

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

April 2, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting: Called to order at 7:02 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. MOTION: by Mrdeza supported by Gross to approve April 2, 2026 agenda. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Mrdeza supported by Tomac to amend agenda to include Item F under new business. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes: March 5, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes were presented for approval. MOTION by Tomac supported by Himstedt to approve March 5, 2026 Special Meeting minutes. Motion Passed.

Presentations: The Board heard presentations by Gabe Lossing, Dalton Atwell and Brendan Johnson all running for Michigan State Senate 26th District.

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: A number of symbols including animals, first responders, and college symbols will be pre-approved for purchase to go on the doors of niches for the columbarium. Any other symbols that residents may want will need to be brought before the board for approval.
- d. Building Official - Rob Kehoe
- e. **Ordinance and Zoning Enforcement Officer** - Pat Olk The following was included in the ordinance report.
15945 Stuart Rd. Report of thick black smoke in the area and bad smell coming from the same. Upon arrival, I found a fire out and talked to the owner who stated he won't burn

anything but wood from now on. Also stated that the person that has been causing all the havoc around there has been evicted. Also said he hired someone to start removing junk cars from the woods when ground firms up.

19035 Corunna Rd. at Ditch Rd. Report of trash all over and blowing into neighbors yards. After inspection found trash and scrap metal in front of the residence and appears to be trash and clothing being dumped out the rear patio door piling up behind deck. Also 2 unregistered vehicles in the driveway. No one home. Sent letter of violation to address where property taxes are sent in Montrose, MI. A young female that lives there now says she has taken over the residence from her grandmother and contacted our office. She asked for more time than 10 days and I granted her 30 days. Will check again on May 1st. Drove by today and observed a large dump trailer backed into the driveway.

16807 M-52. Report of farm animals goats and horse all over neighbor's yard next to this farm. No one came to the door at this address however will send a letter to the owner not to free range their horse and goats on neighboring properties.

17705 M-52. Report of trash and furniture and other debris all over the yard at this residence. No one is home today so letters will be sent soon.

- f. **Rehmann Health Center** - Cathy Gross: Next Mobile Dental Clinic will be on May 1st, and then there will be another one at the end of May. Jeremy Hoover has 4 new doors painted and will be installing them next week. WIC continues to use the health center. Saginaw County will be getting together with Rehmann Health Center to offer an Immunization Clinic. Advertising will begin once details are finalized.
- g. **Fire Board Authority** - Joseph Ruthig: Meeting was held March 11, 2026. There were 10 runs for the month of February with 33 runs for the year. Engine #1 has had the Exhaust, Pump Packing and Hazard lights replaced. Tender #1 is out of service. The Tank Frame has rusted to the point that the tank needs to be removed and a new frame installed to support the tank. Estimated cost to repair is \$8,000.00. The Golf outing is planned for May 16, 2026. This outing is open to the public. Last year \$9,000.00 was raised.
- h. Mid-Michigan Waste Authority - Daniel Himstedt, (Russell Krish, Alternate) No meeting this month.
- i. Task Force - Joseph Ruthig - (Kevin Carlton, alternate): Next meeting April 28, 2026
- j. Township Parks - Kevin Carlton, Sarah Tomac:
- k. Planning Commission - Scott Mrdeza

Board Official Reports:

- a. Supervisor Ruthig: Young's Inter-County Drain Board met on Thursday March 19, 2026. Preconstruction meetings were conducted and contracts were signed. Work is expected to begin in May.
DTE vs Chesaning Township oral Arguments were heard on March 13, 2026. The judge asked a few questions from both attorneys and said he needed more time to review the record and would be making a decision soon.
Planning to install the Kayak launch on May 16, 2026.

Township Offices will be closed Friday April 3, 2026 in observance of Good Friday.
Happy Easter to everyone.

- b. Clerk Himstedt: Petitions for those wishing to be on the ballot in the upcoming elections for the open Board member seat are due to the clerk by 4:00 pm on April 21, 2026. The Clerk is currently accepting applications for election inspectors for the upcoming elections.
- c. Treasurer Gross: 2025 Tax season concluded and was settled with the county on March 23, 2026. All funds are paid to all units and we will be getting the delinquent buy back money to conclude everything. I have some concerns regarding the software that was used for online payments. It became very tedious at the end. There were a couple other treasurer's that reached out with frustration also. I plan to research the online payment process to see if there is a better way. People seem to like the option but the cost associated with BS&A is prohibitive.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- a. Consider Bid for Improvement and Maintenance to Parshallburg Parking Lot by Mr. Asphalt: MOTION by Mrdeza supported by Tomac to accept parts #1 and #3 of Bid for Improvement and Maintenance to Parshallburg Parking Lot. Roll Call Vote Yeas: Carlton, Tomac, Mrdeza, Krish, Gross, Himstedt, Ruthig Nays: None Motion Passed.
- b. Consider Options and Contract for Port-a-Johns at Township parks and Cemetery from Sloan Septic: MOTION by Carlton supported by Krish to rent 2 regular Port-a-Johns and 1 handicap accessible Port-a-John for Parshallburg Park at a cost of \$580.00 a Month Roll Call Vote Yeas: Tomac, Mrdeza, Krish, Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Ruthig. Nays: None. Motion Passed.
- c. Consider Reappointment of Mary VanLoon to the Chesaning Brady Fire Board (Term Ending 3/31/28): MOTION by Ruthig supported by Gross to reappoint Mary VanLoon to the Chesaning Brady Fire Board. Motion passed
- d. Consider Approval of Additional Symbols on Columbarium Niche Doors: MOTION by Mrdeza supported by Carlton to pre approve the current symbols along with the additional symbols that were presented and also include First Responders, military, college and university symbols. Anything else will need board approval. Motion passed
- e. Consider Bid to Clear Brush Along West Side of Cemetery (\$600.00). MOTION by Tomac supported by Mrdeza to accept a bid from Rescue Me Lawn Care to clear brush along the west side of Cemetery. Motion passed.
- f. Consider imposing Moratorium on Data Centers in Township Until Ordinance can be written: MOTION by Mrdeza supported by Tomac to place a moratorium for one year on data centers in order to adopt an ordinance or create an ordinance dealing with those data centers. Roll Call Vote Yeas: Carlton, Krish, Tomac, Mrdeza, Gross, Himstedt, Ruthig Nays: none Motion passed.

Public Comment: Three Minutes Per Person (Any Topic) Six people were heard by the Board.

Approval of the Bills: MOTION by Himstedt supported by Carlton to Pay the bills in the amount of \$126,106.67. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Tomac, Mrdeza, Gross, Krish, Himstedt, Carlton, Ruthig Nays: none Motion Passed.

Adjournment: MOTION to adjourn at 8:19 pm by Tomac supported by Carlton. Motion Passed.

Approved 5/7/2026

Daniel Himstedt
Chesaning Township Clerk

Supervisor Approval Yes X No _____

Change Requests None _____

Supervisor Joseph Ruthig: _____ Date: 7 May 2026