



**Chesaning Township Minutes
Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
May 2, 2013 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting: Called to order at 7:32 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Supervisor Robert Corrin, Clerk Frances Kukulis, Treasurer Cathy Gross; Trustees: Kevin Carlton, William Hedrich, Peter Hemgesberg, and Ken Hornak

Members Absent: None

Public Comments: County Commissioner Greenfelder, and Saginaw County Sheriff Officer's Captain Phelps and Lieutenant Pfau addressed the board regarding questions of security at the Saginaw County Building and the cost of these services. It was noted security services are paid through the County Courthouse, not the Sheriff Department budget with a fifty percent match from the State. Additionally noted, Saginaw's high violent crime ranking and the increasing trend of violence nationwide making community courthouses vulnerable. Hornak questioned the Commission's recent actions on a countywide regional mass transit millage. Greenfelder noted her constituents (District 6) have voiced that they do not see a benefit to the outlying areas so her position will be to vote "no" on the question. Hornak additionally warned against a Regional Mass Transit Authority being established noting it will take power out of the Commissions hands if established.

Public Hearing – Nuisance Ordinance No. 71-3 and Weed Ordinance No. 2005-1201

- Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton, to open the public hearing at 7:51 p.m. Motion Carried.

The board reviewed and discussed the proposed revisions to the ordinances. It was noted by Ordinance Enforcement Officer Olk farm land filter strips would not be affected by the changes to the weed ordinance. Additionally he noted fees were reasonable and comparable to other local governments. Hemgesberg stated the last amendment to the Nuisance Ordinance was in 1973 and updates were needed for proper enforcement. Corrin said revisions have been reviewed by the Township Attorney.

Public Comments: None

Consensus of the board was to move the issue to new business for a vote.

- Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg, to close the public hearing at 8:10 p.m. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 4, 2013 were presented for approval.

Committee/Board Reports:

County Commissioner – Commissioner Greenfelder reported earlier during public comments.

County Road Commission – No one present to report, monthly report of activity has been received.

SCTOA – Hornak gave a brief update of the Annual Meeting held April 24 at Crooked Golf and Banquet Center noting 85 members were in attendance.

Cemetery – Hemgesberg noted many of the stored flower pots have been claimed; water should be back on by the weekend of May 11. Hedrich informed the board some new erosion of the river bank has taken place due to the large amount of rain this Spring. It has been recommended by township engineers that switchgrass and dogwood bushes be planted at the base of the bank; the hearty root system should deter additional erosion. He said it would cost approximately \$75.00 for the amount of switchgrass seed needed and \$18 per bundle of 5 dogwood bushes and we would need 2. He was seeking approval of the board to proceed with the purchase and planting. Corrin noted the roads in the cemetery additionally have been affected by the rain leaving large holes to be filled in. Discussion on drainage resolution took place and tile and/or a catch basin may be needed in the future to resolve the roadway water issues. The board instructed the cemetery committee to determine what maintenance work is needed and to proceed with having the holes filled with gravel.

Building Official – No one present to report.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Olk reported he has begun driving the roads checking on enforcement issues and responding to complaints.

Parks & Rec – Carlton reported the North Pole Express has ended due to a lack of agreement between the fair board and the railway, tree planting at Showboat Park is completed flags mark the new trees, reorganization of Parks and Rec is now in the layer's hands, the Village has marked, with green posts, an area 40' from the river bank all around the park that will no longer be mowed as a cost savings, and the Parks and Rec Chairman Michael Maier has submitted a letter of resignation after 23 years of service; resignation to take effect May 31, 2013.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross reported United Appeal applications will be reviewed on May 7, 2013 for distribution of funds.

Fire Board – Corrin reported the Old Gas Tractor Association has made a donation of a vent saw and new blade in appreciation of coverage at their event last year, work gloves will be furnished to firemen to save wear on the more expensive fire gloves and should provide a substantial cost savings over time, a wish list of items for purchase includes a fence to mark the property line and act as a snow barrier, the auxiliary is planning a fundraiser in June (an attic sale); funds raised by the auxiliary go to support the Fire Department.

MMWA – Kukulis stated Monica Duebbert, General Manager MMWA will be presenting later in the meeting on collection service methods and a community survey will additionally be discussed.

Task Force – Corrin said an update on county trails and tying into the Bay City and Midland trails was discussed; he added currently six parks are funded with taxpayer dollars.

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor – Corrin reported he was in Lansing all day for the MTA Legislative day; a panel with Roger Kahn was held discussing roads and tax questions to improve State roads, additional information on businesses dividing parcels into small pieces to avoid paying personal property tax was presented. He discussed road damage due to recent flooding, proposed county drain work to the Miller, Richter, Deer Creek and Wickham drains totaling \$4,095.00 that was not budgeted, a 12" metal cross tube failure on Havana Road this past week estimated at \$3,000.00 will be replaced with a 15" concrete tube, a property auction sale west of town with annexation issues, and a notice received from the County today of tax reverted property that will come to the Board in June for action.

Clerk – Kukulis noted additional items to be added to the agenda under New Business, f) Porta-John Town Hall and g) MAMC Conference Attendance.

Treasurer – Gross reported a few personal property taxes are still coming in and noted the auditors will be at the Hall on Monday, May 6.

Unfinished Business:

MMWA Presentation (Contract renewal/proposed dumpsters) – General Manager Duebbert discussed upcoming contract renewals in 2014, noting there are 6 zones with 35 member communities totaling more than 7,200 households in Saginaw and some in Gratiot Counties so the authority needs to begin negotiating with haulers by October of this year. To accomplish this, member communities will vote on what services they would like in the new contracts. She has been going to member communities educating them on services available. Two waste and recycling services are available to members, standard manual service which all authority members currently have and curb cart service which eliminates much of the manual aspect of collection saving man hours and injury. Curb cart service could be provided at a cost less than or equal to the current cost in 3 of the 6 zones serviced by the authority and in the remaining 3 zones a slight increase of approximately \$1.00/month/household would be seen. She brought curb carts for the board to see, a 95 gallon and 65 gallon, explaining the ease of use. Carts would be leased, therefore repaired/replaced by a call from the resident to the hauler if needed. Carts would eliminate the top complaints of current service such as a bag/can being stickered for oversize, or bags/cans and recycling bins that have blown into the ditch. Residents currently have unlimited garbage pickup if their bags/cans do not exceed 33 gallons in size or 55 lbs. in weight. Additionally, 2 bulkies (large items, a loveseat for example), one bundle (3' x 4' in size) of brush a week (not considered yard waste) and an 18 gallon bin of sorted recyclables can be put out each week. If members chose curb cart service the size of cart(s) used would be determined by the member community, additionally a 65 gallon single stream recycling curb cart could be used. Single stream means sorting of items would no longer be necessary for recycling. The increased capacity (an added 47 gallons per household) and ease of recycling should encourage more recycling. With more waste being diverted from garbage to recycling greater the cost savings to members through profit sharing agreements the authority has with haulers can be achieved. Other changes to service would include 3 bulkies once a month as opposed to weekly, with the one bundle of brush pickup per week remaining. The board additionally discussed including a survey flyer to be inserted into the Summer tax bill giving residents an opportunity to share their feelings on the changes proposed.

New Business:

Consider Nuisance Ordinance No. 71-3 and Weed Ordinance No. 2005-1201 revisions – The board discussed and made minor changes to the proposed revisions to the current Nuisance Ordinance No. 71-3 and Weed Ordinance No. 2005-1201.

Consider Planning Commission recommendation Zoning Ordinance revisions pertaining to signs and the Farmland Preservation District – The board discussed and noted minor changes made by the Planning Commission to the proposed Zoning Ordinance revisions with regard to signs, agricultural farmland preservation (A), and single family residential (R-1A).

Road Project Wildwood Cemetery, Bid Opening – Kukulis noted five bids were received by the noon April 30, 2013 deadline, all bidders picked up bid packets including specification sheets, some discussed specifications with Corrin prior to bidding, and one additional contractor picked up a packet but did not return a bid. Bids were opened and read; Hedrich Excavating, Inc. Chesaning \$2,600.00, Schnell's Services & Landscaping Supplies Inc. New Lothrop \$6,625.00, Cataldo, Inc. New Lothrop \$15,795.00, Everett Excavating, LLC Chesaning \$5,935.00, and Newton Excavating Co., Inc. Montrose \$3,450.00.

Contract with Village for Event Police Coverage – The board was presented for consideration an April 2013-March 2014 agreement for emergency response special event police coverage totaling \$3,600.00. It was noted funds have been budgeted for.

Tire Recycling Day – Hedrich said he attended the last Village Council meeting and dates and times, June 12 and 13, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., have been set for the next tire recycling event.

Porta-John Town Hall – Corrin asked the board's desire with respect to a porta-john being placed at the park adjoining the hall as done in past years.

Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC) Conference – Kukulis asked for board consideration for Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk Vogl (June 18) and herself (June 18-21) to attend the upcoming MAMC Conference held in Frankenmuth this year at a cost of \$450.00 for attendance noting due to the location lodging would not be needed.

Extended Public Comment: None

Extended Township Board Comment: None

Items Approved:

- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to approve the April 4, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Kukulis, support by Gross, to purchase two bundles of dogwood bushes and five pounds of switchgrass seed to plant on the cemetery riverbank to help deter additional erosion. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak, to adopt revisions to Nuisance Ordinance No. 71-3 and Weed Ordinance No. 2005-1201 as proposed and amended during the meeting. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Carlton to adopt revisions to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to signs, agricultural farmland preservation district (A), and single family residential (R-1A) as recommended by the Planning Commission and amended during the meeting. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried. .
- Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton, to award the road project at Wildwood Cemetery to low bidder Hedrich Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$2,600.00 with work to commence once required proof of public liability insurance coverage is provided. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Corrin. Abstain: Hedrich. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Carlton, support by Hornak, to adopt an agreement between the Village of Chesaning and Chesaning Township for a contribution of \$3,600.00 during fiscal year April 2013-March 2014 to supplement the village police force in consideration of emergency response time in the township and special event coverage within the village. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Gross, support by Hedrich, to have Sloan's Septic Tank Service, LLC place a Porta-john at the Town Hall Park for the Summer. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to approve sending Kerby Vogl, June 18 and Frances Kukulis, June 18-21 to the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Conference in Frankenmuth. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to pay bills as presented. Bills totaled \$19,506.39. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Carlton, support by Gross, to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 p.m. Motion Carried.

**Frances Kukulis, Clerk
Chesaning Township**