foreclosed parcel #13-09-3-29-2004-001, Property Address 18143 Frandsche Road, Oakley, MI. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg, to pay bills as presented. Bills totaled \$49,194.76. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Carlton, support by Kukulis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Motion Carried.

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