

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

March 5, 2026
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 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. MOTION: by Krish supported by Carlton to approve March 5, 2026 agenda. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes: February 18, 2026 Special Meeting minutes were presented for approval. MOTION by Mrdeza supported by Tomac to approve February 18, 2026 Special Meeting minutes. Motion Passed.

Presentations: None

Correspondence: None

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

Committee/Commission Reports:

- a. **County Commissioner** - Dennis Harris: Introduced County Administrator Mary Catherine Hanna, who answered questions from the board related to taxes. Discussed creation of Saginaw County Master Plan.
- b. County Road Commission - Dennis Borchard
- c. **Cemetery Committee** - Scott Mrdeza, Daniel Himstedt, Cathy Gross: Currently there are 6 symbols that are allowed to be placed on the columbariums. We have had a number of people wanting to place other symbols on the niches. The cemetery committee will go through the book of available symbols and come up with a list of symbols that will be "pre-approved" if someone wants something else on the niche then they will have to come before the board to have that approved. The cemetery committee will bring a list of preapproved symbols to the April meeting to present to the board.
- d. Building Official - Rob Kehoe
- e. Ordinance and Zoning Enforcement Officer - Pat Olk

- f. **Rehmann Health Center** - Cathy Gross: Great Lakes Bay Health will be out on March 16th to do a mobile dental bus. It is completely full, April will likely be full too. WIC has been out three times. They are serving 224 families from Brant, Fenton, Montrose, Birch Run, Burt, Mount Morris, New Lothrop, Saginaw, Chesaning, Hemlock, Oakley, St. Charles, Ashley, Henderson, Ithaca, and Owosso. There was a pipe leak that was fixed.
- g. **Fire Board Authority** - Joseph Ruthig: Meeting was held on February 11, 2026. 16 runs for the month of January. 23 runs as of the night of the meeting. Engine #1 is in the shop for repair. It has leaking seals around the pump. The Ladder Truck is still a few weeks out for repair of the rotator. Maintenance needs to be done on radiant heaters and the overhead doors in the truck bays. Engine #1 has an issue with its engine. It has lost power and may be sent to Saginaw for diagnosis.
- h. **Mid-Michigan Waste Authority** - Daniel Himstedt, (Russell Krish, Alternate) Russell attended the meeting. He has a schedule of seven toxic and hazardous waste drop offs which will be placed on the bulletin board.
- i. Task Force - Joseph Ruthig - (Kevin Carlton, alternate): Next meeting April 28, 2026
- j. **Township Parks** - Kevin Carlton, Sarah Tomac: Discussion of issues at Parshallburg Park relating to Kayak Launch, and possible changes to be made to the parking area to improve use. There is a tree in the Township Park that will need to come down this summer.
- k. Planning Commission - Scott Mrdeza

Board Official Reports:

- a. Supervisor Ruthig: Young's Inter-County Drain Board will meet Thursday March 19th at 10:00 am. Agenda will include Resolutions of Full Faith and Credit by both counties and a Bond Resolution. Plans are to start construction soon after the weather breaks. Saginaw County Road Commission is looking for suggested road projects for this summer. The cost of guard rails on Havana Rd. is 25,000-30,000 dollars. Niver Road repairs include pulverizing existing blacktop, adding millings, and 2.5 inches of new asphalt on top. The 1000 foot section would be \$62,740. Chip seal is \$30,000 per mile so that would eliminate 2 miles of chip seal.
DTE vs Chesaning Twp Oral argument will be heard on March 13th, at 9:00 at the Saginaw County Circuit Court. This will be open to the public but there will be no opportunity for public comment.
The March Board of Review will hear appeals on Monday March 9th from 9:00 to noon and 1:00 to 4:00. Also, on Tuesday March 10th from 1:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 9:00. Appointments are not necessary but if you walk in you may have to wait.
- b. Clerk Himstedt: Nothing to report
- c. Treasurer Gross: We received \$42,611.00 for February State revenue share and that is up \$300.00. Settlement with the county remains for the 2025 tax season. There are a few things to tweak with the online bill payment system.

Unfinished Business: None

Open Budget Public Hearing:

Review:

- a. Chesaning Township 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act
- b. Chesaning Township 2026-2027 Fee Schedule
- c. Chesaning Township 2026-2027 Board Meeting Schedule
- d. Public Comment (Three minutes per person): None

Close Budget Public Hearing:

New Business:

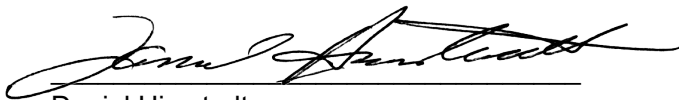
- a. Consider Chesaning Township 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act. MOTION by Carlton supported by Tomac to accept the Chesaning Township 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton, Tomac, Mrdeza, Krish, Gross, Himstedt, Ruthig. Nays None. Motion Passed.
- b. Consider Chesaning Township 2026-2027 Fee Schedule. MOTION by Mrdeza supported by Krish to accept the Chesaning Township 2026-2027 Fee Schedule Roll Call Vote Yeas:Tomac, Mrdeza, Krish, Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Ruthig. Nays: None. Motion Passed
- c. Consider Chesaning Township 2026-2027 Board Meeting Schedule. MOTION by Tomac supported by Carlton to accept 2026-2027 Board Meeting Schedule (Resolution 26-004) Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton, Mrdeza, Gross, Himstedt, Tomac, Krish, Ruthig. Nays: None. Motion Passed.
- d. Consider Renewal of Membership with the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition (\$100.00). MOTION by Gross supported by Carlton to Renew membership with Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Krish, Mrdeza, Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Tomac, Ruthig. Nays: None. Motion Passed.
- e. Consider Bid to Fill Ravine at Parshallburg Overflow Parking Lot by Everett Excavating (\$7,700.00). MOTION by Gross supported by Tomac to accept the bid to fill the ravine at Parshallburg Overflow Parking Lot for \$7,700.00. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Gross, Himstedt, Krish, Carlton, Tomac, Mrdeza, Ruthig. Nays: none. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Three Minutes Per Person (Any Topic) None

Approval of the Bills: MOTION by Himstedt supported by Krish to Pay the bills in the amount of \$174,845.54. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton, Krish, Tomac, Mrdeza, Gross, Himstedt, Ruthig. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Adjournment: MOTION to adjourn at 8:28 pm by Carlton supported by Tomac. Motion Passed.

Approved 4/2/2026

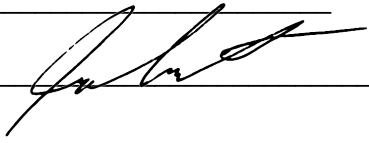


Daniel Himstedt

Chesaning Township Clerk

Supervisor Approval Yes _____ No _____

Change Requests _____

Supervisor Joseph Ruthig:  _____ Date: 4/6/2026