

**Chesaning Township  
Board of Trustees  
Approved Minutes  
Regular (Electronic) Meeting  
And  
Public Hearing  
March 4, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting:** Called to order at 7:30 p.m.  
**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by the Board of Trustees.

**Members Present:** Supervisor Joe Ruthig, Clerk Julie Paulson, Treasurer Cathy Gross; Trustees: Kevin Carlton, Peter Hemgesberg, Ken Hornak and Bill Hedrich. All members present indicated their location as Chesaning Township.

**Members Absent:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was presented for approval. Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak, to approve the agenda, as presented, with the removal under New Business, Agenda item 11g., Cost Recovery Ordinance. Vote: All yeas/ Motion Passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 4, 2021 were presented for approval. Motion by Hedrich, support by Hornak, to approve the February 4, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented with correction to appoint Joe Ruthig as the representative to the Saginaw Future GIS Authority and Rob Kehoe as alternate. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed. Motion Carried.

**Public Comments:** Brief comments began at 7:35 p.m. with comments received from 6 members of the public in attendance of the virtual meeting. Ended at 8:22 p.m.

**Correspondence:** Letters from Thomas and Linda K James, and Kevin Kreger were read by Clerk Paulson.

**Open Budget Public Hearing:** Motion by Hedrich, support by Paulson to open the public hearing at 7:47 p.m. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

- a. Chesaning Township 2021-2022 General Appropriations Act: Reviewed by Supervisor Ruthig
- b. Public Comments-Two minutes per person. No comments were received from the public.

**Close Budget Hearing:** Motion by Carlton, Support by Hemgesberg to close the public hearing at 7:53 . Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

**Committee/Board Reports: (Suggest tabling reports due to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Covid 19 restrictions)**

- County Commissioner –
- County Road Commission –
- SCTOA –
- Cemetery –
- Building Official –
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer –
- Rehmann Health Center –
- Fire Board –
- MMWA –
- Task Force –

**Board Officials Reports: (Suggest tabling reports due to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Covid 19 restrictions)**

Supervisor: Supervisor Ruthig announced that Fundraiser Drive has begun for previous Supervisor Robert Corrin with a Memorial Fund opened at the UFCU called The Robert Corrin Memorial Fund. Donations may be dropped off or mailed to the Township offices at: 1025 W. Brady St., Chesaning, MI 48615. All proceeds will be deposited at the Credit Union fund.

A representative from Tanaska has been in contact with the Township to relay that the proposed Solar project has been discontinued.

Clerk: Received a letter from a third grader from Byron Center Christian Schools requesting information about my position as the Township Clerk as well as seeking historical information about Chesaning Township to do a report for her class. Requesting anyone that would like to contribute information or something to send for her classroom report would receive credits and be appreciated.

Treasurer: The State Revenue Share Check received is down \$834.00 from March of 2020.

We had a terrible fire and loss in the Township. We have received a check to hold in trust by the insurance company as a result of our belonging to the Michigan department of Insurance and Financial Services Fire Insurance Withholding Program. The money is being held in our Trust & Agency Account.

The 2020 Property Tax season is now wrapped up.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Sue Dodak – Bench in Park: Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton to accept the donation for the Chesaning Township park in the name of Sue Dodak. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.
- Village Police Contract: after discussion, Motion by Hedrich, support by Hemgesberg to approve a Police Services Contract between the Village of Chesaning and the township of Chesaning in the amount of \$3,600 as a financial contribution to assist the Village in maintaining satisfactory emergency response times in the township and staffing costs associated with special events within the Village available to Township residents. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross Paulson. Nays: Ruthig. 6 yeas, 1 nay. Motion Passed.
- Mow & Snow Cemetery Contract Price Increase: After discussion, Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak to amend the Mow and Snow Headstone Foundation Contract to include a price increase of \$0.10 per square inch ( bringing the fee to \$0.45 per square inch) with a minimum charge of \$100. Foundation removal will remain the same at \$115. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.
- LED Bulbs for hall: After discussion, Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich to purchase 100 LED lightbulbs for the Township Hall at \$3.00 per bulb. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Hedrich, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.
- Consider 425 Agreement: Motion by Hedrich, support by Carlton to un-table agenda item 10e., Consider 425 Agreement, to have discussion. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed. After discussion, Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich to stop negotiations and decline the proposed 425 Agreement with the Village of Chesaning. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

**New Business:**

- Budget Adjustment: Attorney Line item: After discussion, Motion by Gross, support by Paulson to amend the Chesaning Township General Fund Budget Fiscal Year April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021 by moving \$4,000 from Contingencies to Attorney. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
- Chesaning Township 2021-2022 General Appropriations Act: After discussion, Motion by Hedrich, support by Hemgesberg to adopt the Chesaning Township 2021-2022 General Appropriations Act as presented. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

- Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Fee Schedule: Motion by Carlton, support by Hemgesberg to adopt the Chesaning Township Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Fee Schedule with changes under Cemetery Fee Schedule, Installation at .45 Marker Foundations price per square inch with a (\$100) Minimum charge). Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornk, Hemgesberg, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.
- Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Board Meeting Schedule: After discussion, Motion by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg to set the Chesaning Township 2021-2022 Board Meeting schedule as presented with starting time change from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Passed.
- Ground Mole Contract: After discussion, Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Hornak to offer \$1,800 per year for a 3-year Ground Mole Removal Service Agreement to Robert J. Giesken. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Ruthig. Nays: None. 0 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.
- Consider 5 year Park and Recreation Plan: After discussion, Motion by Hedrich, support by Gross to enter into a Five-Year Parks and Recreation Agreement between the Township of Chesaning, The Village of Chesaning and The Schools of Chesaning with our portion being \$2,666.67. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Hedrich, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

**Extended Public Comments:** Began at 8:57 pm Comments were heard from 8 members of the public in attendance. Ended at 9:04 pm.

**Township Board Comments:** Trustee Hornak: Thank you for your efforts in keeping our Township the way it has been. Trustee Hemgesburg: Thank you to the residents for keeping the board informed. It's good to know we have backing. Trustee Hedrich: Thank you also and I hope the village backs us. Trustee Carlton: Thank you to the 350 or some who gave their signatures of support and it is good to see the support. Treasurer Gross: Thank you to the supporters. If the village council looks into this issue and pursues it further, we will need your continued support. Supervisor Ruthig: Thank you to everybody. I didn't know this was going to be in front of me first thing as your Supervisor. The Board of Review is new to me, the marijuana issue, so much was new to me. I couldn't have done it without you.

- **Approval of Bills:** Motion by Hemgesberg, support by Carlton, to pay the bills as presented. Bills totaled \$84,381.64. Roll Call Vote – Yeas: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Hedrich, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Carlton, support by Gross, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion Carried.

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**Julie C. Paulson, Clerk  
Chesaning Township**