

Chesaning Village Council Meeting Minutes  
September 5, 2017

President Sedlar called the meeting of the Chesaning Village Council to order at 7:30 p.m. on September 5, 2017, in the Village of Chesaning council chambers.

Roll Call: Present- Cicalo, Hoover, Lerner, Navarre, Sedlar, Vondrasek, Wenzel  
Feltman, & Powell.

Motion by Hoover, supported by Cicalo to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Public Statement I** – Statements concerning current agenda items.

**Consent Agenda** –

Receive & file: Ordinance Enforcement Officer Report: August 2017  
Approval of the Village Council meeting minutes from August 15, 2017.  
Approval of Accounts Payable \$560,511.47

Motion by Hoover, supported by Lerner to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

**New Business**

*Items for Introduction / Discussion-*

**Public Hearing: Proposed Amendments to Zoning Ordinance**  
**Fences-**

Motion by Hoover, supported by Navarre to open public hearing at 7:32pm. Motion carried.  
No public comment or questions.

**Legal Non-Conforming Use Regulations-**

No public comment or questions.

**Public Hearing: Proposed Sale of Village Property: 16000 Frandsche Road-**

Jose Rodriguez, Broad St, asked about the facility that would be built on the property, because the people that submitted the purchase request would like to open a Medical Marijuana facility. Robert Lowe, Gary Rd, asked how anyone would know what the property would be used for. It was then explained that this was only a hearing to give the public the chance to discuss the property sale and that no permits had been issued for any business on the property.

Motion by Sedlar, supported by Hoover to close the public hearing at 7:37.

*Items for Action-*

**Resolution 11-2017: Reimbursement Request to USDA Rural Development—WWTP Project**

Motion by Hoover, supported by Navarre to approve Resolution 11-2017: Reimbursement Request to USDA Rural Development—WWTP Project. Motion carried.

**2017-08 Zoning Ordinance Amendment Proposal: Fences**

Motion by Hoover, supported by Navarre to approve 2017-08 Zoning Ordinance Amendment Proposal: Fences. Motion carried.

**2017-09 Zoning Ordinance Amendment Proposal: Legal Non-Conforming Uses**

Motion by Hoover, supported by Navarre to approve 2017-09 Zoning Ordinance Amendment Proposal: Legal Non-Conforming Uses. Motion carried.

**Showboat Park Reservation Request: Wedding for August 2018**

The request was made for a wedding to be held between the river and front ball field. The Council advised that they rent the ball field so that the space would not have to be shared with another event.

### **Charter Communications Franchise Agreement**

Feltman recommended that we stay at the current 5%. Hoover asked if it was possible to have a line ran to the school for the media program. Feltman will meet with the school.

### **Community Logo Discussion**

Sedlar asked that the words "Village of" be removed from the logo incase the Village ever becomes a city. Logos would be able to remain the same.

Motion by Vondrasek, supported by Navarre to approve the recommended logo with the removal of the words "Village of". Motion approved.

**Public Statement** –Pastor Walt Yeomans, Chesaning Bible Baptist Church, read a statement about a man that had been negatively affected by Medical Marihuana use, including the use of other narcotics and job loss. Rodney Dilts, Volkmer Rd, said that one of the reasons that he recently moved to the area was because there were no Medical Marihuana facilities. He mentioned his work in criminal justice and stated that he believes Marihuana is a gateway drug and that allowing it will cause a rise in crime. Sue Dilts, Volkmer Rd, said that her family has been personally touched by this issue, that someone close had started using Marihuana and moved to heroine. She feels it's wrong and that it shouldn't happen. She said that people will move out and that gangs and crime will move in. She said that people use Marihuana and lose brain cells that they don't get back. She prays that it doesn't happen here. President Sedlar asked the group where they had been and why they had not come to any of the meetings before the ordinances involving Medical Marihuana were passed. He said that at this point if we changed the ordinances the Village would be open to lawsuits. Brian Lone, Liberty St, said that one of the reasons he chose to live here with his family is because there were no drugs. He asked why the Village didn't do a survey. He asked that things be communicated in another way, stating that he's a millennial and prefers to do things on line. Councilman Vondrasek informed him that the full paper is also available on line. Pastor Tim Woycik, Trinity United Methodist Church, stated that an error in judgement had been made by allowing this in our community. He felt there must be a better way to do things and that their voices needed to be heard. Michael Molesco, pharmacist and professor at Baker College, said that Marihuana is a plant and is proven to be non-habit forming. He feels that it will become as benign and ubiquitous as beer. Brad, Liberty St, said that he works with young people that come to work with Medical Marihuana, that they come in high and that it's overlooked by his boss. He said that young people will find a way. Vikki Rodriguez, Broad St, stated that people can't work while using Medical Marihuana and that if they are injured they would lose their job. Councilman Vondrasek assured people that the decisions made by the Council were not made lightly and that people had come to meetings in support of the ordinances. He also stated that as a community it's the job of all to educate and care for our youth in this matter. President Sedlar stated that people in favor of the ordinances came before and that they knew about it. Tom Tithof, Chesaning Township Planning Commission, asked if the Council had adopted an ordinance and if anyone submitted a site plan. Feltman stated that the ordinance was adopted and that applications had been received. Tithof also stated that he was disappointed in the Village Planning Commission for adopting an ordinance in only 3 months' time. Vikki Rodriguez asked what properties were being considered. Colleen Harrison, Peet Rd, asked about rezoning. Feltman explained that the zoning in these areas would remain the same and that the change is in the usage. Kathy Gross, Peet Rd, asked about the property on Peet Rd.

### **Committee Reports**

**Infrastructure** – No meeting.

**Finance & Administration** – No meeting.

**DDA** – Next meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting** – Feltman attended and discussed the financing of the building and the community celebration dinner on September 16<sup>th</sup> on the pedestrian bridge.

**Planning Commission** – Next meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Airport** – No meeting.

**Parks & Rec** – Next meeting September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire Board** – There were 8 runs since the last meeting. Engine 2 is in for repairs. September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a training about air packs. Reminder for people to check the batteries in their smoke detectors. Class Tuesday on human trafficking.

**Task Force** – Discussed the community’s master plan and defined goals. Next month’s focus will be on the marketing campaign. The Historical Society has a new exhibit up at the museum. The township had to move graves away from the river. Next meeting is September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am.

**Administrators Report –**

Submitted a written report. Feltman also discussed that there is a Street Committee Meeting scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup>. He also discussed Tony D’anna, owner of McDonald’s of Chesaning, requesting sanitary sewer and speaking with the township about the extension.

Brian Lone, Liberty St, asked if the agenda could be posted on Facebook and offered his IT services to the Village office.

Motion by Hoover, supported by Vondrasek to adjourn the regular council meeting.

President Sedlar adjourned the regular council meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Village Clerk Tina Powell