

**Chesaning Township
Board of Trustees
Approved Minutes
Regular Meeting
December 1, 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: Peter Hemgesberg, Ken Hornak, Kevin Carlton and Bill Hedrich.

Members Absent: Clerk Julie Paulson

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented for approval. Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item 9.h. under New Business, "Parshallburg Park Kayak/Canoe Launch Project". Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

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

Presentations: None

Correspondence: None

Public Comments: None

Committee/Board Reports:

County Commissioner – No one present to report.

County Road Commission – No one present to report

SCTOA – No meeting. Christmas Party has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 7th in Frankenmuth. RSVP to Joanne Boehler by Friday, December 2nd if you want to attend. Cost is \$40 per person.

Cemetery – Trustee Hedrich commented the groundskeeping at the cemetery looks shabby and also the dumpster service doesn't appear to have been stopped for the winter. Supervisor Ruthig said the ad was in the newspaper for bids on the upcoming Groundskeeper Contract and the deadline for sealed bids is December 28, 2022. Supervisor Ruthig will also check to be sure the dumpster service at the cemetery has been stopped.

Building Official – No report

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – No report.

Rehmann Health Center – Treasurer Gross reported the Mobile Dental Clinic was full in November and the next clinic is scheduled for December 27th. Great Lakes Bay Health Systems will be bringing their largest bus to future Mobile Dental Clinics and have added another hygienist, so there will be three hygienists on the bus, along with capability to do X-Rays and a dentist will also be on the bus for consult with those needing further dental work. WIC continues to operate remotely. Chesaning Area United Appeal campaign kicked off the week of Thanksgiving.

Fire Board – The last meeting was held on November 9, 2022. There have been 167 calls year to date and 22 calls for the month of October. The roof project has been delayed because incorrect steel was ordered. ARPA funds promised are now estimated at \$125,000 from Saginaw County, which is more than previously reported. Tires will be replaced on the utility truck at a cost of \$580.00. The fire department will be participating in the PFAS (FOAM) Study by Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, which includes a two-year study of blood samples, water samples, and questionnaires.

MMWA – Trustee Hornak brought information to the meeting supplied by Mid Michigan Waste Authority. The new roll out carts for trash and recycling will be available mid-year 2023. Until then trash and recycling services will remain the same, weekly, every Thursday. Once the carts arrive residents can begin use immediately, trash pickup will continue weekly with recycling pick up changing to every other week. There will also be a Christmas light recycling drop off between November 15, 2022 through January 15, 2023. A schedule can be viewed at Recycling | Mid Michigan Waste Authority (recyclemotion.org)

Task Force – Supervisor Ruthig advised Task Force now meets quarterly. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2023.

Parks and Rec – The 5-year plan still needs to be finalized and printed.

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor: Supervisor Ruthig along with other members of the Planning Commission will be attending a breakfast on December 9th hosted by the Law Firm that is representing the Township on the Solar Special Use Permit. (SUP). Other municipalities in the area have been invited also. It will provide an opportunity to ask questions regarding the SUP. December Board of Review will meet on December 12th at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of correcting clerical errors and considering exemptions. Supervisor Ruthig met with OHM Engineering Group to discuss preliminary design for the redesign of Parshallburg Park. OHM will be seeking grant money to fund the project. Supervisor Ruthig spoke with Sue Julian of the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition about the status of the Mile Markers being constructed for the river. Ms. Julian advised materials are expected in January with work being done over the winter so the markers will be ready for installation in the Spring of 2023.

Clerk: Clerk Paulson was absent. Treasurer Gross reported that the November 2022 election was certified by the Board of Canvassers.

Treasurer: A Cable Franchise Fee in the amount of \$4,384.19 was received from Charter Communications for the months of July, August and September. Tax bills were mailed the last week of November. Winter taxes are due February 14, 2023 and Summer taxes can still be paid to the Township Office through February 14, 2023. Summer taxes are incurring interest at 1% per month. On March 1, 2023 all property taxes must be paid to the Saginaw County Treasurer.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

a. Discuss Drafting an Animal (Pet) Ordinance:

Supervisor Ruthig said our prior Code Enforcement Officer, Pat Olk, suggested we draft an ordinance regarding wandering animals trespassing on people's property. Many complaints come into the township office about unwanted chickens, dogs, cats etc. entering a resident's yard. Supervisor Ruthig asked the Board who they would want to draft such an ordinance. Trustee Hedrich suggested we ask MTA if they know of another township that has such an ordinance that we could use as a sample to get ideas from. Board consensus was that MTA be contacted for directions and the Planning Commission proceed to draft same.

b. Discuss Hiring Procedure for Ordinance Enforcement Officer

Supervisor Ruthig addressed the Board about how they want to handle the procedure to hire a new code enforcement officer. The Board consensus was that Supervisor Ruthig interview candidates and then bring back to the Board his recommendation. Supervisor Ruthig will also ask the selected candidate to attend the January Board Meeting.

c. Consider Reappointment of Gary Azelton to Board of Review

Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to reappoint Gary Azelton to Board of Review for the term beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. Vote – 6 Yeas. Motion Carried.

d. Consider Reappointment of Charles Weisenberger to Board of Review

Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton, to reappoint Charles Weisenberger to Board of Review for the term beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. Vote – 6 Yeas. Motion Carried.

e. Consider Reappointment of Leonard Strait to Board of Review

Motion by Carlton, support by Hedrich, to reappoint Leonard Strait to Board of Review for the term beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. Vote – 6 Yeas. Motion Carried.

f. Consider Reappointment of Matthew Mallory to Board of Review

Motion by Hedrich, support by Hornak, to reappoint Matthew Mallory as an alternate member to Board of Review for the term beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. Vote – 6 Yeas. Motion Carried.

g. Consider Dates for 2023 Budget Workshop

Supervisor Ruthig suggested the date of February 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to hold the 2023 Budget Workshop with the date of February 16, 2023 to be used as an alternate date. The Board unanimously agreed those were good dates for the Workshop.

h. Parshallburg Park Kayak/Canoe Launch Project

Two preliminary designs were supplied by OHM Engineering and were given to each Board member for consideration of redesigning Parshallburg Park to include a new kayak/canoe launch, pathway access to the launch with an observation deck among other improvements. Cost for the project is estimated at \$170,000 and the project would start in the Spring of 2024. OHM will be applying for a Grant to provide money to fund the project as well as money to redesign the old Showboat slip in the Village of Chesaning which will become a kayak/canoe launch also. The launch in the Village is estimated to cost \$180,000. Ruthig said Troy Feldman of the Village of Chesaning went to the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners with a request they fund the project through the Saginaw County ARPA funds in the event OHM is not awarded the money from the initial grant request. Mr. Feldman said the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners agreed. Of the two preliminary designs presented, the Chesaning Township Board chose Option #2 as the best design option. Supervisor Ruthig will follow-up with OHM Engineering.

Extended Public Comments: Began at 7:44 p.m. Comments were heard from several members of the public in attendance. A resident asked about the past proposed rail trail project. Another resident had a question regarding the current Medical Marijuana Ordinance adopted recently by the Board, and several residents commented on the Solar Farm project. Comments ended at 7:55 pm.

Township Board Comments: Supervisor Ruthig wished all in attendance a Merry Christmas.

Approval of Bills: Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to pay the bills as presented. Bills totaled \$16,120.70. Roll Call Vote – Yeas: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Hedrich, Carlton and Ruthig. Nays: None. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Carlton, support by Hedrich, to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion Passed

Approved: _____

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

Supervisor Approval – Yes___ No___

Change Requests_____

Supervisor Joe Ruthig_____ Date:_____