

TOWNSHIP OF CHESANING
APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 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 Daniel Himstedt, Treasurer Cathy Gross, Trustees: Kevin Carlton, Bill Hedrich and Ken Hornak. Members Absent: Pete Hemgesberg.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented for approval. Motion by Hornak, support by Carlton, to approve the December 7, 2023 agenda as presented. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes: November 2, 2023 Regular board meeting minutes were presented for approval with the correction of the MMWA meeting of December 11th. MOTION by Hedrich, support by Hornak to approve the November 2, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as with correction. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes: November 29th Special board meeting minutes were presented for approval. Meeting was for the sole purpose of accepting Julie Paulson's resignation; appointing Daniel Himstedt Township Clerk, and hiring Bev Wenzlick, the Brady Township Clerk to assist with the transition. Board also voted to send the board to the annual SCTOA meeting. MOTION by Carlton supported by Hedrich to approve November 29th special meeting minutes. Motion Passed.

Presentations: None.

Correspondence: Thank you received from the Giesken family for the statue that was donated. Letter from Senator Daley was received thanking the Township of Chesaning for input related to Senate Bills 585-588 and House Bills 5120-5123. Notification from MMWA was received about the Holiday Light Recycling Drive which will take place November 15-January 15.

Brief Public Comments: None.

Committee/Board Reports:

- **County Commissioner** – Saginaw County Commissioner Dennis Harris reported that they have been working to replace County Administrator and have taken the prospective pool from 38 candidates down to 2. STARZ city buses of Saginaw came to the County board and would like to place a 1 mill increase on the county wide election in November of 2025 to extend the routes county wide. 7 of the 11 commissioners are currently in approval of this.
- County Road Commission –
- **SCTOA** – Ken Hornak, Annual meeting was held December 6th. Sheriff Federspeil was in attendance along with Senator Daley and County Clerk. Sheriff built a new building with no new taxes. It was paid for by attrition. It was a good opportunity for networking with other boards.
- **Cemetery**- Bill Hedrich reported that Barrels were brought inside. Water jugs will be picked up.
- Building Official –
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer –
- **Rehmann Health Center**- Presented by Treasurer Gross. The next Mobile Dental Clinic will be on December 18. They will also be here January 3rd and 23rd. WIC is coming 2-3 times a month. There was a furnace issue, Leon Bishop came but then it stopped again. United Appeal mailers went out and donations have been coming in. Rehmann Health Center operates solely on donations and they are appreciated. All the money that comes in stays in the community.
- **Fire Board** – Presented by Supervisor Ruthig. Meeting was held on November 8th, 2023. Decision was made to continue a three-year contract with Berthiaume & company for Fire Department Auditing service. The roof is nearing completion. They are still working on finishing grants from the State. Working on getting the building

ready for winter. Department had its Thanksgiving dinner on November 27th. Minimum wage will increase by .23 cents at the first of the year.

- **MMWA** – Presented by Ken Hornak. Annual meeting will be December 11, 2023 from 9:30 am at Thomas Township Hall. Supervisor reported that his carts had been switched out.
- **Task Force**-Next meeting will be January 23rd.
- Parks & Rec -

Board Officials Reports:

Supervisor: December Board of Review will be held on Dec 11 at 1:00 PM. The purpose of this meeting is to correct clerical errors and/or mutual mistakes and to hear poverty exemption applications. No appeals will be heard at this meeting.

OHM has completed the site survey at both kayak locations and the Township and Village will begin setting up preliminary design drawings for each location. We will meet virtually for a design kickoff meeting on December 12th at 1:00 PM to go over the preliminary layout and get our thoughts and feedback for each design.

Bauckham, Thall, Seeber, Kaufman, and Koches are hosting a breakfast in Frankenmuth on the 15th of December. Phil Schmiede and I are planning on attending. I am hoping to learn more about how the Governor's new energy bill will affect the Township's current SUP application from DTE. Are there any other board members that would like to go?

A notice was read from the MTA as to the energy bills signed the week of December 1st.

Chesaning Township Christmas Party will be on December 13th. Everyone is responsible for their own costs. Please RSVP to Jennie Carlton. If you need her phone number you may see Supervisor Ruthig after the meeting.

Chesaning Township Offices will be closed December 25, 2023 in observance of Christmas and December 29, 2023 and January 1, 2024 in observance of New Years.

Clerk: We are starting to get ready for elections. 9 days of early voting will take place in Saginaw in the building next to the Courthouse. Discussion was held regarding the change from absentee ballot application and permanent absentee ballot.

Treasurer: Call if you have not received your tax bill. Still collecting summer taxes along with winter bills through February 2024. Summer bills are currently adding 4% interest. We did get 4,140.00 dollars from the cable franchise for running their lines through the township. Making the changes clerk to clerk. I will be in the office from 9-5 on Tuesday the 26th of December.

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. One quote was received and waiting on a second to have power/lighting installed for the Mausoleum Flag Pole. Another possible use would be office chairs for the boardroom and the office. Nothing new on the Young's County Drain, Contact Public Works for an update. Would like to look at a pavilion for the park. Quotes will be obtained by Supervisor Ruthig. Further suggestions encouraged as we have until December, 2024 to have our projects earmarked.

New Business:

- **Discuss Support of the SCRC 2 mill Road Tax.** Ruthig is not willing to increase taxes for that amount to fix the roads. Hornak agreed and stated that there are other ways to fix roads without increasing taxes by this amount. The Road Commission is stating that there are matching funds supplied by gas tax. Some smaller areas are hard pressed to match those funds and they lose out on that money. Township will let the commissioner know that we are opposed to adding millage.
- **Consider Dates for the February Budget Meeting. (Feb 14-15 6:00PM).** Recommendation by Supervisor Ruthig to schedule this for February 14, 2024. MOTION: by Hornak supported by Gross to schedule budget meeting for February 14 and 15 2024. Motion Passed.
- **Consider Appointing Daniel Himstedt as the MMWA Representative.** Ken Hornak will continue to be an alternate and will attend when Daniel Himstedt is unable to attend. MOTION by Hedrich supported by Gross to appoint Daniel Himstedt as representative to Mid Michigan Waste Authority. Motion Passed.

- **Consider Appointing Daniel Himstedt as a Cemetery Representative.** MOTION by Hornak supported by Carlton to appoint Daniel Himstedt as a cemetery committee representative. Motion Passed.

Public Comments: Began at 7:40 pm. Public comments were received by 1 in attendance. Ended at 7:46 pm.

Township Board Comment: Began at 7:46 pm. One board member participated
Ended at 7: 48

Approval of Bills: MOTION by Gross, support by Hedrich, to pay the bills as presented totaling \$58,842.90. Roll Call Vote –
Yeas: Himstedt, Gross, Carlton, Hedrich, Hornak, Ruthig. Nays: None. 6 yeas, 1 absent, 0 nays.
Motion Passed.

Adjournment: Motion by Carlton, support by Hedrich, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Motion Passed.

Approved: _____

Daniel Himstedt, Clerk Chesaning Township

Supervisor Approval – Yes___ No___

Change Requests_____

Supervisor Joe Ruthig_____ Date:_____