

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

August 6, 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, Sarah Tomac, Russell Krish, Scott Mrdeza

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda: (Additions to the agenda will be handled under New Business) Agenda was presented for approval. MOTION: by Krish, supported by Gross, to approve August 6, 2026 agenda. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes: July 9, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes were presented for approval. MOTION by Tomac supported by Carlton to approve July 9, 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: Shared information related to the question of What do we get for the taxes that we pay? Commissioner Harris shared three examples from the County Newsletter: 1) The Dow Events Center has numerous events. 2) the Saginaw Health Department has a number of hazardous chemical dropoffs which are free of charge, and 3) The Saginaw Chamber of Commerce has a number of programs and services available. Information from the newsletter is posted on the bulletin board at the Township office.
- b. County Road Commission - Dennis Borchard
- c. **Cemetery Committee** - Scott Mrdeza, Daniel Himstedt, Cathy Gross: A grave marker has fallen over and we are attempting to locate relations to the family to have the stone repaired.
- d. Building Official - Rob Kehoe
- e. Ordinance and Zoning Enforcement Officer - Pat Olk: July report

- 1) 9056 Chesaning Rd: Burnt down attached garage is 75% cleaned up as of 8/6/26. Another empty dumpster has been dropped there for further clean up. I did talk with one of the owners on site and he told me there was no insurance on the building so he has contracted someone out of Saginaw to clean up and haul away. Also, there was no damage done to the house.
 - 2) 15558 Stuart Rd: After my request last month of mowing and cleaning up of the yard, I inspected the property and found the yard all mowed and trash picked up, some was burned or stored in a shed. A lot better.
 - 3) 15945 Stuart Rd: 1 travel trailer has been removed and the other one pulled to the road for owner pick up. If the owner does not pick it up soon, I will impound it. Additionally, the trash that has been piling up next to woods behind the neighbor's property has been cleaned up and weeds worked down. Also, the fence around the house had been repaired. Ongoing project.
 - 4) 9502 Chesaning Rd: Owner has mowed the front and side yard and removed most of the weeds but has still yet to remove junk cars out back but he is working on it.
- f. **Rehmann Health Center** - Cathy Gross: July 20th the Mobile Vision Clinic was held and was full. The Saginaw County Health Department had an Immunization Clinic that came on August 3rd, They said it was the busiest Immunization clinic that they have had. The Mobile Dental Clinic is coming on August 17th and it is fully booked. Chesaning United will be accepting applications for Micro grants starting August 15-Sept 15. The grants are up to \$2000.00.
 - g. **Fire Board Authority** - Joseph Ruthig: No report last meeting was prior to the July Board meeting.
 - h. Mid-Michigan Waste Authority - Daniel Himstedt, (Russell Krish, Alternate) Next meeting is in September.
 - i. **Task Force** - Joseph Ruthig - (Kevin Carlton, alternate): Saginaw County Fair is ongoing. The Library had a summer reading program with over 200 children signed up. School will be starting on August 25th, and it was announced that Superintendent McGough will be retiring after the first of the year. Museum spoke about the upcoming vote for the millage renewal and they have the Riverside Times on sale at the Chamber office and the CAER Center. A new fence was installed at the Village Brush Yard and new sidewalks will be installed with the "Safe Routes to School" grant. A resale shop would like to go into Arthur's pizza building if they can get a parking variance. Pin Town and the Public House have closed and will be listed for sale. Over 800 cars were parked for the July Fireworks. Car show also has a great turnout. The Dri-Tri will be on Aug 15th and the Chamber golf outing will be on Sept 17th. The July River clean-up was a success with over 50 tires pulled from the river between Parshallburg Park and Cole Park.
 - j. **Township Parks** - Kevin Carlton, Sarah Tomac: The Parshallburg Park parking lot was seal coated and lines painted. The ditch has been filled in the upper parking lot. The new signs have been placed but need to be lowered. Still waiting for the cement that was approved by the board to be laid.

- k. Planning Commission - Scott Mrdeza: Last meeting was on August 5th and they discussed the moratorium on data centers.

Board Official Reports:

- a. Supervisor Ruthig: Attended the SAGAGIS quarterly meeting on July 20, 2026. The 26-27 budget was reviewed and approved. There will be \$0.05 per parcel increase in dues. There are still ongoing discussions about using oblique imaging which could make the dues go up as much as \$0.40 per parcel (\$540.00 for Chesaning Township). There is a Senate Bill #999 that if passed would fund the State budget to develop a statewide GIS program. Funds would be generated by a \$4.00 fee for registering documents at the Register of Deeds.
Work is ongoing along Ditch Rd. for Young's Intercounty Drain.
EGLE's Renewable Ready Community Award has been re-funded with up to 90 million dollars. Up to \$5000.00 per Mega-Watt may be awarded. The Northwoods Solar Project is rated at 125 Mega-Watts so we may receive \$625,000.00. I will be working on applying with the help of DTE. The grant says we will get half of our award when construction begins and the second half when the project is complete. We need to start thinking of how to spend the award.
- b. Clerk Himstedt: Election was completed on August 4, 2026. The new precinct at St. Peter Parish Hall worked out very well. Many voters were very impressed with the new setup. Many voters needed reminders that the precinct location was changed. There were 544 voters moved through the precinct and 619 absentee ballots were processed at the Absent Voter Counting Board. I was also told that 8 residents chose to vote during early voting in Saginaw. We had 1171 of out 3875 registered voters vote during the election which was about 30%.
- c. Treasurer Gross: Collecting Summer taxes through September 14th. After this date they will incur a 1% interest per month until March second when they will go to the County. Board of Review occurred and there were three changes that needed to be corrected. Online payments are available for tax payments and there is still an issue with residents paying twice. This has been corrected but unless we move to the cloud there is no live updating of the information and the system allows multiple payments.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Update of Noise Ordinance: No update at this time
- b. Consider Bids for New Gutter on the Back Side of The Township Hall: MOTION by Gross with support by Carlton to employ John Dennis to replace the gutters on the back of the building for \$1200.00. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton, Tomac, Mrdeza, Krish, Gross, Himstedt, Ruthig. Nay: None. Motion Passed.

New Business:

- a. Consider Pay Request From Rescue Me Lawn Care: MOTION by Ruthig with support by Mrdeza for a onetime payment of \$900.00 to Rescue Me Lawncare for this annual contract, Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Tomac, Mrdeza, Gross, Himstedt, Carlton. Ruthig. Nays: Krish. Motion Passed.
- b. Discussion About 5 Year Parks and Rec Master Plan.

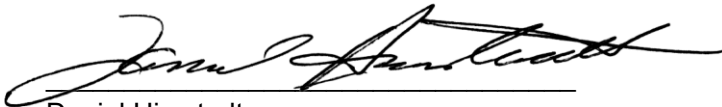
- c. Consider Sending Board Members to MTA Fall Meeting: MOTION by Carlton supported by Tomac to send board members to Bay City for the MTA Fall Meeting for \$120.00 each. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton, Mrdeza, Gross, Himstedt Tomac, Krish, Ruthig. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

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

Approval of the Bills: MOTION by Himstedt supported by Tomac to Pay the bills in the amount of \$60,889.92. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Krish, Mrdeza, Gross, Himstedt, Carlton, Tomac, Ruthig Nays: none Motion Passed.

Adjournment: MOTION to adjourn at 8:12 pm by Carlton supported by Krish. Motion Passed.

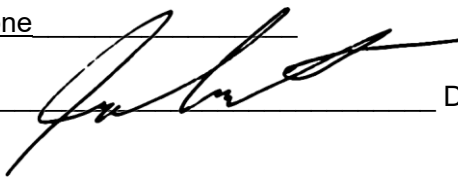
Approved 9/3/2026



Daniel Himstedt
Chesaning Township Clerk

Supervisor Approval Yes X No

Change Requests None

Supervisor Joseph Ruthig:  Date: 9/3/2026