



AGENDA
May 3, 2018
7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: ___Corrin ___Kukulis ___Gross
 ___Carlton ___Hedrich ___Hemgesberg ___Hornak

1. **Approval of Agenda** (Additions to the agenda will be handled under New Business)
2. **Approval of Minutes:** April 5, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
3. **Public Comments:** Two Minutes Per Person
 Additional time is provided during Extended Comments
4. **Committee/Commission Reports:**
 - a. County Commissioner – Kyle Harris
 - b. County Road Commission – Dennis Borchard
 - c. SCTOA – Ken Hornak
 - d. Cemetery Committee – Peter Hemgesberg, William Hedrich, Frances Kukulis
 - e. Building Official – Rob Kehoe
 - f. Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Pat Olk
 - g. Rehmann Health Center – Cathy Gross
 - h. Fire Board Authority – Robert Corrin
 - i. Mid Michigan Waste Authority – Frances Kukulis
 - j. TASK Force – Kevin Carlton
5. **Board Officials Reports:**
 - a. Supervisor
 - b. Clerk
 - c. Treasurer
6. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Update Young’s Inter-County Drain
 - b. Consider Approving Draft Master Plan for Public Hearing by Planning Commission
 - c. *Consider Snow Removal Contract-Struck Lawn & Landscape (Contract Ending 5-31-21)
7. **New Business:**
 - a. Consider Resolution 2018-005–Partial Termination of a Farmland Development Rights Agreement
 - b. Open/Consider Town Hall Roof Replacement Bids
 - c. Discuss Wind Ordinance/Moratorium
 - d. *Discuss Parshallburg Park Fishing Pier Repairs
8. **Extended Public Comment:** Two Minutes Per Person
9. **Extended Township Board Comment:**
10. **Approval of Bills:**
11. **Adjournment:**

***Addition to Agenda**



**Chesaning Township Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 3, 2018 @ 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

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented for approval.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April 5, 2018, Regular Board Meeting were presented for approval.

Public Comments: Norman Stephens resident of Almer Township indicated he heard the township was discussing wind energy and has been educating townships on what to be aware of when writing an ordinance based upon his experiences in Almer. He handed board members a copy of a page illustrating trespass zoning, when a wind-lease owner trespasses on another's usable land by placing wind turbines so the danger zone falls upon another land owner's property, he noted townships have been writing ordinances with setbacks less than the manufacturer's recommended safety zone. Additionally he handed a second page out with survey results of persons living near turbines showing sound satisfaction, he noted when turbines are placed 2,000-2,500 feet away noise complaints drop off significantly, another thing to consider when writing an ordinance.

Wesley Peterman resident of Maple Grove Township living a half a mile from Chesaning Township said his biggest concern is his property value, he noted properties in Tuscola County near turbines have seen decreases in value of between 15-35 percent. Additionally he is concerned about shadow flicker, stating he does not feel any should be allowed. He said the company, Tradewinds, who is signing contracts with farmers in Chesaning Township are recommending 1,000 foot setbacks from turbines.

Committee/Board Reports:

County Commissioner – No one present to report.

County Road Commission – No one present to report; a report of activity was received.

SCTOA – Hornak noted nothing new to report, no meeting was held.

Cemetery – Hedrich noted the lawn maintenance contractor has finished Spring clean-up, Kukulis added the contractor has found many items that are not allowed being placed in the cemetery again so she asked him to remove and put items in front of the shed short-term before disposal so people can find and retrieve them; tree trimming/cutting still needs to be completed; roads need grading; a faucet is broken in the Catholic Cemetery, the township will need to turn water off for them to repair it; discussion on the proposed columbarium took place, the Board decided to move forward on the bid process for the complete job; also discussed was the installation of a foundation under the war memorial stones discovered last year.

Building Official – No one present to report; a report of activity for the month was provided by Kehoe.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – No one present to report. Kukulis noted Olk was on vacation the first couple weeks of April and has been following up on items already in progress the rest of the month.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross reported a cleaning person has been hired for the center; immunization clinics have been moved from Wednesdays to Tuesdays and have been well attended as have other clinics; United Appeal will meet on May 7 to award funds collected during the drive.

Fire Board – Corrin reported crack seal and chip lock has been approved for the parking lot at a cost of \$4,800; a FEMA grant was applied for but not received; a DNR grant with a 50/50 match is being worked on for a brush truck; firefighter orientation has been delayed; hose testing will be done soon, ladders have been tested and have all passed; a new computer is needed for the safety office.

MMWA – Kukulis reported the meeting was held April 9; discussion on how the fuel supplement piece of the current contract works, a 30 day rolling average price of diesel fuel in the Mid-west region has to go to \$3.185 for it to kick-in, it was noted the fuel supplement has not kicked in during the term of the contract; legislation has been proposed at the State which would increase the per ton tipping fee at landfills and if it passes would increase rates an average of \$4.27/household; the next meeting will be held on June 11.

Task Force – Gross attended the meeting for Corrin and Carlton who were at MTA; she reported the meeting was held at the fairgrounds; the speaker was from Lippert Manufacturing (new owner of Hehr Manufacturing); the Village discussed concerns with the Heritage House and noted road work in town is expected to be completed in July; they toured the fairground building, it

was noted Animal Healthcare has supplied all new chairs for the building; the sucker tournament had a good turnout; the Michigan High School Rodeo will be held at the fairgrounds June 24 & 25.

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor – Corrin noted brush cutting is ongoing along the Bear Creek drain; he and Gross attended the prayer breakfast May 3 for the World Day of Prayer; the railroad crossings requested by the school to be classified exempt have been approved and the signs have been installed; the County quoted a price of \$8,500 for 100' of asphalt to fix a soft spot on Baldwin Road they were instructed to chip and seal only; Gasper Road from Gary Road to Fergus Road is slated to be done and will become a class A road; Charter cable will be moving the cable out of the ditch on Ferden Road, as soon as possible, so the ditch can be dug out, this will fix the drainage issue in the cemetery by the garage.

Clerk – Kukulis noted the dates for the SCAMC Tire Drives have been set and are posted on their website and flyers, multiple locations and dates will be held during June and July throughout the County; there have been many election related trainings recently, April 10 was the free education day in Mt. Pleasant, April 19 was the SCACA meeting in Maple Grove, May 2 training on the new election equipment was held at the Saginaw ISD, during this training it was brought to light additional small equipment items will need to be purchased for the equipment to function properly on election day, the County will be looking into a bulk buy to save money; she and the St. Charles Clerk will observe the May 8 election open and close of the polls on the new equipment in Perry; on May 18 the Townships' new election equipment is expected to be delivered; a follow-up call and message was left for Up-A-Tree regarding the stump grinding but no response has been received yet; audit is scheduled for May 14.

Treasurer – Gross reported a State Revenue Sharing check for \$29,260 for January/February 2018 has been received down from \$31,474 received last year; she attended the April 17 SALTA meeting, most townships do not want to sell dog licenses because of the complexity of the software they use but it is required so the County will be looking into improving the software; 2 townships of all present acknowledged using credit cards for tax payments but both additionally collect water bills; the Saginaw Township Treasurer discussed the need for the 911 millage and indicated 911 will be operating in a deficit with costs passed on to the townships if the millage question doesn't pass; housekeeping and audit prep is ongoing.

Unfinished Business:

Update Young's Inter-County Drain – Corrin noted a meeting is scheduled for May 22 in Corunna to discuss two drain plans, both plans will need to take farmland to be accomplished.

Consider Approving Draft Master Plan for Public Hearing by Planning Commission - The Board was presented the Master Plan Update for review and consideration of releasing it to public hearing on August 1 with the Planning Commission; Hedrich questioned and it was noted the zoning map did not reflect the Peet Packing property being annexed to the Village, that text was no longer correct regarding the Township and Village partnering on Parks and Recreation, and a question about low lying areas on the wetland page was addressed; Hemgesberg noted the Planning Commission had to have a cut-off point and could not continue to change the plan fluidly adding all changes not reflected in the plan will be addressed during the public hearing.

Consider Snow Removal Contract Renewal Struck Lawn & Landscape through May 31, 2021 – Kukulis presented for Board consideration a contract renewal for snow removal noting the price remains the same for the Township Hal, the Township Cemetery pricing changed from \$80/hour to \$75/push, a price was included for salting on a "will call" basis of \$.30/lb, and a statement has been included to cover a price adjustment due to economic change, the contractor was concerned with fuel prices.

New Business:

Consider Resolution 2018-005 – Partial Termination of a Farmland Development Rights Agreement – Kukulis noted paperwork from the property owner was not received; this item will be postponed to a future meeting.

Open/Consider Town Hall Roof Replacement Bids – Kukulis noted one bid was received and asked the Board how they would like to proceed noting if the bid is opened and does not meet bid requirements acceptably the bidders pricing would be known compromising him if another solicitation for bids was requested. The Board felt the bid should be opened and considered on its own merits. The bid was opened and read; Premier Painting and Seamless Gutter bid \$13,300 for the conventional steel roof as per specifications with a note that the township could save \$2,200 if the old roofing was not removed, and a bid for \$24,200 for the standing seam steel roof as per bid specifications. Warranty information was not included with the bid, the Board asked Corrin to confirm the warranty is at minimum 40 years on materials and labor and to proceed with the conventional steel roof bid contract if it is. It was noted \$12,000 was budgeted for roof replacement and a budget amendment would have to be made.

Discuss Wind Ordinance/Moratorium – Corrin opened the floor to discussion and an open forum was allowed; it was stated that setbacks for turbines are all over the place, the State recommends 400%, an example a 500' tower would have a 2,000 foot setback from property lines, buildings, airports, etc., Shiawassee County has proposed 325%, Huron County has set a 4-mile setback from airports, the FAA will make recommendations on setbacks from airports but the ZBA or Airport Authority make the final decision, shadow flicker and sound was discussed and it was noted ordinance language should include a way to control both, the speed of the propellers if ice were present, how many miles from a river should a turbine be allowed, the DNR will recommend river setbacks but the local community makes the final decision, if a moratorium resolution is adopted it has to set a strict time limit, MTA does not recommend adopting a moratorium and recommends the township consult with their attorney, the cost of hiring an engineering firm or a lawyer to write an ordinance, how farmland under PA116 would be regulated is it an acceptable or unacceptable farm use, the length of time to write and adopt an ordinance is estimated at 1 to 1-1/2 years, etc. Hemgesberg noted

the Planning Commission recommended holding off and waiting to see what Shiawassee County decides, they will be holding a meeting on May 8 regarding wind turbines. The Board agreed with the Planning Commission recommendation and by consensus decided to hold off on writing an ordinance or adopting a moratorium until they can see what Shiawassee County does.

Discuss Parshallburg Park Fishing Pier Repairs – Corrin noted ice damage took the support pole on the deck and the steps on the bottom of the pier out. A group of volunteers would like to attempt a repair donating their labor but are asking the Township for the redi-mix to pour supports under the steps and estimate it could take upwards of 6 yards to complete the work. Hedrich questioned what work is planned and if it the work will hold; by Board consensus Corrin was asked to determine more about the project design and then move forward if deemed appropriate.

Extended Public Comment: Norman Stephens recommended the Board not rely on Shiawassee County too much and recommended looking at the Almer Township ordinance on their website.

Wesley Peterman stated there is an unfounded belief in Maple Grove Township that if it doesn't happen in Shiawassee County it will not happen in Maple Grove Township.

Extended Township Board Comment: Corrin noted the porta-johns have been placed at the Hall and Parshallburg Parks; MTA conference sessions on marihuana, wind, and road funding all had full rooms; the Right to Farm Act is all over the place right now; corrected a statement made by County Commissioner Harris last month about chip sealing to be done in Chesaning Township with the extra State funding the County Road Commission is receiving noting Chesaning Township will be getting crack sealing instead.

Items Approved:

- Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg, to approve the agenda, as presented, with the addition under “Unfinished Business” Item c) Consider Snow Removal Contract Renewal Struck Lawn & Landscape through May 31, 2021 and under “New Business” Item d) Discuss Parshallburg Park Fishing Pier Repairs. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to approve the April 5, 2018 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hornak, support by Gross, that the Chesaning Township Board hereby approve the draft Chesaning Township Master Plan for public hearing by the Planning Commission and that the notices required under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act be sent and published. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Carlton, to accept the Snowplowing Service Contract from Struck Lawn & Landscape with the term ending May 31, 2021. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to accept bid from Premiere Painting & Seamless Gutters, once labor and materials warranty is confirmed to be 40 years or longer, for the town hall roof replacement with an exception for a conventional 29 ga. steel roof, and as per bid specifications, including the removal and disposal of the existing roof at a cost of \$13,300.00. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Gross, Kukulis, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hedrich, support by Hemgesberg, to pay bills, as presented. Bills totaled \$26,789.46. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Corrin. No: None. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Carlton, support by Hedrich, to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. Motion Carried.

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