

TOWNSHIP OF CHESANING
APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
November 7, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting: Called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board of Trustees.

Members Present: Supervisor Joe Ruthig, Treasurer Cathy Gross, Clerk, Julie Paulson; Trustees: Ken Hornak, Pete Hemgesberg, Kevin Carlton, and Bill Hedrich. **Members Absent:** None

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

Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2022 were presented for approval. Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich to approve the October 6, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comments: Began at 7:03 pm. Comments were received from 1 member of the public. Ended at 7:04 pm.

Correspondence: None

Presentations: None

Committee/Board Reports:

County Commissioner – no report

County Road Commission – no report

SCTOA – no report

Police Report – no report

Cemetery – Discussion as to leave the porta-john at the cemetery through the winter months.

Building Official – no report

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – no report

Rehmann Health Center- Presented by Treasurer Gross. The Dental Clinic was well attended and next scheduled Dental Clinic will be November 22. WIC will remain remote.

Fire Board – Presented by Supervisor Ruthig. The meeting was held on October 12, 2022. There were 14 calls for the month of September, 149 calls YTD as of October 12, 2022. The installation of the new roof should be started by now, with the north wall following soon. Vic Weigold, Marion Twp. Fire Chief, passed away on October 17, 2022. He served as chief for many years. Our condolences to his family. Last months training was held together with Albee, Taymouth, Spaulding, Hazelton, and Maple Grove Fire Departments.

MMWA – The next meeting will be held on December 12, 2022 at 9:30a.m. at Thomas Township.

Task Force – Meeting held October 10, 2022. The Bricks along the sidewalks in Village will be replaced with cement. Rabbit show at fair grounds November 4th and 5th. Dog show coming in April. Chamber dinner will be January 21st. “Friends of the Shiawassee” was added as a recognized organization to the Task Force with Dave Richardson being the Representative. Other organizations are Chesaning Twp, Village of Chesaning, Chesaning Schools, Business & Industry, Chamber of Commerce, DDA, Saginaw Agricultural Society, River Rapids Library, Chesaning Historical Society, and the Community at Large. Next meeting will be January 24, 2023.

Park’s & Rec – no report

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor: We received our new Township Flag. Pete and I attended the Fall CES (Community Education Services) Presentation at Rowe Engineering. Seminars included Zoning & Planning for Solar, The Open Meetings Act & Electronic Communication, and Tips for Planning Commission and ZBA Offices. Planning Commission met last night. Updates on the Solar Application. At this time the Planning Commission is waiting to see if DTE will resubmit a new site plan. Much discussion about Master Plan review. Update future land use maps. Update census data. Comments heard from the public. PC’s next meeting will be Feb 1, 2023 unless needed sooner. I will be out of town from November 10th through the 22nd.

Clerk: A reminder that the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8th with Precinct 1 residents voting at the Fire Hall and Precinct 2 residents voting at the Township Hall. Polls open at 7:00am and close at 8:00pm, if you are in line at 8:00pm to vote, you will be allowed to vote. The clerk’s office will be open on Saturday, November 5th between the hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm for absentee ballots. If one needs an absentee ballot on Monday, November 7th, it must be voted in the building. Also, I have applied for a \$3,000 election security grant and will be applying for another election security grant for an additional \$3,000 by December 31, 2022.

Treasurer: Received a state revenue share check in the amount of \$46,340.00. Winter Tax Bill preparation ongoing. Winter Bills will be mailed the last week of November.

Unfinished Business:

- Reviewed the Grounds Maintenance Agreement. The Board approved the agreement with changes as presented and a sealed bid request for the Groundskeeper position from April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2026 will be placed in the newspaper.
Motion by Carlton, support by Paulson to accept the Grounds Maintenance Agreement as presented and to advertise for position of Groundskeeper in the local newspaper. Bids for the Grounds Maintenance position to be submitted by sealed bid. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

New Business:

- a. Consider Renewal of Membership with the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition
An invoice for dues from the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition was presented. Motion By: Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich to pay the 2022 and 2023 voluntary dues totaling \$150.00 to the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Passed.
- b. Consider Pruning of Crimson Maple Trees at Wildwood Cemetery
Supervisor Ruthig received a quote from Rootnote Landscape Solutions to trim the Crimson Maple trees at Wildwood Cemetery at a cost between \$200 and \$300. Once trimmed the trees should maintain their shape for many, many years. There is a possibility they may never need trimmed again.
Motion by Carlton, support by Hedrich to authorize Rootnote Landscape Solutions to prune the Crimson Maple trees at Wildwood Cemetery at a rate of \$200.00 to \$300.00. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Passed

- c. Consider Authorizing Chesaning Township Winter Tax Rate of .9221 mills (Local Operating) and 1.5 mills (Fire)

Treasurer Gross asked the Board to approve Chesaning Township's tax rate of .9221 mills for local operating and 1.5 mills for fire. With a total taxable value of \$163,639,668, Chesaning Township will collect \$150,892 for local operating and \$245,459 for fire protection. Motion by Gross, Support by Hemgesberg to authorize the 2022 Winter Tax Rate. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Passed

Public Comments: Three Minutes Per Person (Any Topic)

Public comment began at 7:31 p.m. Comments were received by approximately 3 members of the public. Ended at 7:35 p.m.

Township Board Comments: none

Approval of Bills: Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg to pay the bills as presented totaling \$67,902.51. Roll Call Vote – Yeas: Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion passed.

Adjournment: Motion by Carlton, support by Hedrich, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved: _____

Julie C. Paulson – Clerk
Chesaning Township

Supervisor Approval – Yes ___ No ___

Change Requests _____

Supervisor Joe Ruthig _____ Date: _____