

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

Regular Meeting: Called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board of Trustees.

Moment of Remembrance: James Patrick Ryan was born in 1933. Served in the Korean War as a track vehicle mechanic. He drove a bus for Chesaning School District for 37 years. He served as Chesaning Township trustee for over 27 years from 1981-2008. Jim was a Chesaning-Brady firefighter for 25 years retired in 1985 as a captain. Everybody in town new Jim and his business and he was a great guy so would you please join me in standing for a moment in memory of Jim.

Members Present: Supervisor Joe Ruthig, Clerk Daniel Himstedt, Treasurer Cathy Gross, Trustees Kevin Carlton, Ken Hornak and Bill Hedrich

Absent: Pete Hemgesberg

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented for approval with addition of Class Action Lawsuit Letter discussion added as Item G. MOTION by Hornak supported by Carlton. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes: October Board minutes presented for approval. MOTION by Hedrich, support by Gross to approve the October 3, 2024 Board Minutes. Motion Passed.

Presentations: Supervisor Joe Ruthig presented Pete Hemgesberg and Bill Hedrich framed Letter of Appreciation for their service to Chesaning Board of Trustees.

Correspondence: MMWA will be hosting a Christmas Light Recycling Drive November 15-January 15. All proceeds will be donated to the CAN council.

Brief Public Comments: None.

Committee/Board Reports:

- County Commissioner-Dennis Harris
- County Road Commission-Dennis Borchard
- **SCTOA**-Ken Hornak: No meeting
- Cemetery-Daniel Himstedt, Bill Hedrich
- Building Official-Rob Kehoe
- Ordinance and Zoning Enforcement Officer-Pat Olk
- **Rehmann Health Center**-Cathy Gross Mobile Dental Clinic will be held on November 27th. There are a couple spaces left. There will also be a Mobile Clinic in December and also January 6 and another at the end of the month. The United appeal is kicking off this week. There is a revised flyer and the name has been revised to Chesaning United. There will be Facebook page to modernize it. The mission statement has not changed.
- **Fire Board** -Joe Ruthig A meeting was held on October 9, 2024. There have been 158 runs this year to date and 11 for the month of September. Painting is complete and the ladies we hired did a great job. Fire Board approved the purchase of an exhaust fan using the proceeds from the golf outing in the amount of \$6003.00. Two new firefighters have passed their background checks and will start orientation soon. There was an issue with Brightspeed last month that affected several businesses in town, including the Fire Department. Notice was posted to try to find a cell phone if you needed to call 911. Brightspeed is denying any issues. Thank you to Bill Giorgis of Mike's Wrecker Service for donating a pallet of floor-dry and a dozen safety vests. Also thank you to Joe Greenfelder of Ace Hardware for letting us use his truck to unload the donation.
- MMWA-Daniel Himstedt, Ken Hornak
- **Task Force**-Joseph Ruthig The Saginaw County Agricultural Society attendance was down 26%. A dog show will be held at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds next year. Library now has automatic doors. It will be open for

candle walk as a warming house. Library will host a clay jewelry making class for adults on November 11.

Chamber of Commerce talked about the Dri-Tri. Village reported on candle walk and golf cart parade. Tree lighting event on November 22. Chamber of Commerce annual awards dinner will be held at the Saint Peter's Parish Hall on January 18, 2025. 100 year anniversary of the chamber. Next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2020.

- **Parks & Rec**-Kevin Carlton and Joe Ruthig Two of the mile markers have been put up along the river. There are two more to go in. Thank you to Scott Mrdeza and Dave Richardson for helping to place those markers. Thank you to the land owners that allowed us to place mile markers on their land.

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor: Young's County drain meeting was held on October 15, 2024. Waiting on decision from EGLE for permitting. Still working on compensation for easements. We are currently awaiting an approval from EGLE for permits for the Parshallburg Park project. Chesaning Offices will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veterans Day and November 29 and observance of Thanksgiving. Chesaning Township Planning Commission held a public hearing on October 15 to hear comments from the public on an application from DTE to build a solar farm in Chesaning Township. After five hours that meeting was tabled and reconvened last night. After much deliberation the Planning Commission voted 3 to 2 to deny the special use permit.

Clerk: Election occurred on Tuesday. We had 120 voters vote in Saginaw for Early Voting. 66% of precinct 1 and 76% of precinct for a total of about 71% of registered voters voting. One of the Tabulators stopped accepting ballots so we needed to have second ballot brought out to complete the night. It was reported that over a thousand voters passed through the Early Voting Site every day.

Treasurer: State Revenue Share Check came for \$44,997.00 that is down by \$1,644.00. We received reimbursement from the February Presidential Primary Election and we got \$6737.00 which just arrived. We are getting escrow requests coming and we received the letter from the County Treasurer to engage in Winter Tax Collection which will start December 1st.

Unfinished Business:

- **Discussion About ARPA Funds:** We have now allocated and spent all of our ARPA funds. There is one more report to complete next year in April.

New Business:

- A. **Consider Resolution to Appoint Trustees to the MMWA:** MMWA wants to have representatives from each Board. This is done in the form a resolution. It is recommended that Daniel Himstedt be appointed as the constituent member and Ken Hornak as alternate constituent member. MOTION: by Gross supported by Hedrich to appoint Daniel Himstedt as constituent member and Ken Hornak as alternate member. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Gross, Himstedt, and Ruthig. Nays: none. Absent Hemgesberg. Motion Carried
- B. **Consider Additional Pay for Planning Commission Members:** Planning Commission gets a stipend for attending meetings. Planning Commission members did not feel any extra pay was needed. NO MOTION
- C. **Consider Sending Board Members to Training in December (\$150.00 Early Registration):** There is New Member Board Training will be offered by the MTA in December MOTION: by Hornak supported by Carlton to send any interested board members to Frankenmuth for new member training. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hedrich, Hornak, Gross, Himstedt, Carlton Ruthig. Nays: none. Absent Hemgesberg. Motion Carried.
- D. **Consider Purchase of MTA Books for all Board Members (\$400.00):** Recommend buying new books for Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer and Trustees. They will be available in December for a slight discount for easy board member to have their own books MOTION: by Hornak supported by Hedrich to purchase new books for the board members for just under \$400.00. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hornak, Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Hedrich, Ruthig. Nays: None. Absent: Hemgesberg. Motion Carried.
- E. **Consider Authorizing Chesaning Township 2024 Tax Rate:** We need to do this yearly to authorize the Chesaning Township's 2024 tax rate of .9221 mills for local operating and 1.5 mills for Fire with a total taxable value, including Personal Property of \$181,828,780.00 Chesaning Township will collect \$167,664.00 for local operating. With a total taxable value, excluding Personal Property of \$164,097,774.00 Chesaning Township will collect \$246,146.00 for Fire. This is from Form #L-4029. MOTION: by Carlton supported by Gross to authorize Chesaning Township's 2024 tax rate of .9221 for local operating and 1.5 for Fire. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Ruthig. Nays: None. Absent: Hemgesberg. Motion Carries.

- F. **Consider Budget Amendment for DTE Escrow Expected Revenue and Disbursements:** Need to add money from DTE to cover attorney costs and other fees. We have received an additional amount of \$15,000.00. These need to be added into the budget to cover such costs. MOTION: by Hornak supported by Carlton to amend the budget to increase the expected revenue from DTE by \$15,000.00 and increasing expected expenditures from DTE by \$15,000.00. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Ruthig. Nays: none. Absent: Hemgesberg. Motion Carries.
- G. **Board Received a Letter to Join a Class Action Law Suit to Overturn P.A. 233.** Do we as a government entity want to join a lawsuit to sue the government? This is just to be acknowledged that it was received.

Public Comment: Three minutes Per Person (any topic): Public Comment began at 7:45 and closed at 7:47 with 2 comments.

Township Board Comment: Two comments from the board.

Approval of Bills: Approve the bills in the amount of \$70,028.41. A large portion of this will be paid by DTE. **MOTION: by Himstedt supported by Hedrich to pay the bills in the amount of \$70,028.41. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Gross, Himstedt, Ruthig. Nays: none. Absent: Hemgesberg. Motion Carries.,**

Adjournment: Motion by Carlton, supported by Hedrich to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion Passed.

Approved: _____

 Daniel Himstedt
 Chesaning Township Clerk

Supervisor Approval – Yes___ No___

Change Requests_____

Supervisor Joe Ruthig_____ Date:_____