



**Chesaning Township Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 6, 2019 @ 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

Corrin asked for a moment of remembrance for those who served on this 75th anniversary of the invasion at Normandy during World War II.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented for approval.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 2, 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 the flagpole lighting arrived and was installed before Memorial Day, she thanked McGeehan and McAllister for installing it; the two benches, donated by Heritage Monument when the columbarium(s) were ordered, have come in and have been placed on the concrete pad; Hedrich noted a complaint was received on Memorial Day about lawn care and not allowing shepherd hooks; he said he explained with the amount of rain recently it is hard to keep it mowed; the Board discussed pros and cons of allowing shepherd hooks but made no decision; Corrin and Hedrich mentioned how poor attendance was at the Memorial Day ceremony estimating only fifty people showed up.

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, a report a activity was received; Corrin noted the property on Corunna Road that Olk was going to contact attorney about has begun clean-up so attorney does not have to be contacted; the Frandsche Road property has been cleaned completely including the foundation; a second letter will be sent to the Volkmer property since work has been stopped; another Corunna Road property has the majority of the building materials, junk and foundation removed; a complaint of too many animals on Oakley Road was unfounded, the parcel is 31 acres; a letter has been sent on a complaint of an old vehicle and junk pallets on Corunna Road; a complaint on a M-52 property selling items by the road was received but the property is zoned commercial and is not in violation; Gross is in contact with the bank on a foreclosed that is not being mowed.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross reported on the WIC and mobile dental clinics scheduled for June 25 noting the June dental clinic is full and they are booking July already, 6 families have signed up for the WIC clinic so far; the Health Center has entered into a 6 month agreement with Great Lakes Bay Health Care with hopes of being able to continue services beyond then; there is a possibility of adding additional services in the future, such as behavioral counseling, if the clinics continue to be well attended; additionally noted, dental clinics are open to anyone with or without insurance and since it is a federally funded program the cost to those without insurance for a cleaning and exam is \$20 and at the WIC clinics families qualify for formula and food vouchers; United Way monies have been distributed.

Fire Board – Corrin reported the audit is started, building lights are finished, the ISO audit began on May 15, 62 runs have been made to date, budget amendments have been made to end the fiscal year, and firemen participated in a couple public relations events including one at the Big Rock Elementary.

MMWA – Kukulis reported the next meeting date has been changed and is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11 at the Thomas Township Hall.

Task Force – Corrin reported the meeting was held May 28, Sue Bila was the presenter and spoke on statewide festivals and the issues Chesaning has had trying to replace the Showboat Festival.

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor – Corrin noted after 40 years the Executive Director of the MTA, Larry Merrill, is retiring; filming of the water trail all the way to Chesaning has been completed and website footage should be available in about three weeks; signage to mark and find the trail is in discussion; a new kayak dock is planned behind the Riverfront Grill; chip sealing on Gasper, Chesaning and Ditch Roads has begun with primary roads being done first than local roads to follow; easements for the Young's Drain are still being sought and the project is progressing slowly with construction most likely not starting until next summer, the Bear Creek Drain is handling all the water from the Young's Drain for now with most of the water coming out of Shiawassee County.

Clerk – Kukulis reported the audit was completed May 20; a Chesaning Union School District Special Election will be held August 6, absent voter ballots applications will be mailed either Friday, June 7 or Monday, June 10 to those on the permanent AV list; ballots will be ordered June 7, coordination with the County and other school district local clerks has begun, Chesaning Township's Precinct 2 will be combined with Chesaning Union voters in Shiawassee County's Rush, Hazelton, and New Haven Townships.

Treasurer – Gross reported the 2019 METRO Act check of \$7,615 has been received, down from last year's amount of \$7,620; a check for the 2018 delinquent taxes of \$33,860 has been received and will be distributed to the Fire Board, the refuse account, and the general fund; tax bill preparation is underway for the summer tax season beginning July 1; she will be attending a BSA tax program training all day Tuesday, June 11 at Kochville Township; a thank you note was received from Sarah Baker for the stream monitoring done here in Chesaning, here in town the river scored 41 which is a good rating.

Unfinished Business:

Consider Adoption Solar Panel Farm Ordinance No. 2019-0601 – The Board was presented, for their consideration, the Planning Commission's approved draft amending the Zoning Ordinance for the regulation of Solar Panel Farms, a brief discussion took place before the Board approved the adoption; Kukulis noted the ordinance will take effect June 23, 7 days after publication on June 16.

Open and Consider Bids Received - Town Hall Park Insurance Audit Work – Kukulis noted seven landscaping contractors were contacted for bids but only three bids were received; bids were opened and read, the first bid opened was from Hedrich Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$4,700, the second bid opened was from RootNote Landscape Solutions in the amount of \$10,380 and the third bid was from Struck Lawn & Landscape in the amount of \$3,450. The board compared the bids of the two low bidders, concerns were noted regarding how well the removal of waste soils once tilled could be accomplished, additionally the detail in the second lowest bid included removal of a dead tree and some shrubs located inside the area to be mulched; it was determined the increased cost could be justified and the Board voted to accept the bid from Hedrich Excavating.

New Business:

Discuss/Consider Final Phase of Columbarium Project – Kukulis briefly reviewed the first phase of the columbarium project noting a concrete pad designed to hold 8 columbarium(s) and 4 columbarium units were purchased at a cost of \$49,500, \$34,000 was the actual cost of the columbarium(s); approximately \$46,000 was set aside in the current year budget for consideration of the final phase of the project, the purchase of the final 4 columbarium units. Tyler McGeehan of Heritage Monument was present for the discussion, he indicated tariffs have impacted costs, he talked about the benefit of purchasing from the same vendor, being able to use the same color granite, he stated he expects the cost to be more than the previous four but has a couple other cemeteries looking to purchase columbarium(s) and by combining orders a savings may be accomplished, he indicated Heritage would include an additional 2 benches at no cost with the 4 columbarium(s), a value of \$2,000 each. Discussion on finishing the ground work around the project, by adding sidewalks to the nearest cemetery roadway to allow for handicap accessibility, seeding the area surrounding the concrete, and what the demand for niches is; McGeehan was asked to come back to the next meeting with pricing, including the cost for sidewalks and seeding around the concrete pad.

Extended Public Comment: None.

Extended Township Board Comment: Kukulis reminded the board the next meeting will be held July 11, 2019, one week later, due to the holiday.

Items Approved:

- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak, to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hedrich, support by Hemgesberg, to approve the May 2, 2019 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented, with a correction changing the word “through” to “throw” under the section Committee/Board Reports - MMWA. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hedrich, support by Gross, to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-0601 Solar Panel Farm Ordinance (Amendment to the Chesaning Township Zoning Ordinance), as presented. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Kukulis, to accept the bid from Hedrich Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$4,700 for playground surface protection, in the township hall park, to comply with insurance audit requirements. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hornak, Corrin. Abstain: Hedrich. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to pay bills, as presented. Bills totaled \$41,448.98. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Carlton, support by Hemgesberg, to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Motion Carried.

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