

TOWNSHIP OF CHESANING
APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
July 2, 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: Pete Hemgesberg, and Bill Hedrich.

Absent: Kevin Carlton and Ken Hornak

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented for approval with the addition of item C: Accept resignation of Tom Tithof from Planning Commission and D: Appoint Devin Betz to Planning Commission. MOTION by Hemgesberg supported by Hedrich. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes: June 6, 2024 Regular board meeting minutes were presented for approval. MOTION by Hedrich, support by Hemgesberg to approve the June 6, 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
- Building Official-Rob Kehoe
- Ordinance and Zoning Enforcement Officer-Pat Olk:
- **Rehmann Health Center**-Cathy Gross: Mobile dental clinic was held on June 25th and was completely full with people on a waiting list. The next mobile dental clinic will be held on July 23rd. WIC will be meeting with families on July 16th and will be distributing gift cards for the "Project Fresh" Market which can be used at a number of local Farmers Markets to purchase fresh fruit and produce. There are currently 235 families participating in the Chesaning Women's, Infant's, and Children's program. Great Lakes Bay Health says the number seems to be increasing.
- **Fire Board** -Joe Ruthig: Meeting was held on June 12, 2024. There have been 97 runs year to date and 14 for the month of May. Fire Board approve to have the floors stripped and waxed at a cost of \$2,641.77. Audit is ongoing and this year the USDA, who holds the note for the building, is requiring a separate audit. Cost of the audit is \$2,400.00
- **MMWA**-Daniel Himstedt, Ken Hornak: Daniel Himstedt attended meeting on June 10th. Next meeting is scheduled for October 14th at Waste Management. A Household Hazardous Waste event will take place on July 17th an appt must be made.
- **Task Force**-Joseph Ruthig: Next meeting will be July 23rd.
- Parks & Rec-Kevin Carlton

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor: Met last week with MDOT and residents that live on the M-57 curve. We will be working with the County and Local Police to make sure all incidents are reported to the State Police. Safety funding is available through the State but it is based on the number of incidents and the residents feel there are a lot more than get reported. Also waiting for Consumers to install a few more lights on the curve.

Latest update from the River Trail Coalition is that the mile marker signs are painted and ready to go. The next step is to decide who will be doing the installation and with what equipment.

The July Board of Review will be held on July 15th at 1:00. No appeals are heard in July. This meeting is to correct clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact from the March BOR and hear poverty exemption applications.

The Planning Commission held a special meeting on June 12, 2024. Special counsel was in attendance to discuss the new State law that gives the Michigan 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. Several residents were in attendance. PC will be holding another meeting on July 15, 2024 at 6:00 to answer some of the questions that were asked and then a possible public hearing in August to consider the SUP application. There is some grant money available for any municipality who approves an SUP by the end of September.

Saginaw County Fair will open July 30th and run through August 3rd.

Two Birthdays Coming up. Rob Kehoe on July 17 and Daniel Himstedt on July 18th.

Clerk: Absentee ballots for residents on the Permanent ballot list and for residents with current applications of Absentee ballots have been sent out. The Public Accuracy Test on the Tabulators will occur July 12, 2024 at 10:00 am. The Notice of the Public Accuracy Test, Notice of Registration and the Notice of Election will all be published in the Saginaw News.

Treasurer: We received a State Revenue Share Check in the amount of \$38,465.00 which is down by \$1,995.00 from the Revenue Share we received in July of 2023.

Treasurer attended a Saginaw Area Treasurer's meeting on June 12th. I asked the group if there are many treasurers who do not take tax payments electronically and there are still quite a few treasurers, especially for the smaller municipalities that do not take online payments. However, of the people who do accept online payments, the majority of them use Point and Pay as the company who they purchased the online payment software from. This is still an area that I am exploring and will probably initiate the process of taking online payments in the not too far future. The 3% transaction fee charged by the software company is the reason most people do not use their credit card to pay property taxes, because the taxes are normally a larger amount than say a "water bill" or something where 3% fee is not so much.

Tax bills were mailed on June 28th and most people should have received them. Please call the office if you do not receive a bill by mid-July.

The July Board of Review is scheduled for July 15th. Look your bill over and if you feel there are any clerical errors or omissions, please contact us so we can address the issue at the July Board of Review if needed. Poverty Exemption Applications will also be reviewed at the July Board of Review.

Unfinished Business:

- **Discussion About ARPA Funds:** Boardroom tables will be installed on Monday July 8th. All other spending has been obligated with \$154,040.09 going to the roads.
- **Discussion About Mole Control at Wildwood Cemetery:** Still looking for someone to take care of the Moles at the cemetery. Person out of Ashley had no insurance. Another business stated that they would provide the traps for \$100.00 a mole but Township would monitor. Business out of Bannister stated that they use the solar sticks and has no moles. We will keep looking.
- **Discussion About Spraying and Planting Three Acres at Parshallburg:** The three acres have been sprayed the weeds are dying. Does not need to be cut at this time.

New Business:

- A. Consider Payment to Shiawassee River Cleanup (\$150.00):** Invoice received from Shiawassee River Cleanup for \$150.00 to help with the cost of river cleanup. **MOTION** by Gross supported by Hedrich to pay Shiawassee River Cleanup \$150.00. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hedrich, Hemgesberg, Gross, Himstedt, Ruthig. Nays: none. Motion Passed.
- B. Consider Purchase of Folding Chairs for Boardroom (ARPA):** Chairs do not match with the new carpet and boardroom tables. Came in under budget from Pavilion and Carpet and would like to spend money to update boardroom audience chairs. **MOTION** by Gross supported by Hemgesberg to purchase 24 folding chairs for \$600.00. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hedrich, Hemgesberg, Gross, Himstedt, Ruthig. Nays: none. Motion Passed.
- C. Accept Resignation of Tom Tithof from Planning Commission:** Due to health-related issues he has asked to step down from Planning Commission. **MOTION** by Hemgesberg supported by Hedrich to accept resignation of Tom Tithof from Chesaning Planning Commission. Motion Passed.
- D. Appoint Devin Betz to Planning Commission:** Devin has been a member of Zoning Board of Appeals and has shown interest stepping up to Planning Commission. **MOTION** by Hemgesberg supported by Hedrich to appoint Devin Betz to Planning Commission effective immediately term ending March 31, 2025. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hemgesberg, Gross, Himstedt, Hedrich, Ruthig. Nays: none. Motion Passed.

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

Township Board Comment: Supervisor would like to review the Chesaning Township Mission Statement and Policy Manual. Please Review and we will discuss it at the next Board meeting.

Approval of Bills: **MOTION** by Hemgesberg, supported by Hedrich to pay the bills as presented totaling \$89,966.74 Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Gross, Himstedt, Hedrich, Hemgesberg, Ruthig. Nays: none Motion passed.

Adjournment: Motion by Gross, supported by Himstedt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Motion Passed.

Approved: _____

Daniel Himstedt, Clerk Chesaning Township

Supervisor Approval – Yes___ No___

Change Requests_____

Supervisor Joe Ruthig: _____ Date: _____