

**Chesaning Township  
Board of Trustees  
Approved Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
And  
Public Hearing  
March 3, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting:** Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was led by the Board of Trustees.

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

**Members Absent:** Clerk Julie Paulson

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 3, 2022 were presented for approval. Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich to approve the February 3, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

Minutes of the February 16, 2022 Special Budget Workshop were presented for approval. Motion by Hedrich, support by Hornak to approve the February 16, 2022 Special Budget Workshop Minutes as presented. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

**Public Comments:** Brief comments began at 7:03 p.m. with comments received from two members of the public in attendance. Brian White commented he would like to see a moratorium placed on applications for Solar Farms until the Planning Commission completes a final review of the Master Plan and the Solar Farm Ordinance. Frances Kukulis commented that she agrees with Brian. Board Member, Pete Hemgesberg said that he would also like the Planning Commission to review the Master Plan and the Solar Farm Ordinance before any Applications for Solar Farms are accepted. Ended at 7:07 p.m.

**Correspondence:** None

**Presentations:** None

**Open Budget Public Hearing:** The Budget Public Hearing opened at 7:07 p.m.

- a. Chesaning Township 2022-2023 General Appropriations Act: Reviewed by Supervisor Ruthig
- b. Public Comments-Two minutes per person. No comments were received from the public.

**Close Budget Hearing:** The Budget Public Hearing closed at 7:21 p.m.

**Committee/Board Reports:**

- County Commissioner – No one present to report.
- County Road Commission – No one present to report
- SCTOA – No meeting.
- Cemetery – Hedrich reported that the cemetery dumpster is now half full.
- Building Official – No report
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – No report

Rehmann Health Center – Mobile Dental Clinic was full in February and the next clinic is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup> and is already booked full. WIC continues to operate remotely. Sidewalk outside Rehmann Health Center has not been changed and it remains a problem getting in and out of the Center.

Fire Board – The last meeting was held on February 9, 2022. There were 21 fire calls year to date as of February 9, 2022. There were 17 calls for the month of January. The utility truck is now at the high school for body work. Thank you to Brandon and Nick for installing new jump seats in Truck #1. Inventory of tires on all trucks is being done to determine if any need to be replaced. A preliminary budget was discussed and follow-up will be done on that in March.

MMWA – Ken Hornak said he was not able to attend the last meeting.

Task Force – No report.

Parks and Rec – The 5 Year Park and Rec Plan is available for public viewing at the River Rapids Library and also on the Chesaning Township website.

### **Board Officials Reports:**

Supervisor: A Saginaw County Road Commission Meeting was held on February 4, 2022. Bill Hedrich and Joe Ruthig attended. The County is considering putting a 2 mil road tax on the ballot for either August or November. If it passes each municipality would receive their own monies and be responsible for allocating them. This could be as much as \$280,000 for Chesaning Township local roads. Chesaning Township chip and seal work is scheduled for late June. All of District 2 will be sprayed for cattails and fragmites. If the Township Budget is approved tonight, Ruthig will be submitting the road projects during the next few weeks. Don Ackerman, St. Charles Township Supervisor will let me know about splitting the cost to do Gary Road. Paul Gohs from Saginaw County Road Commission updated the quote for replacing the culvert on Ferden Road. The price was dropped from \$20,000 to \$15,000.

Clerk: No report. Clerk Julie Paulson is out on medical leave.

Treasurer: The 2021 Property Tax Collection season ended on Tuesday, March 1. Delinquent payments should be sent to Saginaw County Treasurer's office. Rough calculation shows 92% of Chesaning Township property taxes were paid to the local municipality. The remaining 8% have gone to the County and will be reimbursed to us in the summer via the County Delinquent Tax Buyback. March Board of Review Organizational Meeting is scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. March Board of Review takes place on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Currently four residents have signed up for review of their property value. A check for \$525.56 was received on March 1 from the Local Community Stabilization Authority – Metro Act Money.

### **Unfinished Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

- Chesaning Township 2022-2023 General Appropriations Act: After discussion, Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak to adopt the Chesaning Township 2022-2023 General Appropriations Act as presented. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Gross, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Ruthig. Nays: None. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Carried.
- Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Fee Schedule: Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich to adopt the Chesaning Township Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Fee Schedule with changes under Cemetery Fee Schedule, ("All other Sunday Burials" -remove the word "other" to correct it to: "All Sunday Burials"). Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Gross, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Ruthig. Nays: None. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.
- Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Board Meeting Schedule: After discussion, Motion by Carlton, support by Hornak to set the Chesaning Township 2022-2023 Board Meeting schedule as presented. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Ruthig. Nays: None. 6 yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Passed.
- Budget Adjustment: Other Funds (Ins./Comp.): After discussion, Motion by Hemgesberg, support by

Hedrich to amend the Chesaning Township General Fund Budget Fiscal Year April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022 by moving \$500 from Contingencies to Other Funds (Ins/Comp). Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Gross, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Ruthig. Nays: None. 6 yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Passed.

- Consider Village of Chesaning Police Contract: Supervisor Ruthig presented the Village Police Contract. The Contract has been changed from previous years in that it will be ongoing and automatically renew without Board approval unless the Village or Township opt to modify or terminate same. Motion by Carlton, support by Hornak, to accept and approve the Villlage of Chesaning Police Contract. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hemgesberg, Gross, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Ruthig Nays: None 6 yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Passed.
- Consider Saginaw Future Contract: After discussion, Motion by Hedrich, support by Hemgesberg to contract with Saginaw Future Inc. for the 2022 – 2023 Fiscal Year and pay them \$500 for their services. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Gross, Hornak, Carlton, Hedrich, Hemgesberg, Ruthig Nays: None 6 yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Passed..
- Consider Cost of Insurance Deductible \$250 for Siding: Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton to pay the insurance deductible of \$250 for the insurance claim of hail damage to the siding of the Chesaning Township Hall. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hedrich, Carlton, Gross, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Ruthig Nays: None 6 yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
- Consider Medical Marijuana Primary Caregiver Operations Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Trustee Hemgesberg explained we need to have an Ordinance in place to define and monitor Medical Marijuana Primary Caregiver Operations in the Township. Supervisor Ruthig said caregivers will be required to apply for a Permit to operate as a medical marijuana caregiver within Chesaning Township. This will be a way for the Township to monitor those operations. Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton to Accept Planning Commission's Recommendation to move forward with creating a Medical Marijuana Primary Caregiver Operations Zoning Ordinance Amendment. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Gross, Hornak, Carlton, Hedrich, Hemgesberg, Ruthig Nays: None 6 yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

**Extended Public Comments:** Began at 8:46 pm Comments were heard from 2 members of the public in attendance. Kukulis reiterated she agrees with Brian White in regard to putting a moratorium on solar applications until the Planning Board revisits the original Solar Ordinance. Brian White said the Planning Commission needs to look at the solar rules now, before any Applications are taken. Trustee Hemgesberg agrees with White. Supervisor Ruthing read an article written by a Mr. Peter Sinclair regarding Solar and reasons for and against letting it into your Township. Ended at 8:51 pm.

**Township Board Comments:** none

**Approval of Bills:** Motion by Hedrich, support by Hemgesberg, to pay the bills as presented. Bills totaled \$169,858.78, which included property tax disbursement to the Chesaning Brady Fire Board of \$124,167.24. Roll Call Vote – Yeas: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Carlton, Hedrich, Ruthig. Nays: None. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Motion Passed

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cathy Gross, Treasurer – Acting Secretary  
Chesaning Township**

Supervisor Approval – Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Change Requests\_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Joe Ruthig\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_