

Chesaning Village Council Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2016

President Sedlar called the meeting of the Chesaning Village Council to order at 7:30 p.m. on October 4, 2016, in the Village of Chesaning council chambers.

Roll Call: Present- Cicalo, Hoover, Navarre, Sedlar, Swartzmiller, Vondrasek, Valentine, Feltman, Ebenhoeh.

Absent - Larner.

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

Public Statement I – Statements concerning current agenda items. – None.

Consent Agenda –

Receive & file: none.

Approval of the Village Council meeting minutes from September 20, 2016.

Approval of Accounts Payable - \$112,285.69.

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

Department of Public Works – Supt. Trzil requested council consider changing the chipping dates for next year. Discussion followed regarding a proposed ordinance resolution to change the dates.

Unfinished Business – none.

New Business

Items for Introduction / Discussion-

FY 2015 / 2016 Fiscal Year Audit: Roxanne Nicholas, Dept. of Treasury –

Roxanne Nicholas presented her audit findings for the Village of Chesaning for the Fiscal Year ending February 29, 2016. The auditor's report stated "In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of Chesaning as of February 29, 2016".

Discussion was held regarding the material weakness of using the auditor to prepare the financial statements. Discussion also was held regarding the unfunded pension liability.

Nicholas stated the Village staff were great to work with. Council recognized the great job that Donna Craft does with the Village accounting.

Items for Action -

Line-Brady Street Intersection & Main-Broad Intersection: Keeping 4-Way Stop After Detour Ends -

Discussion was held in regards to keeping the 4-way stops at the intersections of Line & Brady Streets, and at Main & Broad Streets.

Motion by Hoover, supported by Navarre to keep the 4-Way Stop at the intersection of Line & Brady Streets. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoover, supported by Navarre to request MDOT keep the 4-Way Stop signs at the intersection of Main & Broad Streets. Motion carried.

Waive Permit Fee for Candle Walk Carriage Rides –

Motion by Hoover, supported by Vondrasek to waive the permit fee for the Candle Walk Carriage rides. Motion carried.

Set Halloween Trick-Or-Treat Hours for 2016 -

Motion by Hoover, supported by Navarre to set Halloween hours the same as last year, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on October 31, 2016. Motion carried.

MDEQ SAW Grant: OHM Agreement – tabled until Rolfe can attend the next meeting (10/18/16).

Public Statement –

Dale Tithof, 869 N. 4th Street, stated he read in the minutes a request that council open their meetings with a prayer and asked what council is doing in this regard. Sedlar stated there has been no discussion on this.

Steve Keck, Chesaning Chamber of Commerce / H & R Block – thanked the Village staff, police, and DPW crew for all the improvements taking place in the Village of Chesaning.

Denise Navarre, S. Line Street, reported on her Girl Scout Troops retirement of three flags. The girls are working on their Bronze Award. Council would like to have a Proclamation for the Girl Scouts for their flag retirement services at the 10/18/16 meeting.

Denise Ebenhoeh asked about audit costs. Discussion followed regarding bidding this out and going with the lowest qualified bidder.

Committee Reports

Infrastructure – The Village, OHM, and the Contractor (Glaeser Dawes) walked the new streets and created a list of items to be completed.

Finance & Administration – no meeting.

DDA – Next meeting date is 10/12/16.

Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting – no report.

Planning Commission – Hoover reported the Planning Commission approved the special Use Permit and Site Plan for the Comfort Care Facility at the 9/27/16 meeting. Hoover stated there was much discussion on the lack of downtown parking and the parking permits for downtown apartment leases.

Airport – the next meeting is 10/10/16.

Parks & Rec – The next meeting date is 10/5/16.

Fire Board – no report.

Mid-Michigan Waste Authority – no report.

Task Force – Feltman reported on the 9/27/16 meeting.

Administrators Report –Feltman submitted a written report.

Feltman stated that the FY 15/16 budget was the last on the current contract with the Department of Treasury for auditing services. He recommends that the Village bid the auditing services contract so that we can ensure that the community is getting the most cost-effective professional services available.

Motion by Cicalo, supported by Navarre to go out for audit bids. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoover, supported by Cicalo to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing an attorney's opinion. Roll Call Vote: Cicalo-Aye, Hoover-Aye, Larner-Absent, Navarre-Aye, Swartzmiller-Aye, Vondrasek-Aye, Sedlar-Aye. Motion carried.

Council left open session at 8:54 p.m.

Council re-entered open session at 9:15 p.m.

Motion by Vondrasek, supported by Navarre to have our village administrator draft a letter to MMWA following Attorney Bade's advice. Motion carried.

Feltman stated all council members are invited to a Ribbon Cutting for a Grand Re-Opening for Schultz County Pharmacy on October 15, 2016.

Motion by Vondrasek, supported by Hoover to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

President Sedlar adjourned the regular council meeting at 9:18 p.m.