



Chesaning Township Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 5, 2014 @ 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting: Called to order at 7:34 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

Corrin noted long-time Planning Commission Member Charles Weisenberger's mother passed away May 24.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented for approval.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting/Fire Protection Special Assessment District Public Hearing of May 1, 2014 were presented for approval.

Public Comments: George Sode introduced himself to the board adding he is running for State Legislature 85th District. He commented on his goals and asked the board for their comments. Roads, promoting township government, accountability of larger governmental units with regards to spending on behalf of smaller units were all discussed.

Committee/Board Reports:

County Commissioner – No one present to report.

County Road Commission – No one present to report, monthly report of activity has been received. Corrin noted Havana Road had a bank slide that will need repair, the cost has not been determined yet, he is unsure who will foot the bill; Niver Road has a tube washed out, the county proposed replacing it with a concrete tube at \$150/foot, at over \$14,000, double wall plastic is less than half the cost of concrete to use but the county rules on what can be used and it does not allow for plastic; the Chesaning Road project will begin shortly noting another small washout was found on the corner of Stuart Road; chip and seal work will additionally begin shortly. Corrin noted in 1988 the township's allocation from the county for road maintenance was \$14,700 and in 2014 the allocation is \$15,150 a small increase that is putting more burden of road maintenance on the township; news media has reported a problem with embezzlement at the Road Commission but no information regarding the situation has been released by the county.

SCTOA – Hornak noted no meeting was held.

Cemetery – Hemgesberg noted flagging of grave sites in violation of cemetery rules started just before Memorial Day, additional flagging will continue until all sites are marked, calls have been being addressed with the majority of those affected understanding the reason for enforcement of the rules, a small percentage of the calls coming in do not understand. Corrin noted the crimson maple trees have been planted and are being watered. A rock for the mausoleum sign is still being sought.

Building Official – No one present to report.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – No one present to report. Corrin noted there are violations that will need to be addressed.

Parks & Rec – Carlton stated the meeting was held June 4; the committee approved updating the 5 year plan adding he voted no because a lower bid was received, the majority voted yes for OHM. He added \$2,266.67 would be the township's share of the update, this amount is in addition to the townships regular contribution. The River Race has been put on hold and most likely will not take place this year so no Porta-Jon will be needed; the village approved \$8,000 to revamp the disc golf and install 9 additional stations; the purchase of used paddle boats at a cost of \$500/each for use in a canoe livery fashion was discussed but no action was taken; he noted the River Days festival, the Gus Macker, and the Mexican American festival are all upcoming events; the village has added a section to their website for Parks and Recreation and input on its' content is appreciated; planting of perennials in Showboat Park was additionally discussed.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross noted a special meeting was held June 3; Commissioners Greenfelder and Hadasell,

surrounding township's, and the village representatives were in attendance, the County Health Officer was unable to attend, concerns over clinic cancellations in Chesaning and referrals to other areas were discussed. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for June 30, an action plan for the future is to be discussed. Board members will attend the July County Commission meeting to state their concerns and present the plan.

Fire Board – Corrin noted a DNR grant for brush fighting equipment was received; an update on the fire truck purchase was presented; it was discovered during fire hose testing that one hose needs to be replaced due to age; firemen are using a new phone app “I am responding” to notify others if they will be responding to a fire call, the cost to use the app is not inexpensive but mutual aide will not need to be called in some instances if they know who is responding.

MMWA – Kukulis noted the next meeting will be June 10, discussion on the extension of the current waste contract should take place; she attended the open house for the new Community Resource Recovery Center on May 29, this facility will be used as the collection center for problem wastes and will take the place of the one day events previously offered twice a year, the center will eventually allow more frequent access to drop off hazardous materials with some cost efficiency to authority members.

Task Force – Corrin noted discussion took place on the disorganization of Parks and Rec; the guest speaker, a bank representative from St. Charles, was unable to be present; it was noted one of the two persons appointed to replace the director has left the library and the other does not want to be the head librarian, the library is looking for a new director.

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor – Corrin stated the Senior Clean-Up Day held May 14 was a great success, seniors worked at both the town hall and cemetery for the township; the MTA Regional meeting will be held June 16 in Frankenmuth, the lumber buyer that approached the township last month about cemetery trees indicated there is \$20,000-\$25,000 worth of lumber in trees at peak condition that could be harvested at the cemetery, Corrin noted damage to the cemetery remains a concern though; mosquito control has notified residents spraying of private yards has temporarily been suspended; the Methodist Church Food Bank Drive will be June 7; Board of Review meets July 21; Zion Lutheran School students worked at the cemetery doing clean-up then toured the township and village halls.

Clerk – Kukulis noted the QVF computer and the clerk and treasurer computer updates to Windows 7 from XP are being looked at and a proposed upgrade or replacement should be received shortly; the township's audit will be June 9; the last day to register to vote for the August 5 primary election is July 7; the nominating petition filing deadline for village and school offices is July 22.

Treasurer – Gross reported preparation for the summer tax season has begun with tax collection beginning July 1.

Unfinished Business:

Cemetery Tree Removal (Phase 2) – Dave's Tree Service submitted a quote of \$2,900 for the next phase of tree removal at the Wildwood Cemetery.

Town Hall Playground Equipment –The board was presented for consideration two options for replacing damaged/worn equipment in the town hall playground.

Advertise for Board of Review Member-At Large (To Fill Vacancy) – Corrin noted a vacancy in the alternate member position of Board of Review exists and asked board to consider running an add to fill the vacancy.

New Business:

Approve Moving July Board of Review Date to Monday, July 21, 2014 – A resolution to set an alternate for July Board of Review was presented to the board for consideration.

Consider Addition to Township Insurance Policy (Monetary Damages Zoning) – The 2014-2015 township insurance policy proposal was presented for consideration and increasing the Public Official Liability Monetary Damages Zoning coverage from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Accept Resignation of Administrative Assistant Effective August 16, 2014 – The board received for consideration a letter of resignation from Administrative Assistant Vogl to take effect August 16, 2014. Board members commented how nice it was working with Vogl adding she will be missed.

Advertise for Administrative Assistant (To Fill Vacancy) – Corrin noted the Administrative Assistant position will need to be filled and asked the board to consider running an ad for this position.

Reminder July Board Meeting Date (Tuesday, July 1, 2014 Date Adjusted for Holiday) – Corrin reminded board members the July meeting date was adjusted due to the holiday.

Extended Public Comment:

George Sode offered suggestions to Parks and Rec on bidding processes.

Extended Township Board Comment:

Hedrich thanked both the High School Seniors and Zion Lutheran School Kids for taking time to work with the township and for all their hard work adding both were enjoyable days for all involved.

Corrin thanked Hedrich for coordinating and spearheading the Zion Lutheran School project.

Items Approved:

- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hedrich, support by Hornak, to approve the May 1, 2014 Regular Board Meeting/Fire Protection Special Assessment District Public Hearing minutes, as presented. Motion Carried. .
- Motion by Kukulis, support by Hedrich, to move forward with the second phase of the tree removal project at Wildwood Cemetery and to accept the bid of Dave's Tree Service for \$2,900.00 to complete the work. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak, to accept the proposal from Miracle Midwest in the amount of \$637.00 for a Kids' Choice Wire Mesh Enclosure, 2 – 360 degree Tot Bucket Swing Seats, and a Cover for Spring Rider Handle all replacement parts for the damaged/worn parts in the playscape at the town hall park. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to advertise to fill the Board of Review Alternate position vacancy and to run the ad for two consecutive weeks. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton, to adopt a Resolution to Set an Alternate Date for the July Board of Review. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to accept the proposal from Sovis Insurance Agency for the July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015 Township's Municipal Insurance Policy and increase the Public Official Liability Monetary Damages Zoning Limit from \$250,000 to \$500,000 for an additional premium of \$230.00, a total of \$6,416.00. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg, to accept the resignation of Administrative Assistant Kerby Vogl effective August 16, 2014 and to wish her success in her new endeavor. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Carlton, to advertise to fill the Administrative Assistant position that will be left vacant and to run the ad for two consecutive weeks. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hedrich, support by Hornak, to pay bills, as presented. Bills totaled \$42,188.70. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Gross, to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. Motion Carried.

**Frances M. Kukulis, Clerk
Chesaning Township**