

TOWNSHIP OF CHESANING
APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 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, Treasurer Cathy Gross, Trustees: Pete Hemgesberg, Kevin Carlton, Ken Hornak and Bill Hedrich.

Absent: Daniel Himstedt

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented for approval. MOTION by Hedrich supported by Hemgesberg. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes: August 1, 2024 Regular board meeting minutes were presented for approval with correction to Ordinance Enforcement Officer's report citing 6807 Oakley Rd which is not in our Township. MOTION by Hornak, support by Hedrich to approve the August 1, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes with correction. Motion Passed.

Presentations: Jason Wise (Saginaw County Sheriff Candidate)
Kirk Yaros (Maple Grove Township Treasurer)

Correspondence: Thank you from the "Friends of the Shiawassee"
Tire Recycling on September 13 from 9-12 in Hemlock at Anderson's Grain Elevator
485 Hemlock Rd, Hemlock, MI

Brief Public Comments: None.

Committee/Board Reports:

- County Commissioner-Dennis Harris - Has been working on County Budget
- County Road Commission-Dennis Borchard
- SCTOA-Ken Hornak
- Cemetery-Daniel Himstedt, Peter Hemgesberg Bill Hedrich - Tree trimming still needed
- Building Official-Rob Kehoe
- Ordinance and Zoning Enforcement Officer-Pat Olk:
- **Rehmann Health Center**-Cathy Gross - Mobile dental clinic was held August 27th and another held on September 3rd. The bus will be going to public schools to clean students' teeth this Fall and will not come to Rehmann's Health Center until the end of November. WIC group was present at Rehmann's Health Center holding clinics this month.
- **Fire Board** -Joe Ruthig - Meeting was held on August 14, 2024. 137 runs year to date and 18 for the month of July. Annual pump testing and biannual truck maintenance was completed. A couple of small issues were found and corrected. Standby generator is scheduled to be serviced this month and that will complete all maintenance and service for the year. Fire department provided support for the Saginaw County Fair, Chesaning fireworks, and the Mid Michigan Old Gas Tractor show. Fire department received a new application for a firefighter 32 years old and served on a fire department in Tennessee for four years. Parking lot has been chip sealed, and we are looking at painting the offices, lounge, kitchen, and training room.
- MMWA-Daniel Himstedt, Ken Hornak
- **Task Force**-Joseph Ruthig: Next meeting will be held in October
- Parks & Rec-Kevin Carlton

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor: Youngs county drain meeting was held on August 28 so far \$400,000 has been spent and we still have a long way to go. In the end, there will be a special assessment to the drain district to pay for this project. Easement acquisition has been completed, but the cost of just compensation to the land owners is still playing out and may end up going to trial. We have another meeting scheduled for September 9, 2024 at 9 AM at the Shiawassee County drain office.

Regular planning commission meeting was held on August 7. Board reviewed the criteria for a special use permit and site plan approval and decided to hold a special meeting and public hearing on September 16 at 6 PM at the American Legion Hall on McKeighan Road.

Mile marker posts are here and will be installed soon. We have four to do
Kayak Launch JPA has been locked for review.

Clerk: ballots for the November election have not been received ballot proofs were received from the county clerk's office ballots should be received within the next week once they are printed.

Ballots should be received by September 21st. Following preliminary accuracy test ballots will be sent out

The board of canvassers certified the August election results.

Three people use early voting in Saginaw County during the August election.

Treasurer: there is just over a week left to pay summer taxes without interest. To date 37% of tax bills to collect are paid. Expecting many payments in the upcoming week. 87 properties file applications to defer payment of summer taxes without interest to be paid by February 14, 2025. State revenue share check received in the amount of \$43,064.00 up \$3708.00 from the September 2023 revenue share. Six CDs were taken out at Mercantile bank for six months at 4.5%. Money was moved from Citizens Bank checking account. All CDs are FDIC insured.

Unfinished Business:

- **Discussion About ARPA Funds:** Money has been obligated at this time.
- **Discussion About Mole Control at Wildwood Cemetery:** Discussion of hiring an employee to take care of 3 acres at Parshallburg and taking care of moles at Cemetery.

New Business:

- Consider Acceptance of Chesaning Township Audit:** Last month the board was presented with the 2023 audit. MOTION by Hornak supported by Hemgesberg to accept the 2023 Township Audit report prepared by Berthiaume and company. Motion carried
- Consider Amendments to the Township of Chesaning Mission Statement and Policy Manual:** This was written in 2004 and needed revision. Added to Clerk duties to publish synopsis of board meeting in the paper and changed the mileage reimbursement amount to reflect the current years general appropriations act. MOTION by Hornak supported by Carlton to Amend Township Mission Statement and Policy Manual as presented. Motion carried
- Consider Support for the Centerline Rumble Strips on M-57:** State has proposed rumble strips along center of road at the corner of State Rd. and M-57 as long as local municipalities support it. MOTION by Hornak supported by Carlton to support the plan by M-DOT to install Centerline Rumble Strips on M-57. Motion carried.
- Consider Sending Daniel Himstedt and Joe Ruthig to the MTA Fall Meeting in Frankenmuth:** Classes of interest to Himstedt and Ruthig. Hornak expressed interest in attending the meeting also. MOTION by Gross supported by Hemgesberg to send Clerk Himstedt, Supervisor Ruthig and Trustee Hornak to the MTA Fall Meeting in Frankenmuth. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Ruthig Nay: None Motion Passes
- Consider New Signs for Wildwood Cemetery:** Supervisor Ruthig noticed that the sign for Wildwood Cemetery was on the ground due to wood rotting out. Road commission would provide posts and installation at no cost. Cost of signs would be \$21.74 each. MOTION by Hemgesberg supported by Hedrich to purchase from Saginaw County Road Commission three street signs for Wildwood Cemetery at \$31.74 per sign. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Carlton, Ruthig Nays: None. Motion passes
- Consider Landscaping of Chesaning Township Sign:** Supervisor would like to landscape around the Township sign to improve the look of Hall. MOTION by Hornak supported by Carlton to hire Rootnote Landscaping to landscape around the Township Hall Sign and Light Post at the cost of \$835.00. Roll Call Vote: Yeas Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Carlton, Hedrich, Ruthig. Nays: None. Motion passes.
- Discussion about possible RENEWABLES READY COMMUNITIES AWARD (\$600,000.00):** Begin thinking about possible projects which EGLE grant could be used for. Projects approved by the board are eligible. The

money would be paid in 2 parts. Half upon start of construction and the other half at completion. Cannot use grants to pay bills.

Public Comment: Three minutes Per Person (any topic): Two residents commented.

Township Board Comment:

Approval of Bills: **MOTION** by Hornak, supported by Hemgesberg to pay the bills as presented totaling \$74,920.61 Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hemgesberg, Gross, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Ruthig, Nays: None. Motion passes

Adjournment: Motion by Carlton, supported by Hemgesberg to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion Passed.

Approved: _____

Cathy Gross, Treasurer and Acting Secretary
Chesaning Township

Supervisor Approval – Yes___ No___

Change Requests_____

Supervisor Joe Ruthig_____ Date:_____