

TOWNSHIP OF CHESANING
APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
October 3, 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, Treasurer Cathy Gross, Clerk Daniel Himstedt Trustees: Kevin Carlton, and Bill Hedrich.

Absent: Pete Hemgesberg, Ken Hornak

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

Approval of Minutes: September Board minutes presented for approval. MOTION by Carlton, support by Hedrich to approve the September 5, 2024 Board 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, Bill Hedrich - Tree trimming still needs to be completed.
- Building Official-Rob Kehoe
- Ordinance and Zoning Enforcement Officer-Pat Olk: 16807 Oakley Rd: Complaint of animal running free. Enforcement went out 3 times saw nothing and there have been no further calls, 12958 Brady: Brass Bell 2nd clean up done looks good. Cleaned out trees by generator shed, Peet and Oakley: Clean up coming along good, 18412 Frandsche Rd: Clean up looking better slow but sure, 12004 Sharon Rd: Keep watching but no horses back yet, 11000 Ferden Rd: Tall Grass has brush hogged most of the yard. Still waiting on ordinances from attorney.
- **Rehmann Health Center**-Cathy Gross - There is no Mobile Dental Clinic this month. WIC continues to meet.
- **Fire Board** -Joe Ruthig -Meeting was held on September 11, 2024. 151 runs year to date and 17 for the month of August. Audit has been completed for the fire board and joint building authority. I have a copy if anyone wants to see it. Brush two (Jeep at Station two in Oakley) is out of service due to a rusted frame. Chief Fall is working with the DNR to see if they have any jeeps available. Three new firefighter applicants awaiting background checks. Painting has started at the office, training, rooms, lounge, and kitchen. Clerk Request that at the Marquee at the fire station be changed to reflect voting on Election Day
- MMWA-Daniel Himstedt, Ken Hornak
- **Task Force**-Joseph Ruthig: Next meeting will be held in October 22nd.
- Parks & Rec-Kevin Carlton: Mile marker signs have arrived. Waiting for crops to come out prior to hanging them. Ruthig reports that the road commission will make signs for parking at Parshallburg park. Ruthig has spoken to OHM and we are still waiting for the joint permit application to come back from EGLE. It has not been approved. They felt that since the year coming to an end to wait for spring to go out for bids.

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor: Youngs County drain meeting was held in September 9, 2024. Decision was made to submit current plans to EGLE for permitting. The next meeting is scheduled for October 15 at 1:30 PM at the Shiawassee drain office.

As you all know the planning commission had a public hearing scheduled last month to hear comments from the public on the application from DTE to build a solar farm in Chesaning Township. That meeting was postponed and is now scheduled for October 15 at 6:00 PM at the American Legion Hall on McKeighan Road. Notices have been mailed to all property owners within 300 feet of the project and also been published in the Tri-County citizen.

We are currently waiting on approval from EGLE for a Parshallburg Park project. OHM is suggesting we wait until January/February to seek bids, which would push groundbreaking back until spring of 2025. Their thoughts are we will see more bids and more competitive bids if we wait

I attended the quarterly SAGA meeting on September 16. Next month will mark the 20th anniversary of the Saginaw area GIS authority. election of officers was held. Russ Taylor was elected chairman, David Johnson, vice chairman, Rob Gross treasurer, and Megan Weaver secretary. We also appointed David Meyer of Smith Bovill as legal counsel, Tina Fisher of Roberts, Boehler and Fisher as accountant, Ken Berthiaume as our auditor, and Zach Robinson of My Member Insurance Agency as our insurance agent. One thing that was talked about was the resolution of the aerial photographs. Standard is 6-inch pixels with an upgrade to 3-inch pixels. About half of the townships in the county currently opt for the 3-inch upgrade, but Chesaning Township has not done so in the past. We will get more information before the flyovers are done. Next meeting is January 27, 2025.

Dan Ken and I attended the MTA's 2024 regional meeting in Frankenmuth last week. The morning session was a recap of the preemptive legislature that gives the MPSC the authority to site and permit large scale utility projects. During the afternoon I attended the class called "smooth moves" that talked about how to manage incoming elected officials and vacancies that may be created due to no one running for local offices. There are classes for newly elected officials scheduled in December so we will talk about that during our November meeting. Dan and I also attended a finance class that focused on the roles that the treasurer, clerk, supervisor play in receiving, dispersing, and budgeting, township monies. Also talked about what the importance of the trustees to monitor the activities and ensure all Township monies are being spent according to policies and laws that may apply.

Tomorrow night is the military classic football game at the high school. All veterans and guests are going to join the American Legion and the military classic committee for dinner on the field. I believe the gates open at 6 o'clock and the veterans walk and fly over at 6:30.

I recently came upon this 1877 second Atlas. It is interesting to see how few, or how many, roads there were considering the first automobile wasn't invented until eight years later in 1885 and the first auto produced in the US was 16 years later in 1893. This also has land ownership for the county and Township.

Clerk: We are in the process of sending out Absentee Ballots. 900 ballots have been sent out already for the General Election and in the August Primary election 1100 people in the Townships voted total. Applications for Absentee Ballots continue to come in daily. The Public Accuracy Test will be occurring soon and the Election Committee met to appoint the Election Inspectors for the General Election.

Treasurer: Summer Taxes were due Monday September 16th without interest. On September 17th 1% interest was added and on October 1st another 1% will be added on. Summer taxes can still be paid at the local office until March 1st. Treasurer will research online payments for taxes.

Unfinished Business:

- **Discussion About ARPA Funds:** If bills are approved this will use the end of the ARPA funds to pay the bill we received for \$165,000.00.
- **Discussion About Mole Control at Wildwood Cemetery:** Continue to look for a solution for the Mole problem.

New Business:

- Discussion about Election Security Cameras:** We are required by Election Law to have security cameras for the Absentee Ballot Box. Currently we are using a camera purchased by the Supervisor. There is a question as to whether the video that is obtained on the Camera is kept for the amount of time (30 days) required. The state will reimburse the Township to obtain and install camera monitoring of the Ballot Box. Two quotes were obtained, one from the company that the Township uses for its alarm Allstar Alarm, and the other from IVSComm, Inc that supplies our phone service. Allstar Alarm quoted a price of \$1,489.00 and IVSComm, Inc quoted us \$1,645.00. MOTION: by Hedrich supported by Carlton to contract with IVSComm to install camera system on the building Roll Call Vote: Yeas Carlton, Hedrich, Gross, Himstedt, Ruthig Nays: None Motion passed. Hemgesberg and Hornak Absent.

- B. Consider Removal of Township Park Port-a-Potties:** Reminder for Ruthig to get Port-a-Potties removed by end of month.
- C. Consider Special Assessment Roll Property Additions and Deletions:** We have one new house at 11850 Lake Leslie Dr. Certificate of Occupancy was issued on September 23, 2024. MOTION: by Gross supported by Hedrich to add parcel 13-09-3-29-2004-010 to Property rolls for trash pickup. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hedrich, Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Ruthig Nays: None Hemgesberg and Hornak Absent
- D. Consider 2024 Winter Tax Refuse and Recycling Assessment Rate:** Currently the cost is \$170.00 we are considering increasing this amount to \$175.00. One person is paying for premium service, he is being billed by the Township for this extra service. MOTION: by Hedrich supported by Carlton to set the 2024 winter tax refuse and recycling rate to \$175.00 per parcel. Roll Call Vote Yeas: Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Hedrich, Ruthig Nays: None Hemgesberg and Hornak Absent. Motion Passes
- E. Consider Budget Amendment for DTE Escrow Expected Revenue and Expenditures:** DTE has put money into an escrow account to use for review and fees associated with the special land use for the solar project. They added an additional \$24,000.00 to the account. This needs to be added to the budget. MOTION: by Gross supported by Hedrich to add the \$24,000.00 to the budget under the DTE escrow Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Hedrich, Ruthig Nays: None Hemgesberg and Hornak Absent Motion Passes
- F. Consider Renewing Membership with the Chesaning Chamber of Commerce:** Been a member the membership fee is \$90.00. MOTION: by Carlton supported by Hedrich to renew membership with Chesaning Chamber of Commerce for \$90.00. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Hedrich, Ruthig. Nays: None Hemgesberg and Hornak Absent Motion Passes
- G. Consider Renewing Membership with the Saginaw Area GIS Authority:** One-time yearly fee that we would pay \$2.05 per parcel which is up \$.05 from last year. The total comes to \$2775.70. MOTION: by Gross supported by Hedrich to renew membership with Saginaw County GIS Authority. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton, Hedrich, Gross, Himstedt, Ruthig Nays: none Hemgesberg and Hornak Absent. Motion Passes

Public Comment: Three minutes Per Person (any topic): 7:46 to 7:50 1 resident made comment

Township Board Comment: One comment made.

Approval of Bills: MOTION by Hedrich, supported by Carlton to pay the bills as presented totaling \$203,609.51 Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hedrich, Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Ruthig, Nays: None. Hemgesberg and Hornak Absent Motion passes

Adjournment: Motion by Carlton, supported by Hedrich to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion Passed.

Approved: _____

 Daniel Himstedt
 Chesaning Township Clerk

Supervisor Approval – Yes___ No___

Change Requests _____

Supervisor Joe Ruthig _____ Date: _____