



**Chesaning Township Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 7, 2015 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting: Called to order at 7:33 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

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented for approval.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 2, 2015 were presented for approval.

Public Comments: None

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.

SCTOA – Hornak noted the annual dinner meeting was held April 30; attendance was light; three presenters spoke, topics included the upcoming election, the condition of roads statewide and in the county, and the county 9-1-1 service.

Cemetery –Kukulis stated, as requested last month, in addition to the spring clean-up ads an article has been written, for the newspaper to print prior to Memorial Day, reviewing last year's clean-up, how caretakers can pick-up items removed during the clean-up, and the enforcement of cemetery rules. A phase 3 tree removal project was briefly discussed. Hedrich noted a couple trees need to be removed including one that was to be removed last year prior to the contractor's equipment failure; he indicated he would follow-up with the contractor and inquire about the equipment and his intentions for future tree work; foundations were poured for the mausoleum sign and for the re-placement of the headstones that were moved from the riverbank last year; the kids from the Lutheran school have volunteered to help with clean-up at the cemetery again this year on May 21.

Building Official – No one present to report. Corrin noted not much new to report this month.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – No one present to report. Corrin noted blighted buildings, barns in particular, and a clean-up of a property on Chesaning Road that a previous owner left for the new owner to clean still need to be resolved. Hemgesberg stated he talked with the DEQ, they do not have an issue with burning barns but they would have to be tested for asbestos prior to burning at a cost of \$600-\$1000, he added he believed it would be less expensive to rent a dumpster.

Parks & Rec – Trustee Carlton reported on the May 6 meeting; a resignation is expected from member Greenfelder which will leave a vacancy to be filled; the sucker tournament was successful with 230 kids participating; the timing of the walleye tournament wasn't as good but the turnout was; grant money awarded for a trail at Showboat Park, if accepted, will require the project to be engineered, Parks & Rec will weigh the cost of accepting the grant and paying for engineering or accomplishing the work locally without the grant before proceeding; the front 9 disc golf pads are ready for concrete to be poured but the back 9 still need to be re-worked before permanently setting them; discussion on the Peet Ponds and how to eliminate the phragmite continued this month; a memorial tree for George Lorencz will be planted in the lower flats of Showboat Park; Frasier provided a \$200 donation for signs at Showboat Park; the pavilion at Showboat Park has been painted; the Village will be adding a Parks & Rec tab to their website with separate calendars for Village and Parks and Rec activities; Halloween camping in the park will be the last weekend in September; future meetings will be held in room 401 at the high school beginning in August; Citywide WiFi plans to make free WiFi available in Showboat Park; Parks and Rec will support, and \$500 has been donated, to begin a summer kids program, "BOSS"- Becoming Outdoor Smart in Summer, targeted at 4th-6th graders; Cicalo indicated the 5-year Master Plan will need to be approved by all three entity's, the village, the high school, and the township, through public hearings.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross stated no meeting was held, activity at the center has been very slow with individuals still being referred to St. Charles and Saginaw; United Appeal funds have been distributed.

Fire Board – Carlton noted two firefighters were injured recently by a tree falling on them during a brush fire, one firefighter sustained very serious injuries requiring a 13 hour surgery that included a knee replacement, he is now home and recovering but more surgery will be needed; Corrin reported the first payment has been made on the new truck; air pack testing has been completed; the new budget has been prepared; the old fire truck is still for sale.

MMWA – Kukulis noted the meeting was held April 13; the City of Saginaw made a last-minute withdrawal from the recycling program resulting in Waste Management increasing the proposed cost for the contract renewal; MMWA is now trying to re-negotiate the contract renewal but anticipate an increase in recycling costs based upon the current situation; MMWA mailed out flyers to all residents in the 35 member communities informing them of the new one-step recycling process and materials that can be recycled.

Task Force – Corrin noted committee reports were given; a lengthy discussion was held on the number of buildings for sale in the community and what direction to take; discussion on the Chamber's activity in the Owosso Poker Room took place and what business to visit in subsequent meetings.

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor – Corrin noted the American Legion will hold a Memorial Day ceremony at Wildwood Cemetery; the Shiawassee County drain issue continues to be addressed. Corrin attended the April 16 MTA Legislative Advocacy Day; much discussion centered on the May 5 election Proposal 1 question, he attended a session on backyard agriculture where it was noted that right-to-farm has overstepped its' boundaries, a team of 20 people will be working on re-writing this legislation; he visited Senator Horn's office but he was in session and Representative Giardon's office where he had a lengthy discussion on road funding for local governments.

Clerk – Kukulis noted the election is over, Precinct 2 had 35% and Precinct 1 had 27% participation, proposal 1 failed by over 80% in Chesaning; preparation continues for the annual audit on June 1; computers and back-up system are installed and working well, only the equipment has been billed to date; FOIA Policy needs to be written and adopted by July 1 for township to be able to charge for requests received and the Cemetery Ordinance is still being addressed.

Treasurer – Gross reported a State Revenue Sharing check in the amount of \$26,302 has been received, last year's amount for the same period was \$24,507; tax escrow requests are starting to arrive for the summer tax season; the county has begun updating address information for summer taxes; clean-up of delinquent personal properties continues; preparation for the audit is in progress; a letter was received from the Department of Insurance and Financial Services acknowledging receipt of the resolution and application to participate in the Michigan Fire Insurance Withholding Program.

Unfinished Business:

Appoint Planning Commission Member (To Fill Vacancy) – Corrin noted the position remains open.

Road Discussion – Corrin noted the county allotment for Chesaning road improvements is \$18,989; road work slated to be completed this year includes Frandsche Road, cut back road edges, asphalt, and chip and seal from M-57 to Peet Road at a cost of \$12,500 for asphalt and \$18,000 for chip and seal; St. Charles will share costs to chip and seal two miles of Gary Road from M-52 to McKeighan Road at approximately \$9,045; Shiawassee County will share costs to apply gravel on Johnstone Road between Stuart and Corunna at approximately \$6,000; gravel on one mile of Frandsche Road from Johnstone Road to Havana will cost approximately \$8,575; normal brining of gravel sections of Amman and Harris Roads will cost \$350, one mile of Amman Road will be chipped and sealed at a cost of \$18,000; total cost \$72,470 less allotment is \$53,481 of \$80,000 budgeted which will leave dollars for tubes that may need replacing.

New Business:

Porta-John Town Hall – Corrin noted a porta-john is normally placed at the town hall park during the summer months and asked for board direction for this season.

Consider Attendance at MTA Regional Meeting – Corrin noted the upcoming MTA regional meetings and asked board members desiring to attend to let the Clerk know as soon as possible.

Consider Driveway Ordinance – Corrin noted a problem that arose last year with the replacement of a driveway tile made at the homeowners request that cost the township \$1800 in asphalt repairs; Spicer Engineering was contacted about how to proceed with a policy to address such situations for the future and the Planning Commission made a motion at the May 6 quarterly meeting to send roadway drain work policy on to the township board with their approval and support; Corrin asked the board to look over a draft roadway drain work policy that would be adopted as a General Ordinance if they approved a final copy to be written.

Extended Public Comment: None

Extended Township Board Comment: Gross noted the wood frame that encases the trash can in the town hall park needs to be replaced or repaired. Corrin stated he had looked at it and it can be repaired; he will work follow-up on getting it repaired.

Items Approved:

- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak, to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg, to approve the April 2, 2015 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented, correcting the “j)” in the first motion under “Items Approved” to read “l)” . Motion Carried.
- Motion by Carlton, support by Hedrich, to approve placing a porta-john in the town hall playground for the summer months. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Kukulis, for Spicer Engineering to write a General Ordinance for a Roadway Drain Work Policy. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Hedrich, to pay bills, as presented. Bills totaled \$30,260.95. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Kukulis, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion Carried.

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