

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

May 7, 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, Trustees Kevin Carlton, Sarah Tomac, Russell Krish

Absent: Treasurer Cathy Gross, Trustee Scott Mrdeza,

Approval of Agenda: (Additions to the agenda will be handled under New Business) Agenda was presented for approval. MOTION: by Tomac supported by Carlton to approve May 7, 2026 agenda. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes: April 2, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes were presented for approval. MOTION by Carlton supported by Krish to approve April 2, 2026 Regular 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: One update regarding August Millage renewal. There will be three: The Sheriff Department for 1.75 for four years, County parks for .29 for six years, and Museum and historical centers are .19 for six years. There are no other millages on the August ballot.
- b. County Road Commission - Dennis Borchard
- c. **Cemetery Committee** - Scott Mrdeza, Daniel Himstedt, Cathy Gross: The water will be turned on before Memorial Day
- d. Building Official - Rob Kehoe
- e. Ordinance and Zoning Enforcement Officer - Pat Olk
- f. **Rehmann Health Center** - Cathy Gross: Board meeting was held on April 15, 2026. 12 representatives were present with 4 absent. Marion Twp has responded that they wish to end their membership on the board. The final board will be elected at the next meeting along with officers. The By-Laws will need to be updated at that time. It was also decided that each municipality will contribute \$500.00 to cover the shortfall of the budget and

cover services rendered to residents. This is not a mandatory fee. The Health Center Board approved spending \$5,120.00 to remodel the front of the building with a quote from J. Hoover Construction. Next meeting will be held on September 16, 2026

- g. **Fire Board Authority** - Joseph Ruthig: Meeting was held on April 8, 2026. There have been 14 runs for the month of March with 44 for the year. Engine #1 part is shipping from Pennsylvania. Once received it should take about a week to install. Tender#1 will begin repairs the week of April 27th. These repairs should take about a week.

911 will be replacing all radios in the County beginning in 2028. Beginning in October of 2026 there will be a \$100.00 per radio per year maintenance fee. This will cost Chesaning Brady Fire Department \$3,200.00 per year.

Gold outing is planned for May 16, 2026.

- h. Mid-Michigan Waste Authority - Daniel Himstedt, (Russell Krish, Alternate) No meeting this month.

- i. **Task Force** - Joseph Ruthig - (Kevin Carlton, alternate): Meeting was held on April 28, 2026. Saginaw Agricultural Society, which is the county fair, has a new representative, Jeff Tompa. The exhibit hall is pretty much booked for the summer. There is a monster truck show in June, a car show in May, and the fair is scheduled for the week of August fourth through the eighth. DDA is working on sprinklers on the boulevard. You may have seen that work being done. The Library has a summer reading program for kids and teens sign up on June fifth. The Schools are putting new AC in the high school and Big Rock Elementary this summer, along with updates to the pool at the middle school. Graduation is set for May 21, 2026. There are eighty-seven students graduating this year. The museum has a new director and curator. Kathy Crissey is now the new president and Peggy Garikes is the new curator. The museum had over six hundred people visit during last fall's candlewalk. They are also selling a book called The Riverside Times. It's a history of the area. It's being sold for twenty dollars. It's available at the library or at the museum. The village reported that Sam Martinez has stepped down as a clerk and Tina Powell has been appointed. There is going to be an election in November for that seat. Cole Park is in need of some tender loving care, and they're trying to form maybe a volunteer group to help keep it up. Business and industry : Howie Ebenhoeh reported at that time, there were only two houses for sale in the village of Chesaning, and only twelve of them in the school district. Chamber of Commerce Memorial Day weekend town wide yard sales addresses will be available at the chamber and also on their website. July 2, 2026 will be fireworks and there is a car show scheduled for July 11, 2026. August 15th is the Dri-Tri, September 4th-7th The New Lothrop VFW is sponsoring the Vietnam Moving Wall. It's going to be set up at Showboat Park. The VFW is looking for volunteers. The wall must be guarded 24 hours a day. Twinbrook's golf course has got a new director. His name is Dave Cowan, and Tyler Danek was elected as the chairman of the board. Friends of the Shiawassee, the Shi-Tri is going to be held on May 16th, and river cleanup will be the third week of July. The task force wants to send a happy gram to Doctor Teal and Doctor Hopfensperger and Jan and Nancy Krause for their work at the CAER center. Those four together have been kind of running the CAER center for a while. They also want to send one to Kathy Gross

and Mary VanLoon for their work at Rehmann Health Center. The next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2026.

- j. **Township Parks** - Kevin Carlton, Sarah Tomac: The Kayak launch is scheduled to be put in on May 16, 2026, any additional help will be appreciated. The handicap accessible Porta-A-Potty had to be moved as it was on a tilt may need to place some cement to place it on.
- k. Planning Commission - Scott Mrdeza

Board Official Reports:

- a. Supervisor Ruthig: Saginaw County GIS Authority executive committee is discussing adding Oblique Imagery which would allow assessors to use 3-D imagery for accurate measurements of building dimensions including height. There will be a cost associated with this.
I attended the MTA annual conference in Traverse City and attended a number of classes. These consisted of classes on Data Centers, Renewable Energy, Sharing the Pipes, ADA Websites, and Fund Accounting.
I am going to take classes to become Red Book Ready
- b. Clerk Himstedt: I am still accepting applications for election inspectors.
- c. Treasurer Gross: Received State Revenue Share check in the amount of \$37,794.00 which is down from April of 2025 by \$3,362. The treasurer continues to research online tax payment options.
The treasurer is pursuing some large delinquent personal property tax payments. Preparation is beginning for the annual audit. Tax payment reports with banking info getting pulled together.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- a. Consider Amendment to Resolution 2026-005 Fee Schedule (Niche Engraving From \$30.00 to \$40.00). MOTION by Tomac supported by Krish to amend Resolution 2026-005, the fee schedule, to include changing the price from thirty dollars to forty dollars for niche engraving Roll Call Vote Yeas: Carlton, Tomac, Krish, Himstedt, Ruthig Nays: None Motion Passed
- b. Consider Ratification of the Data Center Moratorium (See attached). MOTION by Carlton supported by Tomac to adopt ordinance number 2026-001 Roll Call Vote Yeas: Tomac, Krish, Himstedt, Carlton, Ruthig Nays: None. Motion Passed
- c. Consider Renewal of Contract with Saginaw Future (\$500.00). MOTION by Carlton supported by Krish to continue our contract and renew our contract for Saginaw Future for five hundred dollars. Roll Call Vote: Yeas Carlton, Himstedt, Tomac, Krish, Ruthig Nays: None Motion Passed.
- d. Consider Forming a Committee to Review Noise Ordinance. A committee was formed to review and write a Noise Ordinance.

Public Comment: Three Minutes Per Person (Any Topic) One comment was heard by the Board.

Approval of the Bills: MOTION by Himstedt supported by Carlton to Pay the bills in the amount of \$51,730.23. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Tomac, Krish, Himstedt, Carlton, Ruthig Nays: none Motion Passed.

Adjournment: MOTION to adjourn at 7:43 pm by Carlton supported by Tomac. Motion Passed.

Approved 5/15/2026



Daniel Himstedt
Chesaning Township Clerk

Supervisor Approval Yes X No _____

Change Requests _____



Supervisor Joseph Ruthig: _____ Date: 5/15/2026