

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESANING  
APPROVED  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 2, 2023  
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: Pete Hemgesberg, Kevin Carlton, Bill Hedrich and Ken Hornak. **Members Absent:** None.

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was presented for approval. Motion by Hornak, support by Hedrich, to approve the November 2, 2023 agenda as presented with the addition under New Business, h), Consider Recommendations to amend the Zoning Ordinance from the Planning Commission. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** October 5, 2023 regular board meeting minutes were presented for approval. **MOTION** by Hedrich, support by Hemgesberg to approve the October 5, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

**Presentations:** None.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Brief Public Comments:** Began at 7:05 p.m. Comments were received from one member of the public. Ended at 7:06 p.m.

**Committee/Board Reports:**

County Commissioner –

County Road Commission –

SCTOA –

**Cemetery-** The water has been turned off, trash has been taken care of and a tree has been removed.

Building Official –

Ordinance Enforcement Officer –

**Rehmann Health Center-** Presented by Treasurer Gross. The next Dental Clinic will be on November 22. Great Lakes Bay Health have been busy with the schools cleaning children's teeth. WIC is now in person at the center 3 times a month.

**Fire Board** – Presented by Supervisor Ruthig. Meeting was held on October 11, 2023. 20 calls for September, 156 for the year. The roof is near completion, just needs a few downspouts and some cleanup. Still working on finishing grants from the State. Consumers Energy will be replacing some gas lines that supply the building that have been leaking and suggested we replace some of the Fire Dept. as well due to rust.

**MMWA** – Presented by Ken Hornak. During the October meeting, discussion as to the Cart roll out gave much more accurate count as to trash pickup count. The annual audit was reviewed and the budget was adopted. The next meeting will be Dec 11th. Additional information by Julie Paulson, November 30, 2023 is

the last day to swap out your 96-gallon cart for a 64-gallon cart at no cost. Also, the 2024 pick up calendar is out. This can all be found on our website, [www.chesaningtp.org](http://www.chesaningtp.org) or by going directly to the Mid-Michigan Waste Authority website at [www.recyclemotion.org/carts](http://www.recyclemotion.org/carts) or call MMWA at (989) 781-9555 between 8:30am and 5:00pm.

**Task Force-** Met on October 24, 2023. Library now has a Notary Public on hand during normal hours. DDA is removing flower pots and benches for the winter. Saginaw Co. fair had 23,000 attendees this year. Chesaning Union Schools now has five electric buses on the road. Village now has another K-9 Officer whose name is Harvy. They are in the process of reviewing their marijuana ordinances. Judge has ordered that the owner of the building on the corner of Broad and Front St. has 90 days to start cleanup. If not, the village will cleanup and bill the owner at an estimated cost of \$80,000. Chamber dinner will be January 13<sup>th</sup> 2024. Nominations for awards are now being accepted. At the last meeting of the Friends of the Shiawassee Chesaning Village and Township were recognized for their contributions to the efforts of the Friends of the Shiawassee. Both Kayak Launch projects were noted. Next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2024.

Park's & Rec-

### **Board Officials Reports:**

**Supervisor:** Planning Commission met last night. They are wrapping up with the review of the Master Plan. Brian Wendling from the Public Works Office attended the Meeting to discuss a county ordinance that would help Townships handle drainage issues caused by new developments or projects in the Township. Before any SUPs or other permits are issued that may affect County Drains, the applicant would have to obtain a permit from the County. Planning Commission voted to bring the issue to a public hearing and possibly recommend adoption of the ordinance. The date for the public hearing has not been set at this time.

Public hearing was held on a different zoning ordinance amendment to limit the amount of Renewable Energy Systems in Chesaning Township and change the descriptions [pertaining to wind and solar systems to be more consistent. Planning Commission recommended the Board of Trustees consider the amendment tonight as Pete has requested.

Update on the SUP application from DTE. Based on recommendations from the Township Attorney and Rowe Professional Services, the decision has been made that DTE will be required to submit 21 individual SUP applications along with 21 site plans.

New lighting to be installed at the curve at M-57 and Corunna Rd.

New phones system to be installed next Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

**Clerk:** Clerk Paulson submitted and read a letter of resignation effective the end of November due to health issues. Also read was a letter of resignation from Deputy Clerk Cheryl Carlton, effective November 14, 2023. A review of The Township Clerk's Statutory Duties was given. No action was taken by the Township board with regards to the resignation letter.

The County Clerks meeting was held on October 19, with several important new issues coming into effective due to the passage of Prop 2022-2. The Election dates for the upcoming Presidential Primary (Tuesday, Feb 27, 2024), May Special Election (Tuesday, May 7, 2024), State Primary (Tuesday, August 6, 2024) and State General Election (Tuesday, November 5, 2024) have been established.

There is a new application available to join a Permanent Absent Voter Ballot list.

Also discussed was our new Absentee Voter Drop Box and security camera requirements and deadlines.

**Treasurer:** We are still collecting summer taxes with a current 3% interest fee. Taxes can be paid here at the Township up until March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Winter Tax bills will be mailed out end of November and Due by February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We received our State Revenue Share deposit in the amount of \$46,641.00.

### Unfinished Business:

- Discussion About ARPA Fund Expenditures: A continued review of possible ideas for the Township's ARPA Funds. Among the items on the list that we have already used a portion of our ARPA Funds for include 1. Land Acquisition for Parshallburg Park in the amount of \$25,000, 2. Replace Copy Machines with a new Copier in the amount of \$6,050 and 3. an updated phone system which was approved September, 2023 in the amount of \$2,970. Having power/lighting installed for the Mausoleum Flag Pole before winter was discussed as a next project. Further suggestions encouraged as we have until December, 2024 to have our projects earmarked.

### New Business:

- Consider Resolution to Oppose Michigan PSC Taking Control of Permitting Solar and Wind Projects: **MOTION** by Hornak, support by Hemgesberg, to approve the Resolution to Oppose Michigan PSC Taking Control of Permitting Solar and Wind Projects. Roll Call Vote: yeas: Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson and Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.
- Consider Contract with All Star Alarm LLC For Twp Hall Security System: **MOTION** by Paulson, support by Carlton, to contract with All Star Alarm LLC for the Township Hall Security System. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak and Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.
- Consider Selling Old Cannon Copy Machine (Possibly Brady Twp): **MOTION** by Hemgesberg, support by Hedrich to offer the sale of the old Cannon Copy Machine to Brady Township for \$300. If offer is not accepted, put on Marketplace publicly for \$550. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Hedrich, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, and Ruthig. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.
- Consider Engagement Letter with New Payroll Services Provider: **MOTION** by Hornak, support by Gross to accept the engagement letter with LC Tax & Accounting Inc. as our new Payroll Service provider. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.
- Consider Adding Parcel ID # 13-09-3-30-1002-008 to Chesaning Township Trash Roll: **MOTION** by Paulson, support by Carlton to add Parcel ID # 13-09-3-30-1002-008 to the Chesaning Township Trash Roll. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hedrich, Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Hedrich and Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.
- Consider Authorizing Chesaning Township 2023 Winter Tax Rate of .9221 mills (Local Operating) and 1.5 mills (Fire): **MOTION** by Paulson, support by Hemgesberg, to authorize Chesaning Township 2023 Winter Tax Rates of .9221 mills (Local Operating and 1.5 mills (Fire). Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hornak, Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Hedrich, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.
- Consider Resolution to Adopt the Saginaw County Hazard Mitigation Plan: **MOTION** by Hornak, support by Carlton to approve the Resolution to adopt the Saginaw County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hemgesberg, Gross, Paulson, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Ruthig. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

**Public Comments:** Began at 7:35 pm. Public comments were received by approximately 4 in attendance. Ended at 7:46 pm.

**Approval of Bills:** MOTION by Hornak, support by Paulson, to pay the bills as presented totaling \$35,398.76. Roll Call Vote – Yeas: Paulson, Gross, 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 7:52 p.m. Motion Passed.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Supervisor Approval – Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Change Requests\_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Joe Ruthig\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_