

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESANING**  
**APPROVED**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**HYBRID (IN-PERSON & ELECTRONIC)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 1, 2021**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Regular Meeting:** Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by the Board of Trustees.

**Members Present:** Supervisor Joe Ruthig, Clerk Julie Paulson, Treasurer Cathy Gross; Trustees: Peter Hemgesberg, Ken Hornak, Bill Hedrich and Kevin Carlton. **Members Absent:** None.

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was presented for approval. Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton, to approve the agenda with addition under New Business Item e, Discuss and consider the purchase of sign posts for the Shiawassee River Trail in the amount of \$720.00. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2021 were presented for approval. Motion by Hedrich, support by Gross to approve the June 3, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

**Brief Public Comments:** Began at 7:02 p.m. There were no public comments. Ended at 7:02 p.m.

**Correspondence:** None

**Presentations:** None.

**Committee/Board Reports:**

County Commissioner –

County Road Commission –

SCTOA –

**Cemetery** – Trustee Hedrich notified the board that we need to check into grinding stumps and that we still have a dying pine that needs to be cut down. Also, that we may need to order topsoil soon.

**Building Official** – Building Inspector Report included in the board packet for the boards review.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer –

**Rehmann Health Center-** Presented by Treasurer Gross. The mobile Dental Clinic will end Tues, June 8<sup>th</sup> and the next one will be Tues, July 20<sup>th</sup>. WIC will be out to give out coupons by invite only for Farm fresh produce. We need to wrap up United appeal soon and will be awarding money from the CAUA @021 drive soon.

**Fire Board** – Presented by Supervisor Ruthig. There are 87 Fire runs Year to Date with 9 runs in May. We are in possession of the new 2004 ladder truck from Thomas Twp. Replacing the 1977 truck which we will be selling. The Joint Building Authority is in the process of refinancing the Fire Hall.

**MMWA** – Presented by Clerk Paulson. The Collection Contracts will be expiring on December 31, 2022. The Authority will be gathering information on all options available including a new company GFL, Green For Life. They will at the decision point then request a proposal from GFL or an extension from Waste Management. They are looking at a 5-year plan. The MMWA will need to know when bids are in if municipalities will opt to stay in the authority or leave.

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## **Board Officials Reports:**

**Supervisor:** The State Rd. project is done. Chip & Seal should be done this week. (McKeighan, Dietering, Borton, Sorento, Ferden) SCRC is going to look at cross culverts to see if they need to be done again. I looked at ditches after all the rain and they looked pretty good. The Board of Review is set for July 19, 2021 at 11:00 am. No appeals, just corrections, PRE's and Veterans exemptions. SCRC will be changing the way they issue permits for all Right-of-ways (Utility, Residential/Commercial Driveways, Address, Land Divisions, etc). all permits will be processed using a web-based permitting system through "Oxcart Permits". As of July 1, 2021, no paper, e-mailed or faxed applications will be accepted. The Bob Corrin Memorial fund now has \$4,982.22. I met with Greg Bishop at Parshallburg Park and we talked about location of the sign and if we want it perpendicular or parallel to the road. One sided or two sided. Engraved stone was about \$1,100 for one side and an additional \$700 for two sided. Waiting on a final quote and input from the board as to location and orientation of the sign.

**Clerk:** Information is coming in as to how municipalities can apply for U. S. Department of The Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. We are currently going through the process of applying for funding, which could be up to 75 percent of our pre-pandemic fund balance as of January 27, 2020. Treasurer Cathy Gross Volunteered to assist in the gathering of information towards the application process for the township.

**Treasurer:** Tax bills were mailed yesterday. We had the County Treasurer's meeting with discussions and information related to tax collection information.

## **Unfinished Business:**

- NONE

## **New Business:**

- Payment to "Friends of the Shiawassee River" for cleaning the township's river. MOTION by Hornak, support by Carlton to pay \$50 towards the cleanup of the Shiawassee River in Chesaning Township. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.
- Adopt the MTA's Principals of Governance. MOTION by Hornak, support by Hedrich to adopt the MTA's Principals of Governance. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.
- QuickBooks Software & Quote Set-up: After discussion, postpone for further quotes.
- Cemetery: Discussion purposes only regarding the Township Cemetery Ordinance and specifically the Township Cemetery Rules that were adopted in 2005 and amended in 2017. The current Lawn Maintenance Company under contract with the Township, Mow & Snow, that are following these rules are being harassed by the public both on Facebook and at the cemetery. The board is making it known that Mow & Snow are following the guidelines as laid out to them in their contract, and any questions and/or complaints regarding any cemetery issues need to be directed to Chesaning Township. Informational purposes only. .
- Discuss and consider the purchase of sign posts for the Shiawassee River Trail in the amount of \$720.00. After discussion, postponed to next board meeting on August 5, 2021 and invite Sue Jillian of Headwaters Trails, Inc to give a presentation.

**Public Comments:** Began at 8:20 pm There were no public comments. Ended at 8:20 pm.

**Township Board Comments:**

**Approval of Bills:** Motion by Hedrich, support by Gross, to pay the bills as presented. Bills totaled \$51,797.67. Roll Call Vote – Yeas: Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Carlton, support by Hedrich, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Motion Passed.

**Julie C. Paulson, Clerk  
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