TOWNSHIP OF CHESANING
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
1025 BRADY ST.
CHESANING, MI 48616

January 8, 2026
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 Joseph Ruthig, Clerk Daniel Himstedt, Treasurer Cathy Gross, Trustees Kevin Carlton, Scott Mrdeza, Sarah Tomac, Russell Krish

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda: (Additions to the agenda will be handled under New Business) Agenda was presented for approval with addition of approval of closed session meeting minutes from December 4, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. MOTION: by Tomac supported by Carlton to approve January 8, 2026 agenda. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes: December 4, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes were presented for approval with corrections to Treasurer report and New Business Item A. MOTION by Carlton supported by Krish to approve December 4, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes with corrections. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes: December 4, 2025 Closed Session Meeting minutes were presented to the board for approval. MOTION by Mrdeza supported by Tomac to approve December 4, 2025 Closed Session Meeting minutes as presented. Motion Passed.

Presentations: Chief Meder presented on patrolling under grant from the state of Michigan. We've used 31 of the hours that we were granted by the state of Michigan within the township. I don't have these parsed out between village and township, it's all the same, but in those 31 hours we've made 45 total traffic stops, issued 42 verbal warnings, issued four non-moving violations, whether that is equipment or registration violations, a non-hazardous non-moving citation, one speed citation, arrested one operating while intoxicated, and we've arrested four other people with various misdemeanors.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Three Minutes Per Person (Agenda Items Only) None

Committee/Commission Reports:

a. County Commissioner - Dennis Harris
b. County Road Commission - Dennis Borchard
c. Cemetery Committee - Scott Mrdeza, Daniel Himstedt, Cathy Gross

d. Building Official - Rob Kehoe
e. Ordinance and Zoning Enforcement Officer - Pat Olk
f. Rehmann Health Center - Cathy Gross: Chesaning United has collected about $20,000.00. Mobile Dental Clinic is booked and will be out on the 19th. WIC continues to come every other week. Jeremy Hoover has completed the siding on the one side of the Rehmann Health Center Building.
g. Fire Board Authority - Joseph Ruthig: Meeting was held on December 10, 2025. There had been 200 runs at that time. Ladder Truck repair is ongoing. Estimated to be back in service in 8 to 10 weeks. Chief Fall was meeting with a new applicant, Steve Becker, who served with Albee and Spaulding Township for over twelve years. Chief Fall will be appointing new officers to replace Captain Donaldson and Safety Officer Lucius after their retirement in January.
h. Mid-Michigan Waste Authority - Daniel Himstedt: Garbage collection interruption from December 25, 2025 discussed and has been rectified.
i. Task Force - Joseph Ruthig - (Kevin Carlton, alternate): Next meeting January 27, 2026
j. Township Parks - Keven Carlton, Sarah Tomac: Carlton reported that he plowed Parshallburg park when we had snow.
k. Planning Commission - Scott Mrdeza

Board Official Reports:

a. Supervisor Ruthig: Young's Intercounty Drain Board met in Shiawassee County on December 11th to open bids for spring construction. Vinke Excavating was awarded the contract with a bid of $879,325.48. The total amount of the project will be calculated by the Saginaw County Drain Commissioner and individual assessments should be out by January 7th. Final day to appeal those assessments will be January 17, 2026. The Township assessment at large is $121,972.50. This will be a 20 year assessment. The next meeting is scheduled for January 22 here in Chesaning at 10:00am. Saginaw County Road Commission will hold its annual District Meeting here on January 28, 2026 at 9:00.
b. Clerk Himstedt: Affidavits of Identity and Petitions are due for partisan offices by April 21, 2026. They are due for School board and Village Council on July 21, 2026. Library Board are due by August 11, 2026. It is recommended that documents are turned in prior to the due date to verify information and prevent disqualifications.
c. Treasurer Gross: We did get state revenue share here at the end of the year $41,928.00. It was only $40,212.00 at this time last year so it is still up $1,716.00. The end of the year tax collection frenzy has settled down, I think, as of this week. Collected a lot of money at the end of the year. Summer taxes can still be paid here. All taxes can be paid here through March 2nd, then they go to the county, because February 28th falls on the weekend, so we'll be collecting them the Monday after. Online payment is taking a little longer than expected and I am working on streamlining the process.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

a. Consider Appointment of Chesaning Township ZBA Member: MOTION by Ruthig supported by Mrdeza to appoint Russell Krish to Chesaning Township Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll

Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton, Tomac, Mrdeza, Krish, Gross, Himstedt, Ruthig. Nays None. Motion Passed.

b. Consider Poverty Exemption Resolution 2026-001: MOTION by Mrdeza supported by Tomac to adopt Poverty Exemption Resolution increasing the Asset Level Test to $22,500.000. Roll Call Vote Yeas:Tomac, Mrdeza, Krish, Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Ruthig. Nays: None. Motion Passed
c. Consider Sending Board Members to the 2026 MTA Annual Conference. April 20-23, 2026 ($1,050.00/Person). MOTION by Gross supported by Himstedt to send Board Members to MTA Annual Convention at the cost of $1,050.00 per person. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton, Mrdeza, Gross, Himstedt, Tomac, Krish, Ruthig. Nays: None. Motion Passed.
d. Consider Extending Winter Tax Due Date to March 2, 2026. MOTION by Mrdeza supported by Krish to Extend Winter Tax Due Date to March 2, 2026. Motion Passed.
e. Consider Resolution Appointing Representatives to the MMWA. MOTION by Tomac supported by Carlton to appoint Daniel Himstedt as MMWA representative with Russell Krish as the alternate. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Krish, Mrdeza, Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Tomac, Ruthig. Nays: none. Motion passed.
f. Open and Consider Bids for Chesaning Township Lawncare Contract. The bids were opened and bidders will be contacted with questions and will be decided in February.
g. Consider Approval of Bench for Parshallburg Park. Approved by Board.

Public Comment: Three Minutes Per Person (Any Topic) The board heard from 4 residents.

Township Board Comments: None

Approval of the Bills: MOTION by Himstedt supported by Gross to Pay the bills in the amount of $79,785.37. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Gross, Himstedt, Krish, Carlton, Tomac, Mrdeza, Ruthig. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Adjournment: MOTION to adjourn at 8:37 pm by Tomac supported by Carlton. Motion Passed.

Approved _____

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Daniel Himstedt
Chesaning Township Clerk

Supervisor Approval Yes____ No_____

Change Requests_____

Supervisor Joseph Ruthig: _____ Date:_____