

TOWNSHIP OF CHESANING  
APPROVED  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 6, 2024  
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 Daniel Himstedt, Treasurer Cathy Gross, Trustees: Kevin Carlton, Pete Hemgesberg, Ken Hornak, and Bill Hedrich.

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was presented for approval with the addition of item d: Consider a quote from Heiden Technology to upgrade computers. Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg, to approve the agenda with the proposed addition. Motion Passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** May 2, 2024 Regular board meeting minutes were presented for approval . MOTION by Hemgesberg, support by Gross to approve the May 2, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion Passed.

**Presentations:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Brief Public Comments:** None.

**Committee/Board Reports:**

- **County Commissioner**-Dennis Harris, reported on the three millages that would be on the ballot in August. 1) the Road Millage for 2 mils over six years, 2) Michigan Commission of Aging Millage for .59 mils which is a renewal plus 2.69 mils over six years 3) Saginaw Zoo Millage for .02 mil over ten years. The Memorial Cup was a big success.
- County Road Commission-Dennis Borchart
- SCTOA-Ken Hornak
- Cemetery-Daniel Himstedt, Peter Hemgesberg Bill Hedrich reported that the plug installed at the mausoleum was not working over Memorial Day.
- Building Official-Rob Kehoe
- **Ordinance Enforcement** Officer-Pat Olk: Olk reported on a number of issues he is currently addressing. At this time, he is awaiting updated or amended ordinances from the attorney as some are from 1971 and state they are misdemeanors. These are police ordinances and just updating amendments they do not need to go to the planning commission. They only need to be approved by the board and go into effect immediately. They should be ready for review by the July board meeting.
- **Rehmann Health Center**-Cathy Gross: June 25th will be the next mobile dental clinic . WIC continues to be in person. Kyle Byron will be helping with United Appeal.
- **Fire Board** -Joe Ruthig: Meeting was held on May 8th, 2024. 74 runs year to date and 17 for the month of April. CBFDD hosted a training session, facilitated by Barb Smith, on suicide prevention. Several fire departments attended and the training was well received. The CBFDD golf outing will be on June 15th. This outing is open to the public. CBFDD hosted a fire prevention day at Big Rock School on May 31st and upcoming events include Dawn Patrol on July 15th, Library Summer Reading program July 23rd, and Garber Stuff the Bus on July 26th.
- **MMWA**-Daniel Himstedt, Ken Hornak: Next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for June 10th in Thomas Township. Daniel Himstedt will attend.
- **Task Force**-Joseph Ruthig: Next meeting will be July 23rd.
- Parks & Rec-Kevin Carlton

## **Board Officials Reports:**

**Supervisor:** I would like to thank everyone who helped with spring cleanup at Parshallburg Park. Chesaning Area Conservation Club members Rick DeLong, Gary Dankert, and Alf Maike. Roger Hollenback, Ken Hornak, Scott Mrdeza, Dillon Mrdeza, Russell Krish, Cathy Gross, Deb DeLong, and a special Thank You to Brian and Kim White for providing lunch for the entire crew. The park looks great and we all had a good time working together.

Pat Olk and I met with the Township attorney to discuss the Township Policing Ordinances and enforcement of the same. Adam Flory to review and suggest amendments as the current ones we have were adopted in the early 1970's.

Last Friday Chesaning Union High School conducted a Village wide beautification day and we had about 8 kids working here at the hall. Weeds got pulled and new mulch was spread around the building. Thank you to all who helped.

The Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on June 12 at 7:00. Special council will be in attendance to discuss the new State law that gives the Public Service Commission the responsibility of siting and permitting renewable Energy Projects and how that will affect the DTE application for a solar farm in Chesaning Township.

MDOT is working on a cross culvert on M-57 near Gasper Rd. Should be done in the next week or two. They have also been doing some ditch cleaning along M-57 throughout the Township.

**Clerk:** The outside drop box was opened. Absentee ballot applications were sent out and we are awaiting ballots to begin sending out those ballots. We should have them by 45 days before the election which is June 22nd.

**Treasurer:** Summer taxes will be out by the end of the month. Contract has been signed with the county. Bills will be printed in the next couple weeks. Received a check for \$9068.00 from the Metro Act Fee. Last year we received \$11,000, which was about \$2000.00 dollars more. This is an annual maintenance fee to municipalities for taxes collected by the state from utility companies and the state passes a share on to the townships and it is supposed to be used for roads. We also got \$4,130.00 on May 20th for the Cable Franchise Fee. Working with the auditors who are very pleasant. We are scanning info for the auditors to view remotely. Very pleased with the new businesses that have been contracted with the Township (Auditors, Phone system and Heiden Technologies).

## **Unfinished Business:**

- **Discussion About ARPA Funds:** Pavilion in process, Carpet in Hall is done, Power for the Mausoleum Flag Pole is done, Boardroom Tables in progress, Boardroom Chairs done, Land Acquisition for Parshallburg Park is done, Replace Copy Machine is done, Update phone system is done, Chesaning Township Local Road Maintenance is obligated.

## **New Business:**

- Consider Mole Control for Wildwood Cemetery:** Received an estimate from Rose Pest Solutions. Anyone contracted by the Township would need to have liability insurance which would cost approx. \$800 dollars a year for an individual. Something needs to be done before the moles get out of control.
- Consider Renewal of General Liability/Workers Comp Insurance Policy Effective July 1, 2024:** Representative from Sovis insurance and EMC Insurance was in last week. Policy is the same but the cost went up due to the cost of building materials. Currently the quote is \$9,789.00 which is an increase of about \$700.00 over last year. **MOTION** by Gross supported by Hornak to accept the General Liability/Workers Comp Policy Insurance effective July 1, 2024 in the amount of \$9,789.00. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Himstedt, Ruthig. Nays: none. Motion Passed.
- Consider Renewal of Contract with MTA at a Cost of \$3,099.94:** We have contracted with MTA for many years and they are a valuable source of education and tools and information. Cost has increased by approx. \$133.00. **MOTION:** by Hemgesberg supported by Hornak to renew contract with MTA at a cost of \$3099.94 Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Ruthig. Nays: None. Motion Passed.
- Consider Quote from HeidenTechnology Solutions to upgrade computers:** There have been problems with the building official and assessors' computer along with the Deputy Clerks computer. Heiden Technology suggested adding RAM to the building official's computer to solve the problem. The Deputy Clerks computer is 9 years old and Heiden recommended that we purchase a new computer for the Deputy Clerk or add additional RAM. **MOTION** by Hedrich supported by Hemgesberg to Use ARPA funds to buy 2 new computers for Deputy Clerk and Builder for \$2,300.00. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hemgesberg, Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Ruthig. Nays: None Motion Passed.

**Public Comment: Three minutes Per Person (any topic):** Public comment began at 7:47 and three residents spoke.  
Public comment ended at 7:50

**Township Board Comment:** Hedrich spoke about the need to mow the weeds in the parking lot by Parshallburg Park.

**Approval of Bills: MOTION** by Hemgesburg, supported by Hedrich to pay the bills as presented totaling \$42,805.03 Roll  
Call Vote: Yeas: Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Ruthig. Nays: none Motion passed.,

**Adjournment:** Motion by Carlton, supported by Hedrich , 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:\_\_\_\_\_