

**Village of Chesaning
Village Council Minutes
March 5, 2019**

A. Call To Order: 7:30 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call: Present – Chludil, Cicalo, Larner, Powell, Sedlar, Wenzel
Absent - Hoover

D. Approval of the Agenda – Motion by Cicalo, Supported by Larner – Motion Passed

E. Public Statement: None

F. Consent Agenda:

- A. Receive and File: None
- B. Approval of the Village Council Meeting Minutes
 - a) Regular Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2019
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable: 168,113.96

Motion by Cicalo, Supported by Powell to accept Consent Agenda – Motion Passed

G. Department of Public Works Report: Superintendent Trzil – No Report

H. Unfinished Business: None

I. New Business A. Items for Introduction/Discussion:

J. a. Establishing Short-Term Parking Spots on Broad St: Councilwoman Powell

Councilwoman Powell is suggesting short term parking spots in the B1 Business District – specifically in front of the Pharmacies Downtown. Councilwoman Chludil brought up the concern of how to monitor and enforce the parking. All agreed that MDOT would need to be involved as this is their trunk line.

Administrator Feltman to look at the area with the DPW and come back to the Council with recommendations.

b. USDA Rural Development Economic Development Grant Opportunity

Administrator Feltman house discovered underutilized Grant opportunities with the State of Michigan to create business incubator space in rural areas. Up to \$500,000 may be available for communities that qualify. With these funds the Village could partner with the DDA, Chamber, and possibly the Schools to purchase office space and look at adding broadband internet with the funds.

The Council authorized the Administrator to start building the Grant Application.

Items for Action:

A .Chamber of Commerce Firework Application and Reserving Showboat Park

Motion by Cicalo, Supported by Larner to approve the reservation of Showboat Park on July 3rd 2019 fir the Chambers Fireworks Festival. Motion Passed.

b. Parking Permits for Residential Units in the Central Business District

Administrator Feltman informed the Council that parking permits have not been purchased for the reserved parking in the parking lot at Pine and Saginaw Streets. Much discussion followed on next steps and if the responsibility for the payment should come from the Landlords in the area versus the renters. It was decided that the signs will be pulled, and the Landlords in the area will be notified that going forward the parking permit fee would be their responsibility

Motion by Larner, Supported by Wenzel – Motion Passed

c. c. Village Council Compensation

President Sedlar spoke to the Council that the current compensation hasn't been raised for the Council in over 11 years, and he felt it was time to look at the issue. Councilman Cicalo felt with the amount of unfunded liability, he is against any such raise. It was discussed that a 10% raise across the board would add a total of \$1,200 a year to the budget. Administrator Feltman explained that any changes would need to be cleared with the Village's legal counsel. Motion by Cicalo to freeze compensation, no support – Motion Failed.

Administrator Feltman to check with legal counsel and report back to the Council.

Public Statement II: None

d. Committee Reports

a. Infrastructure (Larner, Cicalo, Powell) – No Meeting

b. Finance & Administration (Hoover, Wenzel, Chludil) – No Meeitng

c. DDA (Sedlar, Feltman) – No Meeting

d. Chamber of Commerce Board (Feltman, Hoover) – No Meeting

e. Planning Commission (Hoover, Chludil) – No Meeting

f. Airport (Wenzel, Hoover) – No Meeting

g. Police Committee (Sedlar, Cicalo, Chludil) – No Meeting

h. Fire Board (Larner, Cicalo)

5 runs since the last meeting, 33 total for the year.

i. Task Force (Sedlar, Powell)

The new elementary Principal announced that so far 84 Kindergarteners have signed up for school next year. This is a drastic increase over the last few years.

Howard Ebenhoeh thanked the Council for the MM ordinance in the past few years as it is having a positive impact on the business community and he is seeing many new families move into the area.

e. Administrator's Report:

New Television has been ordered for Council Chamber to update the presentations often given to the council.

Boathouse repairs have been awarded to Jon Dennis and the repairs should begin soon.

f. Adjournment: Motion by Wenzel, Supported by Cicalo to adjourn @ 8:30 pm est.
Motion Passed

Minutes respectfully submitted by Village Clerk Trent Vondrasek