



**Chesaning Township Minutes
Regular Meeting
July 5, 2018 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting: Called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Members Absent: Trustee: Kevin Carlton

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented for approval.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the June 7, 2018, Regular Board Meeting 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; a report of activity was received.

SCTOA – Hornak noted no meeting was held.

Cemetery – Kukulis noted a bill for 12 veteran flag holders has been received, damage to holders has been excessive this year and is believed to be happening by someone other than lawn maintenance workers; Hedrich noted the trees have been trimmed all but the Oaks due to concern with Oak wilt.

Building Official – No one present to report; a report of activity for the month was provided by Kehoe. It was noted Kehoe has been working in diminished capacity due to an injury and has utilized assistance of others to complete inspections.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – No one present to report; a report of activity was received. Corrin made comments with regard to enforcement issues listed on the report.

Rehmann Health Center – Gross reported WIC Clinics have been reduced to one per month for the Summer being held the first Tuesday of the month, immunization clinics are held the second and fourth Tuesdays and both have been well attended; small maintenance issues at the center have been taken care of.

Fire Board – Corrin reported the Fire Department visited Big Rock Elementary on the last day of school and the kids really enjoyed the visit; \$306 in proceeds from a recent volleyball tournament were donated to the Fire Department; an \$11,623 rebate has been received from the insurance company; 2 new firefighter applications have been received; the old pagers were sold to Hazelton Township for \$100; Engine 1 is in need of new brakes; fire runs for the year are high totaling 94 to date.

MMWA – Kukulis reported no meeting was held; the next meeting is scheduled for October 8.

Task Force – Corrin reported the meeting was held June 26; Mitch Vogeli was elected Vice President, this office was missed during the previous election of officers; reports from committee members were given.

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor – Corrin noted the Saginaw County Fair will be held July 31 through August 4; the phone line has been placed back in the bottom of the ditch on Ferden Road near the cemetery, Corrin reminded the County the ditch needs to be dug deeper; the County will begin chip-n-seal of Township roads on July 10 with the Fire Department parking lot next, followed by Village Streets; the next quarterly GIS meeting will be held July 16; Senator Horn held office hours June 25 at Chesaning Nursing Center, Corrin, Gross, and MacDemaid all attended to discuss the changes being made to assessing in the State, additionally discussed at the meeting renewable energy and efficiency of wind turbines and the schools.

Clerk – Kukulis noted testing of ballots on the new tabulators has been completed, the voter assist terminals still need to be tested; AV ballots will begin mailing July 9; the deadline to register to vote in the August 7 election is July 9; the deadline to file nominating petitions to run for office on the November 6 General Election Ballot for the River Rapids District Library Board is 4 pm on July 19, and for Chesaning Village Council and Chesaning School Board is 4 pm on July 24.

Treasurer – Gross reported Summer Tax collection has begun; tax bills were received late from the County so they were taken to the Mailroom to be folded and mailed; tax deferrals are due by September 14; a State Revenue Sharing check in the amount of \$28,898 was received this is an increase of \$400 over the same period last year.

Unfinished Business:

Update Young's Inter-County Drain – Corrin noted the drain needs to be declared an inter-county drain yet; the County has been working on securing grants; there is a plan to install diverters to slow the water along the Mallory property; the project will be a while in progress. Hemgesberg questioned the status on the Bear Creek drain clean-up; it was noted it is ongoing.

Update on Columbarium Project - Kukulis noted the Cemetery Committee met with each of the two proposed bidders for the project and determined rough specifications for bidding; the bidders will prepare bids based upon the Committee's specifications for Board consideration at the August 2, 2018 meeting.

New Business:

Accept Termination of Cemetery Contractor Agreement Effective August 15, 2018 – The Board was presented a letter, for their consideration, from Joe and Elaine Zelinko, Cemetery Contractors, notifying the Board of their pending retirement effective August 15, 2018. It was noted the Zelinko's worked 20 years for the Township working through a rough transition from the previous contractor; their dedication to the job has been invaluable.

Consider Change to Cemetery Pricing for Burial of Cremated Ashes to Increase all Ash Burials \$25.00 Effective August 16, 2018 – The Board was presented, for consideration, an amendment to Resolution #2018-004 - Resolution to Establish Fee Schedule Fiscal Year 2018-2019 adding a Township Administration Fee for ash burials by increasing all ash burials \$25.00, effective August 16, 2018.

Consider Cemetery Contract Agreement Effective August 16, 2018 – Kukulis noted Corrin charged the Cemetery Committee with making a recommendation for a replacement for the retiring Cemetery Contractors; three individuals expressed interest, of the three one had considerable more experience with the job. The Cemetery recommended the Board consider hiring Jeremy McAllister for the position of Cemetery Contractor effective August 16, 2018.

Consider Change to Weed Ordinance Fees & Rates to Increase Hourly Rate to \$100.00 – Kukulis noted Ordinance Enforcement Officer Olk recommended the Township consider changing the fee for mowing under the Weed Ordinance to \$100.00 from \$50.00. The Board discussed in detail the rates surrounding municipalities charge and determined to bring the topic back to the August meeting once they had time to research further and think about the change.

Consider Proposal from Premier Painting & Seamless Gutter to Install 6" Seamless Gutters, Downspouts & Guards at a Cost of \$1,400.00 – Kukulis noted a proposal was received for 6" seamless gutter and downspouts from Premier Painting & Seamless Gutter, the Contractor who recently did the roof replacement on the hall. In his proposal it was noted 6" gutters would handle double the water volume and are thicker gauge aluminum than the current 4" gutters installed on the hall. Also noted, if the Board decides to upgrade to the 6" gutters the gutter covers, a \$700 value would be provided at no charge. The Board discussed the water volume issue and decided to wait and see how well the 4" gutters do in a rain with the new steel roof. The proposal will be brought back before the Board for consideration during their August meeting.

Extended Public Comment: None.

Extended Township Board Comment: Corrin stated his disappointment in the recent low turnout at the Memorial Day Ceremonies at Wildwood Cemetery adding, at a recent School Board Meeting, he questioned why students no longer participate in the Voice of Democracy Contest hosted by the American Legion, he received no answer; additionally at the recent Task Force Meeting he brought up the same topic and no answer was given there either.

Items Approved:

- Motion by Hornak, support by Hedrich, to approve the agenda, as presented, with the addition under "New Business" Item d) Consider Change to Weed Ordinance Fees & Rates to Increase Hourly Rate to \$100.00 and Item e) Consider Proposal from Premier Painting & Seamless Gutter to Install 6" Seamless Gutters, Downspouts & Guards at a Cost of \$1,400.00. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to approve the June 7, 2018 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hedrich, support by Hemgesberg, to accept the resignation of Cemetery Contractors', Joe and Elaine Zelinko, from digging graves at Wildwood Cemetery effective August 15, 2018. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak, to approve the amendment to the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Resolution to Establish Fee Schedule increasing the rates \$25.00 for the burial of cremated ashes from \$100.00 to \$125.00 for standard and from \$200.00 to \$225.00 for other than standard sizes, effective August 16, 2018. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Hedrich, Hornak, Corrin. No: None. Absent: Carlton. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Kukulis, support by Hemgesberg, to enter into a Cemetery Contractor Agreement with Jeremy McAllister, with the same terms as the previous contractor agreement, for the opening and closing of graves and various other work in relation thereto, effective August 16, 2018. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Gross, Kukulis, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Corrin. No: None. Absent: Carlton. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hedrich, support by Hemgesberg, to pay bills as presented. Bills totaled \$53,367.46. Roll Call Vote – Yes: Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Kukulis, Corrin. No: None. Absent: Carlton. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion Carried.

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