

TOWNSHIP OF CHESANING
APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2023
7:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board of Trustees.

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

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented for approval. Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton, to approve the May 4, 2023 agenda as presented, with the addition under New Business, b., Consider sending the Sub-Recipient Agreement Between Chesaning Township and the County of Saginaw to our Attorney for his review and c., Consider purchase new bladder tank for Cemetery. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes: April 6, 2023 regular board meeting minutes were presented for approval. **MOTION** by Hedrich, support by Hemgesberg to approve the April 6, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Vote: All yeas.

Presentations: Jason Lacina of Great Lakes Pace gave a presentation of their program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly, providing services to senior citizens 55+ who require nursing home care. Included are primary and specialist care, medications, rehabilitation therapy, home care, transportation, social activities, and meals. Contact information for Great Lakes Pace: GreatLakesPACE.org, 989-272-7610.

Brief Public Comments: Began at 7:11 p.m. There was 1 question submitted by the public. Ended at 7:11 p.m.

Correspondence: None.

Committee/Board Reports:

County Commissioner –

County Road Commission –

SCTOA –

Cemetery- The water is on, the bladder tank is bad, and the dirt situation is worked out. There is though an issue with the leaves, they are being dumped in the driveway for people to drive over. The tree leaning is okay for now, it is leaning against 2 green trees.

Building Official -

Ordinance Enforcement Officer –

Rehmann Health Center- Presented by Treasurer Gross. The April Mobil Dental Clinic was cancelled due to the truck breaking down, all April appointments will then be in May, so the Clinic is Full. WIC is coming back in person and will be available June 13, 20 and 27th at the Health Center. They will meet with the 5 entities with applications to determine who the recipient will be of the \$15,000 donated by the community through the United Appeal, which will stay in the community.

Fire Board – Presented by Supervisor Ruthig. Last meeting was held on April 12, 2023. There were 53 runs in March 2023. Truck 20 has a new pump. Two probationary fire fighters have returned to the force. Ongoing saga of the roof. Looks like we finally have the right people involved in repairing the roof. Hope to

start work soon. Fire Dept Golf outing open to the public. May 13th. 9:00 AM 4-person scramble. \$65 per person, dinner, golf, cart, prizes.

MMWA – Presented by Trustee Hornak & Clerk Paulson. Carts have been delivered throughout the Township with few issues. We have a link on our website to MMWA for any questions or information you may have.

Task Force- Jake Delecki from “4 Wheel Buy” gave a very through update as to his business and the purchase of “Heritage Tire”. They do primarily aftermarket accessories for truck and SUV’s but will do tires for most vehicles and will continue as Heritage tire for farm service. Gretchen Schulte talked about upcoming events at the Fair Grounds. Saginaw Co. Fair will be Aug. 1-5. There will be a dog show which brings people from several states and an upcoming horse show. Check the Saginaw Co. Agricultural Society website for schedules. Next meeting will be July 25, 2023.

Park’s & Rec-

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor: MTA Conference Update: Participated in the Parade of Flags, attended several classes including Solar zoning and Ordinances, general ordinance enforcement, election updates and Proposal 2 changes, Governmental oversight, and use of ARPA Funds, and What every Township needs to Know About Investments. I also know that Kevin attended several classes pertaining to Fire Departments and what is new in that world. One of the most controversial ones was the election update. There were more questions than answers. The four big changes, or new laws, are 9 days of early voting, for State and Federal Elections, pre-paid postage, absent voter ballots, and drop boxes. The new constitution says we now have to do all this but doesn’t tell us how.

Julie and all the Twp Clerks throughout the State are going to have a huge task in front of them figuring out all the new rules. Many Clerks are simply resigning due to the lack of direction from the State. Other Townships are hiring election specialists solely for the purpose of freeing up time for the Clerk to perform their other duties.

Also attended the annual meeting where new MTA officers were elected. Pauline Bennett, Clerk from Addison Twp, Oakland Co., was elected as our new MTA President. I have a list of all new officers if anyone wants to look at it.

Had a meet and greet with Liz Roxberry who is the new Executive Director of the Friends of Shiawassee River. Dave Richardson and Tom Ebenhoeh were also present. Planning Commission met last night. Continuing review of the Twp Master Plan and also talked about reviewing the Township Zoning Ordinance after the Master Plan is done.

I have talked with the CACC and we have scheduled a Spring Clean-up at Parshallburg Park for this Saturday starting around 9:00 in the morning. We have a rain date set for the 13th but as of now the weather looks good for this Saturday at 9:00 in the morning. Clean-up the river bank and the small trail that follows the river up stream. Weed whackers, rakes, pitch forks, chain saws and anything else you can think of for Saturday morning.

Clerk: The May 2 Consolidated Election went well. We had 5 Absentee Voter Ballots requested and received back out of the possible 13 residents who reside in the New Lothrop School District. On election day, we had zero voters show up to the polls, as well as no one came in to take advantage of the register to vote/vote same day option. These very small elections do though keep us in good practice. We had a Saginaw County Clerk’s meeting in April, where the possible options, depending on the changes in Election Law due to the passage of Proposal 2, were discussed. The three possible options which will be voted upon by each municipality after the laws have been set would include for a municipality to be on their own for the 9 days of early voting, costing at the minimum \$11,903 per precinct for separate ballot equipment along with between \$55,000 and \$65,000 as an approximation additional cost to the municipality to run the election. Not to mention hiring and training election workers required for 9 additional days of early voting to the election day. A second possible option would be for a group of 5 or 6 surrounding municipalities working together to create a voting hub and share the costs and resources. A third option is to have one central location within the county where everyone goes to vote for the 9 days of early voting. This could be very expensive, especially if we must go it alone. We are waiting to see what is in the bill. One thing we already know is, it has been approved that military votes can be counted up to 6 days after the election date as long

as the ballot is postmarked on or before the election date. Our next election will be in February, 2024, which is the Presidential Primary. Before that time whatever is will be in place.

Treasurer: Trash collection problems are being addressed with the new cart roll out, identifying trash & recycling issues needed correcting on the assessment roll. We received the May revenue share check in the amount of \$37,088, which is down \$2,306 from 1 year ago. Treasurer Gross stated Mercantile Bank in St. Charles, Michigan offers a Public Funds Money Market money account with interest rates currently paying 4.9% and funds can be kept liquid. The account terms and charges are minimal. Gross would like to move some of the funds currently housed at Citizen’s Bank over to Mercantile Bank.

Unfinished Business:

- Discussion About ARPA Fund Expenditures: A review of possible ideas for the Township’s ARPA Funds were reviewed, including the Young’s Drain at Large Assessment, Pavilion for Twp Park, Additional Parking at Hall, Carpet for Hall, Landscaping Hall, updates at Parshallburg Park, Power for Mausoleum Flag Pole, Land acquisition for Parshallburg Park and flag pole for Hall. Further suggestions encouraged as we have until December, 2024 to have our projects earmarked.

New Business:

- Review and Consider Amendment to Chesaning Township Investment Policy: After discussion, **MOTION** by Carlton, support by Paulson to accept the proposed amendments to The Chesaning Township Investment and Depository Designation Resolution as presented. Roll Call Vote _ Yeas: Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.
- Consider sending the Sub-Recipient Agreement between Chesaning Township and County of Saginaw to our Attorney for his review: **MOTION** by Hornak, support by Gross to send the Sub-Recipient Agreement between Chesaning Township and County of Saginaw to our Attorney for his review. Roll Call Vote – Yeas: Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.
- Consider purchase of new bladder tank for Cemetery: After discussion, look into and bring back to the next meeting.

Public Comments: Began at 7:57 pm. Public comments were received by 3 in attendance. Ended at 8:00 pm.

Township Board Comments:

Approval of Bills: **MOTION** by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg, to pay the bills as presented totaling \$34,198.09. Roll Call Vote – Yeas: Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

Adjournment: Motion by Carlton, support by Gross, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion Passed.

Approved: _____

Julie C. Paulson, Clerk
Chesaning Township

Supervisor Approval – Yes___ No___

Change Requests _____

Supervisor Joe Ruthig _____ Date: _____