

TOWNSHIP OF CHESANING  
APPROVED  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 2, 2024  
7:00 P.M.

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

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

**Members Present:** Supervisor Joe Ruthig, Clerk Daniel Himstedt, Treasurer Cathy Gross, Trustees: Kevin Carlton, Pete Hemgesberg, and Ken Hornak. Bill Hedrich was absent

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

**Approval of Minutes:** April 4, 2024 Regular board meeting minutes were presented for approval . MOTION by Hemgesberg, support by Carlton to approve the April 4, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion Passed.

**Presentations:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Brief Public Comments:** None.

**Committee/Board Reports:**

- County Commissioner-Dennis Harris
- County Road Commission-Dennis Borchard
- SCTOA-Ken Hornak
- **Cemetery**-Daniel Himstedt, Peter Hemgesberg, Bill Hedrich: Hemgesberg reported that water was turned on and a leak was repaired.
- Building Official-Rob Kehoe
- **Ordinance Enforcement** Officer-Pat Olk: Ruthig reported that 7 letters have been sent to different properties. Olk and Ruthig will be meeting with the township's lawyer to discuss the procedural process for enforcing ordinances.
- **Rehmann Health Center**-Cathy Gross: April mobile dental bus was canceled due to Great Lakes Bay Health having a conflict with obligations to public school children getting their teeth cleaned before Summer Vacation. Next Mobile Dental Bus will be Tuesday May 28th. WIC continues to be well attended.  
United Appeal: Chesaning Area United Appeal members met Monday, April 29th to discuss the distribution of funds collected during the 23/24 Campaign. \$20,000.00 was collected in total. \$4000.00 was held back to cover costs for next year's campaign expenses. The remaining \$16,000.00 was awarded as follows: River Rapids District Library \$2000.00, C.A.E.R. \$2250.00, Young at Heart (Chesaning Senior Center) \$2250.00, Manna From Heaven (food distribution) \$3000.00, Rehmann Health Center \$3500.00, "Indian Closet" (C.H.S.) \$1000.00, Brady Senior Center \$2000.00. Checks will be given to the representative of the organization receiving the funds on May 8th at the office of the Tri County Citizen where pictures will also be taken to be published in the newspaper.
- **Fire Board** -Joe Ruthig: Meeting was held on April 10th, 2024. Village has issued a building permit for the Saginaw County Road Commission to build a salt barn on M-57. The Fire Department will be having the parking lot around the building chip sealed this summer. The Fire Department is getting bids to do some interior painting and carpet cleaning. The Fire Department golf outing is scheduled for Saturday June 15th. It is open to the public.
- **MMWA**-Daniel Himstedt, Ken Hornak: Himstedt reported that MMWA will be having a Household Hazardous Special Waste Event this Saturday which is full. They will be holding another one on June 8th by appointment. Hornak reported that the meeting was held on April 8th. "The Bagster" was discussed. The bag itself is free to the municipality. The resident will be charged \$200.00 to empty The Bagster.
- **Task Force**-Joseph Ruthig: Reported about a Summer Reading program which will take place this summer through the Library. There will also be a school bond approval election in August. The Village Sidewalk Project will begin Year 2. The rubble cleanup from the collapsed building on the corner of Front St and Broad St is in process.

Poppin' Decor has moved location and Biggy Coffee is now registered on Google Earth. Zach Chludil will become a member of the Executive Board of the Friends of the Shiawassee River. Mile markers for the river between Parshallburg and Chesaning are awaiting delivery for installation.

- Parks & Rec-Kevin Carlton

### **Board Officials Reports:**

**Supervisor:** SAGIS meeting was held on April 15, 2024. Quick meeting during which Dan Hoffman talked about several maps that were updated to various municipalities. Big news in the county is the Corning Glass expansion at the HSC complex in Hemlock. Expecting 800-1100 new jobs and Corning wants to be in operation by January 2025. A big concern is housing. There is a new subdivision being plotted in Hemlock but housing is going to be hard to find.

MTA Conference Update: Carlton and Ruthig attended the MTA Annual Conference last week. Monday: Registration and check in, Tuesday: Parade of flags which Ruthig participated in and opening session. Ruthig attended sessions on Blight Enforcement and the Right to Farm Act. He spoke to Rose Exterminators about Mole Control and will be meeting with them to get a quote for Wildwood Cemetery. Michigan Participating Plan Township Olympics were held. Jennie Carlton won the Bow and Arrow competition but due to a technical glitch did not receive a medal. Wednesday: Keynote speaker Paul Epstein said "After a career in the high-stakes world of executive sports leadership, I've found my true calling as a speaker, writer and inspirer of those who want to find the confidence to play offense in their lives and careers." He spoke about Red, Yellow, or Green light decisions. Heart and head must work together to make good decisions. Ruthig attended classes on Renewable Energy Update and how the new laws affect Township Planning and siting, and Road management and maintenance. The UP guys provided entertainment after the evenings banquet. Thursday: General meeting and election of officers.

Chesaning Township will be holding a Spring Cleanup at Parshallburg Park on May 4th with an alternate date of May 11th starting around 9:00 AM. Bring rakes, shovels, pitch forks, weed whackers, blowers, chain saws, and matches because we will have a fire. Planning Commission meeting was May 1, 2024. Wrapping up the Master Plan review. They did find a few things they think need to be updated. They may hold a special meeting and public hearing to consider amending the Master Plan. Pat Olk and Ruthig are meeting with Chesaning Twp Attorney on Friday to discuss methods of ordinance enforcement.

**Clerk:** Chesaning Township received information that Saginaw County Clerk's office is pulling out of the agreement with municipalities to complete 9 days of early voting. Chesaning Township has to develop a plan to provide 9 days of early voting. Clerk will be attending the MTA conference virtually.

**Treasurer:** Working hard on ARPA projects completed in the Township Hall. Organizing records getting them ready for Audit. We are scanning things to the auditor for Audit. Collected \$40,000.00 in delinquent personal property taxes last month.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- **Discussion About ARPA Funds:** Pavilion is underway in the park, Carpeting is in progress, Power for the Mausoleum Flag Pole will be completed, Boardroom tables in progress, Boardroom Chair, Land Acquisition for Parshallburg Park, Replace Copy Machine, Update Phone System are done. Road maintenance is obligated for a total of \$225,100.04. Report has been submitted to the government.

### **New Business:**

- Consider Amending Contract with 42 North Outdoor Services to include New Property at Ditch and Niver roads.** 42 North Outdoor Services is asking for an additional \$1,200.00 a year to maintain the north west corner of the Townships new property located at Ditch and Niver rd. This year's contract is set at \$18,685.00 they are asking to amend that to \$19,885.00. **MOTION** by Hornak supported by Carlton to increase the 42 North contract by \$1,200.00. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Himstedt, Ruthig. Nays: None. Motion passed.
- Consider Appointment of Russell Krish to the Planning Commission. (Term Ending March 31, 2025).** Russell is from Chesaning, went to work in Lansing and moved back to Chesaning in 2003. He is interested in filling on the vacant spot on the Planning Commission. **MOTION** by Hornak supported by Hemgesberg to appoint Russell Krish to the Planning Commission term ending March 31, 2025. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Ruthig. Nays: none. Motion passed.
- Consider Purchase of Two Toilets for Township Hall (\$500.00).** We are replacing flooring in township bathrooms. Would like to replace toilets estimated cost is \$250.00 apiece. **MOTION** by Hornak supported by

Carlton to purchase two new toilets for Township Hall. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Ruthig. Nays: None Motion passed.

**Public Comment: Three minutes Per Person (any topic): None**

**Township Board Comment:** Following meeting two names will be drawn to receive gift cards from those donating to United Appeal which was not completed at April 29th Meeting  
Hornak shared that with the upcoming good weather we'll be able to see the benefit of the upgrades to Parshallburg Park.

**Approval of Bills: MOTION** by Hemgesburg, supported by Hornak to pay the bills as presented totaling \$56,139.31 Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hemgesberg, Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Hornak, Ruthig. Nays: none Motion passed.,

**Adjournment:** Motion by Carlton, supported by Hemgesberg , to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion Passed.

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

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Daniel Himstedt, Clerk Chesaning Township

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

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

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