



**Chesaning Township Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 2, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting: Called to order at 7:37 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

A moment of silent remembrance was held for retired Chesaning Township Supervisor Mike O'Hare who recently passed away.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented for approval.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 4, 2019 were presented for approval

Public Comments: None

Committee/Board Reports:

County Commissioner – County Commissioner Kyle Harris stated there was not a lot to report this month, he handed out copies of the 2019 Saginaw County Budget Highlights and reported the final beam on the new jail is due to be installed soon then walls will begin to be constructed; Hornak asked Harris to make the County Board aware of a vacant property/building in St. Charles where the boat manufacturer was located for the animal control building adding it would be more appropriately located then Bay County and less costly; Corrin noted his dissatisfaction with the County Boards appointment to Road Commissioner, Hemgesberg agreed, discussion on the office being elected versus appointed and the term length of the office took place.

County Road Commission – No one present to report; a report of activity was received.

SCTOA – Hornak noted no meeting was held.

Cemetery – Kukulis stated the lawn maintenance contractor notified her the dumpster continues to be used by unknown individuals for public dumping additionally he has removed items placed at gravesides in violation of the rules and placed them in front of the shed but it appears some items have been stolen before owners can retrieve them, he suggested a sign or other security measures be considered to correct the problem. Kukulis presented a third option to consider, in addition to two previously presented, for lighting the flag pole at the columbarium(s), a solar panel with flood light that would be mounted on top of a columbarium, the Board preferred the upward facing solar lights (3) mounted to the flagpole as presented previously, Kukulis noted they will be ordered right away; Corrin noted recently it was noticed the electric meter at the cemetery has not been reading for a few months, Consumers Power was called to look into the issue, we may have a larger electric bill in the coming month; Hedrich noted water is on in the cemetery; the neighboring property owner with the tree leaning into the cemetery has indicated it will be taken care of; a complaint was received regarding annual renewal of porta-jon rentals with Sloan's without soliciting other bids, it was noted Sloan's has made special allowance with the township in the past for damage to the Parshallburg Park unit but in the future the Board will consider going out for bid.

Building Official – Rob Kehoe was present; a report of activity for the month was provided in Board packets; Kehoe gave an update on the May 1 Planning Commission public hearing on a proposed zoning amendment for Solar Panel Farms; he noted the amendment was approved by the commission and will be sent on immediately to the County Planning Commission for review and then to the Township Board for consideration at their June 6, 2019 meeting.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Olk reported court was postponed again on Todd Nathan; clean-up is progressing at 10639 Peet Road, 2 vehicles and mower parts have been removed; property owner of 15015 Corunna has made contact and clean-up of old building materials and rotted subfloor has begun; old garage on Sharon Road has been torn down and property is being mowed; a complaint of scrap and an abandoned truck was received about 11375 Ferden, a letter has been sent; a complaint on a property on M-52 before M-57 was received, the property is zoned commercial and is operating within the guidelines of the district; 18143 Frandsche Road has been sold and cleaned, it appears the mobile home is going to be remodeled; no movement on property at 19035 Corunna Road but some taxes have been paid and it is no longer in foreclosure, Olk asked for Board

approval to move forward with a motion on the property with the Township Attorney, the Board gave approval for Olk to proceed with attorney; update from previous meeting, it was determined District Court process allows Olk to issue tickets following the courts' fee schedule without the attorney, if a full hearing is needed then the attorney would be involved, if a property is in foreclosure the township may not be able to recuperate their costs.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross reported United Appeal has wrapped up, Dick Wilson and Jan Schnell will receive gift cards, a meeting will be held May 6 to distribute money. Jeanne Harding, Great Lakes Bay Health Centers' Nutrition and Migrant Services Director informed the Health Center the WIC Program is moving forward, they have State approval and have tentatively scheduled June 25 from 9 am-3 pm as the first date of service she additionally feels they could staff the clinic two times a month if the Health Center can recruit enough families to attend, a May visit to the clinic will be made to review the internet/phone/fax situation; Brett Russell has offered to make a website for the Center that could be used for clinic information and registration.

Fire Board – Corrin reported a MMR representative was present and discussed community services, with one unit available they are vulnerable when a call outside of the community comes in, they would like to add a second unit that would allow them to operate 24/7; all tax money except delinquents have been distributed and received by the department; the new digital lights are being installed in the fire hall; lawn care was bid out and Struck Landscaping won the bid; budget capital investments for turn out gear, air packs, bottles and fire hoses is being worked on additionally grants are being looked into.

MMWA – Kukulis reported the meeting was held April 9, speakers from the State, Waste Management and Republic Waste were present, recycling costs and process were discussed with a key focus on getting the waste out of the recycle bin, a motto was shared, "when in doubt through throw it out" and educating the public on what is recyclable and what isn't was a key part of the conversation; MMWA hopes to have rates for recycling from the vendors by September so the benefits of the program can be weighed against the cost; the next meeting is scheduled for June 10, continued emphasis on the recycling program is planned.

Task Force – Corrin reported the meeting was held April 23, discussion on bylaws and terms of office took place along with the election of officers, Dale Tithof was elected Chair and Dave Richardson was elected Secretary.

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor – Corrin reminded Memorial Day services will be held at their normal location on May 27 at 11 am at Wildwood Cemetery; the Planning Commission met on May 1, a public hearing on a solar farm ordinance was held and the ordinance approved to move on to the Township Board for consideration in June, additionally officers were elected, Phil Schmiege to Chair and Tom Tithof to Secretary; a water trail meeting was held May 1 at the Riverfront Grille, the township's representative Dave Richardson attended and reported to Corrin it is looking like the Shiawassee River will be designated a national water trail by September, plans are being made to put a kayak dock in near the Riverfront Grille and talk of putting a small dock out at Parshallburg Park is ongoing, the Friends of the Shiawassee are looking for a lot of things to happen on the river, it was noted the log jam has not been cleaned, a part of the dam at Parshallburg is being looked at for removal, and determining who regulates these issues and a lot of other issues are yet to be addressed; the County Road Commission is operating on 10 hour days now; a community Prayer Breakfast was held May 2 Corrin noted Carlton was a guest speaker for the event; a Young's Drain Meeting was held Monday, April 29 progress continues to be slow, only 4 of 22 easements have been obtained.

Clerk – Kukulis reported she and her husband picked up the picnic tables for the town hall park from Polly Products May 1; an update was given on the May 7 New Lothrop Area Schools Special Election affecting 17 Chesaning Township voters, absent voter ballots can be requested and mailed by 5 pm May 3 with an exception for Military absent voter ballots which can be mailed until 2 pm Saturday, May 4, emergency absentee voting can take place after 5 pm. Friday, May 3 through election day at 4 pm, additionally on Saturday, May 4 voters can vote absentee ballots in person at the town hall from 9 am to 5 pm and again on Monday, May 6 from 9 am until to 4 pm, and finally on Election Day, May 7, voters may register to vote and vote absentee or vote in person at the polls until 8 pm; audit preparation continues, the audit will be held on Monday, May 20 starting at 9 am.

Treasurer – Gross reported a State Revenue Sharing check in the amount of \$29,937 was received May 2; it is downtime currently for tax collections so work on address changes and preparing for the next tax season is underway.

Unfinished Business:

Discuss /Consider Recreational Marijuana Facilities Options – The Board was presented information provided by the Michigan Township Association (MTA) on recreational marihuana facilities. Two options, opting in or opting out, were discussed and considered. It was noted, to opt in the Board would refer the process back to the Planning Commission to write language amending the zoning ordinance to regulate recreational establishments in the township and then those proposed amendments would be considered by the Board at their next meeting. To opt out the Board would adopt an ordinance (a sample ordinance was provided by MTA for use) prohibiting marihuana establishments. The Board discussed the options and Gross reminded Board Members that township voters voted down the recreational marihuana proposal during the November 2018 election. The Board adopted an ordinance prohibiting marihuana establishments in the township.

Update – Work Due to Insurance Audit Town Hall/Parshallburg Park – Kukulis updated the Board on what the insurance company expects to be accomplished to meet the audits requirements and noted five contractors have been contacted to bid on the project with hopes to have bids back to the Board for their June meeting. It was additionally noted, to date only two of the five contractors have inquired about the work and Corrin is working with the Conservation Club on the work at Parshallburg Park.

New Business:

Consider Acceptance of Township General Liability/Workers Compensation Insurance Annual Renewal Effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 at a cost of \$6,840 – The Board was presented, discussed, and accepted the Township Municipal Insurance Policy renewal at a total cost of \$6,840.00.

Extended Public Comment: None.

Extended Township Board Comment: Corrin again reminded the Memorial Day Ceremony at Wildwood Cemetery will be held May 27 at 11 am at the old site in the cemetery; a rescheduled stream team monitoring of the river and salmon release will take place May 7, students from the high school science class will be participating in the dipping for bug.

Items Approved:

- Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg, to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to approve the April 4, 2019 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hedrich, to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-0501 Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance, as presented. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton, to accept the proposal from Sovis Insurance Agency/EMC Insurance Companies for the renewal of the Township's General Liability/Workers Compensation Insurance policy effective July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020, totaling \$6,840.00. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to pay bills, as presented. Bills totaled \$34,733.92. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Carlton, support by Hedrich, to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Motion Carried.

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