

TOWNSHIP OF CHESANING
APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
HYBRID (IN-PERSON & ELECTRONIC)
MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2021
7:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting: Called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board of Trustees followed by a moment of silence in memory of 3 previous board members, Arlowa Himm, past Clerk; Robert Corrin, past Supervisor and Susan Dodak, past Treasurer, all who passed away within the last 6 months.

Members Present: Supervisor Joe Ruthig, Clerk Julie Paulson, Treasurer Cathy Gross; Trustees: Peter Hemgesberg, Ken Hornak and Kevin Carlton. **Members Absent:** Bill Hedrich.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented for approval. Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg, to approve the agenda, as presented. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes:

- Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2021 were presented for approval. Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak to approve the April 1, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

Brief Public Comments: Began at 7:03 p.m. There were no public comments. Ended at 7:04 p.m.

Correspondence: None.

Presentations: A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to out-going Clerk Fran Kukulis for her years of dedication to the Township and community of Chesaning by Trustee Hemgesberg representing the Chesaning Township Board members and office staff.

Committee/Board Reports:

County Commissioner –

County Road Commission –

SCTOA –

Cemetery –

Presented by Trustee Hemgesberg. The water is on, leaks are fixed. The crushed stone at the old cemetery seems to be holding up.

Building Official –

Ordinance Enforcement Officer –

Rehmann Health Center-

Presented by Treasurer Gross. The dental appointments were full for the month of April. Beltone Hearing is using a corner of the conference room on Wednesdays and Fridays. It is a good service and we do get a little rent from him. WIC will be operating remotely through mid-August, 2021 with enrollment by phone. The program has grown in almost 2 years from 12 families to 196 families. Once on site we may need more hours.

Fire Board –

Presented by Supervisor Ruthig. During meeting held April 13, 2021, we had election of officers. Three tornado sirens need to be updated. Next meeting is May 12.

MMWA – Presented by Trustee Hornak. MMWA has their 2021 Special Drop off Days schedule available May through September. Next meeting June 14 at Thomas Township.

Task Force –

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor: The appeal was dropped on the Chesaning Comfort Care Tax Tribunal. Board of Review Update: 12 Veterans exemptions were approved; 2 poverty exemptions were approved. One personal property tax exemption was approved. 11 other petitions were submitted and decisions made. Nine were adjusted and 2 remained the same. The Sue Dodak bench is here at the Chesaning Township Park and a Memorial service will be held on May 21, 2021. The entire park area now has freshly spread mulch. The Parshallberg Cleanup was held on April 17th with semi tire and trash pickup. Large fire and lots of tree trimming and removal. Brush cutting on side of hill. The Saginaw Area GIS Authority met on April 19th with 20 attendees. Updates to the software as well as 2020 fly-over are now done. New swipe feature is working. Next meeting is July 19, 2021. We have a new paint job and a newly installed rope on the Township flagpole. Work continues on the Corunna Road project. First coat of asphalt should go down on May 10th. Due to a State of Emergency declared in Saginaw County effective until August 31, 2021 or until further notice, we could meet virtually again through the summer but I would prefer to meet in person. Rails With Trails vs Rails To trails: 8 miles in total and the cost could be as much as 3 million in total with trail head improvements. They are trying to fund with grants and fundraising. The planning Commission met and reviewed the solar Ordinance, discussed setbacks, no action taken. Discussed Pennington Farm Drainage. Discussed a possible fireworks Ordinance. For the Robert Corrin Memorial fund, we currently have \$1,970.07 in the Credit Union. Discussion to set a deadline for accepting donations and continued discussion as to where and what we want to do for this memorial.

Clerk: We now have our new Website up and running.

Treasurer: We are getting prepared and looking forward to our annual Audit later on this month.

Unfinished Business:

- **Discuss Township Logo:** Three preliminary Logo designs included in the board packet were reviewed. After much discussion of various ideas, we will be bringing this back on the agenda next month.

New Business:

- **Appoint a Chesaning Township Board Member to the Chesaning area Parks and Rec Commission:** After discussion, Motion by Paulson, support by Hornak to appoint Kevin Carlton to the Chesaning Area Parks and Rec Commission for a 3-year term beginning April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024. Vote: All Yeas. Motion Carried.
- **Appoint 2 members to the Planning Commission:** After discussion, Motion by Ruthig, support by Hemgesberg to appoint Roger Hollenback and Brian White to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term beginning April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024. Vote: All Yeas. Motion Carried.
- **Approve the purchase of mulch for Chesaning Township Park in the amount of \$700 to be taken out of Township Parks:** Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton for the spending of up to \$700 for the purchase of mulch for the Chesaning Township Park to be taken out of Township Park budget line item. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Gross, Paulson, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Ruthig. Absent: Hedrich. Nays: None. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Passed.
- **Draft False Fire Alarm Ordinance:** After discussion, Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg to adopt

Ordinance No. 2021-0506, known and referred to as the False Fire Alarm ordinance of the Township of Chesaning, an Ordinance prohibiting False Alarm Activations; penalties; Severability; Publication and Effective Date. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Ruthig. Absent: Hedrich. Nays: None. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Public Comments: Began at 7:37 pm There were no public comments. Ended at 7:37 pm.

Township Board Comments:

Approval of Bills: Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak, to pay the bills as presented. Bills totaled \$55,794.97. Roll Call Vote – Yeas: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Ruthig. Absent: Hedrich. Nays: None. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Carlton, support by Paulson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion Passed.

**Julie C. Paulson, Clerk
Chesaning Township**