

TOWNSHIP OF CHESANING
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
1025 BRADY ST.
CHESANING, MI 48616
December 4, 2025
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 Kevin Carlton, Scott Mrdeza, Sarah Tomac.

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda: (Additions to the agenda will be handled under New Business) Agenda was presented for approval. MOTION by Tomac supported by Mrdeza to accept agenda as presented. Motion Passed.

Closed session with Attorney regarding pending litigation in matter of DTE vs. Chesaning Township, Case No. 2025-000300-AA, in the Saginaw Circuit Court: MOTION by Gross supported by Carlton to go into closed session for the township to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with the pending litigation DTE v Chesaning Township, Case No. 2025-000300-AA in the Saginaw County Circuit Court as discussion of the matter in an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the Township and immediately following the closed session to resume open session and the remainder of the meeting agenda.. Roll Call Vote: Yeas Carlton, Tomac, Mrdeza, Gross, Himstedt, Ruthig. Nays: none. Absent: None Motion Carries

Approval of Minutes: The November 6, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. MOTION by Mrdeza supported by Tomac to approve November 6, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion passed.

Presentations: None

Correspondence: Thank you card was received from the Hornak Family.

Public Comments: Three Minutes Per Person (Agenda Items Only) One comment was heard by the board.

Committee/Commission Reports:

- a. County Commissioner – Dennis Harris:
- b. County Road Commission – Dennis Borchard
- c. SCTOA
- d. Cemetery Committee – Scott Mrdeza, Daniel Himstedt, Cathy Gross: The need to better light the flagpole at the Cemetery was discussed to be in line with the Townships standards.
- e. Building Official – Rob Kehoe:
- f. Ordinance and Zoning Enforcement Officer - Pat Olk:
- g. Rehmann Health Center – Cathy Gross: The Chesaning United Campaign sent out 6,000 flyers. All donations to the campaign will stay within the community to help local projects and organizations. The November Mobile Dental Clinic was fully booked and the next Clinic will be held in December on the 16th or 18th. Jeremy Hoover is expected to start the work on the siding. A meeting for the Rehmann Health Center will be scheduled after the first of the year to determine which local townships wish to remain involved.
- h. Fire Board Authority – Joseph Ruthig: Meeting was held on November 12th. There have been 189 Runs to date. 16 for the month of October. The Ladder Truck repair will cost \$24,723.87 with 16-18 weeks to complete. Insurance will cover the cost. At the time of the meeting we were waiting for the Government to reopen and accept our AFG grant of \$48,449.00 Reimbursement grant so we will start purchasing hoses and nozzles soon. Working with Dollar General in Oakley and 242 Restore to make sure they are "Fire Safe". Two retirements effective December 31,2025. Captain John Donaldson with 25 years of service and Safety Officer Janelle Lucio with 24 years of service.
- i. Mid-Michigan Waste Authority – Daniel Himstedt: The annual Meeting is scheduled for December 8th.
- j. Task Force – Joseph Ruthig, (Kevin Carlton, alternate): Next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2026
- k. Township Parks – Kevin Carlton, Sarah Tomac: Bryan Taylor reinforced the wheels used for installing/removing the Kayak Launch at Parshallburg Park and at Cole Park in the Village.

I. Planning Commission – Scott Mrdeza:

Board Officials Reports:

- a. Supervisor Ruthig: Young’s Inter-County Drain Board will meet in Shiawassee Co. on December 11, 2025 to open bids for spring construction. MTA Annual Conference will be held in Acme Township April 20-23. Registration opens on January 5 but due to New Years falling on the first Thursday our January Board meeting will not be until the 8th. We don’t have registration fees as of yet but please think about your schedules and if you will be able to attend. We will consider sending Board members at next month’s meeting.
- b. Clerk Himstedt: Nothing to report.
- c. Treasurer Gross: Winter tax bills went out. Summer taxes can still be paid at the local office with 4% interest. Online payments continue to be popular. Monday December 8th is December Board of Review. And we have one issue to be looked at. We received the Charter Communications Cable Ranchise FRANCHISE Fee of \$3,627.00.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- a. **Consider Appointment of Chesaning Township Trustee:** MOTION by Carlton supported by Tomac to appoint John Donaldson as Township Trustee. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton. Nays: Tomac, Mrdeza, Gross, Himstedt, Ruthig Motion Failed.
MOTION by Tomac supported by Himstedt to appoint Russell Krish as Township Trustee. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Mrdeza, Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Tomac, Ruthig. Nays: ~~Carlton~~.NONE Motion Passed.

Public Comment: Three Minutes Per Person (Any Topic).

Township Board Comments:

Approval of Bills: A motion was made by Himstedt supported by Carlton to pay the bills in the amount of \$48,970.82. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Mrdeza, Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Tomac, Ruthig. Nays: None. The motion passed.

Adjournment: Motion by Carlton, supported by Krish to adjourn the meeting at 8:09p.m. Motion Passed.

Approved: _____

Daniel Himstedt

Chesaning Township Clerk

Supervisor Approval – Yes ___ No ___

Change Requests _____

Supervisor Joe Ruthig _____ Date: _____