

Chesaning Village Council Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2018

President Sedlar calls the meeting of the Chesaning Village Council to order at 7:30 pm on December 4, 2018, in the Village of Chesaning council chambers.

Roll Call: Present – Chludil, Cicalo, Hoover, Larner, Powell, Sedlar, Wenzel
Feltman, and Vondrasek

Approval of the Agenda – motion by Cicalo, supported by Larner to approve Agenda

Public Statement 1: None

Consent Agenda -

Receive and File: a. none

Approval of Village Council meeting minutes of 11/20/18

Approval of Accounts Payable as presented: \$129,932.81

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

Approval of Accounts Payable to Zach Chludil for right of way trees: \$4,560.00

- Motion by Hoover, supported by Larner to approve payment.
Yes – Cicalo, Hoover, Larner, Powell, Sedlar, Wenzel
Abstain - Chludil

Department of Public Works Report: Superintendent Trzil

No Report

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Items for Introduction/Discussion:

Joyce Ostrander: Senior Center Space Concerns. Joyce Ostrander asked for the Council's help and recommendations regarding the food pantry being moved from St. Peter's parish to the CAER center causing space concerns in the senior gathering area. President Sedlar said to the crowd that he had already been looking into the issue. The Area Agency on Aging is being instructed that they need to move Food Pantry offsite by the Parish. The manager of the CAER facility is looking at taking 400 sq. foot from the senior gathering area to store the food goods, and to allow those that use the service to pick up their food items from the CAER facility.

Romemary Newcomb who is on the CAER Board and also the Young at Heart Board explained that the Parish allowed for the food inventory to be stored in 1 room in the Parish Elementary School. The Parish is concerned because the food pantry has expanded into the hallways and other rooms, which is causing safety concerns for the Parish. Rosemary commented that by adding the food pantry to the CAER Center they are adding 1/3 more traffic in the building and

to the parking, which is full already. The space where it is suggested for the food pantry would cut the senior gathering area by almost ½.

President Sedlar mentioned that there may be an opportunity to move the food pantry to the Rehmann Health Center if the County cancels the current program. The Village would need to determine who owns the facility, and further investigate how it could happen. He instructed the crowd that to this point it is only a suggestion, and that there are no promises that it would be viable. Beth Tomac stated that she has spoken with the current manager of the CAER facility and they have expressed there is no interest to move the food pantry to the Rehmann facility. Beth also offered to build a ramp to the basement of the CAER facility so that the Food Pantry could be moved there. Again, the current manager showed no interest in the proposal.

President Sedlar suggested that those concerned speak with the Board of Directors for the CAER facility, as through discussion it became apparent that the members of the board may not fully understand the process and the issues that this type of move would cause. The Board for the CAER facility has the power to find a solution and provide guidance to the current manager of the facility. He explained that there is very little the Village Council can do, but we can provide direction. Troy Feltman volunteered to provide assistance to hopefully mediate a solution.

Rosemary Newcomb thanked the board for the guidance and suggestions.

Items for Action

Proposed Impoundment/immobilization Ordinance Adoption

Impoundment fee will be added in the new budget. There will be a fee to remove the boot as well as having to pay the outstanding parking tickets for the "boot" to be removed.

Motion by Wenzel, supported by Wenzel – motion carried unanimously.

Energy Reduction Coalition Program

A third party company contacted the Village to do an evaluation on the Village Building for the purpose of identifying potential cost savings through energy efficiency. The third party company would then split the savings with the Village. Many on the Board felt that it was the same type of program that Consumers Energy currently offers.

There was no interest from the Council.

Property Reversion to Michigan Festivals and Events Assoc.

Sue Bila addressed the Council to explain that they took ownership of the property to facilitate state grants for the development of the facility and property. The village was required to keep the property for five years and now it's time to return the property back to the Michigan Festivals and Events Association. Sue thanked the Village for their help during this process.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Chludil, Cicalo, Hoover, Larner, Powell, Sedlar, Wenzel. No – None

Decision on January 1st 2019 Regularly Scheduled Village Council Meeting

The meeting is being moved to Wednesday January 2nd, 2010

Public Statement

None

Committee Reports

Infrastructure (Larner, Cicalo, Powell) – No Meeting

Finance & Administration (Hoover, Wenzel, Chludil) – Reviewed the 2019/2020 budget. Walked through the process of the budget and started to prioritize projects.

The Medical Marijuana moratorium is set to expire on 12/31. Administrator Feltman asked for direction on whether the Council wished to extend the moratorium, and let it run out. After much discussion it was decided that the moratorium extension will be addressed at the next meeting and that Finance and Administration will then take the time to address some changes to the ordinance.

DDA (Sedlar/Feltman) – The DDA is donating \$5000 for the repaving of the alley ways up town, with the individual business owners being responsible for the rest.

Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting (Feltman/ Hoover)–
Next Meeting 12/13

Planning Commission (Hoover/ Chludil)–
No Meeting

Police Committee (Sedlar/Cicalo/Chludil) –
Will be interviewing candidates after the first of the year.

Airport (Wenzel/Hoover)–
No Meeting

Fire Board (Larner/Cicalo) –
1 run since last meeting. The Department had their blood born pathogen class – everyone passed. The Fire Department is reminding everyone to check their chimneys before burning this winter, and not to overload their plugs for lights and ornaments during the Holiday season.

Task Force (Sedlar/Powell) –
Everyone appreciated all of the hard work that went into the Candle Walk. The Chamber, students, various civic groups, and volunteers came together to do a fantastic job. United Appeal has started.
The High School will be having a job fair for local businesses on 12/19.
Big Rock is looking for winter clothing donations for students that may be in need.
The Big Rock Reading Bus is asking for book donation for both children and adults.
12/10 is the Historical Society Potluck Dinner

Administrators Report –

Asbestos was found on the old Village Building, and we had to have it removed. Howard Ebenhoeh agreed to cover half of the cost of removal. The Village is now looking into replacing the ductwork that needed to be removed in the process. Because of this the closing date needed to be pushed out.

Motion by Hoover, supported by Larner to extend the closing date on the building to no later than 12/21.

Motion carried unanimously.

2 requests to purchase Village property.

Damian Frasier is inquiring about the land northeast of the water tower.

Kent Greenfelder is inquiring about the wetlands north of the waste water treatment plant.

If both of the interested parties pay for an appraisal, the Council will consider their offers at that time.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Village Clerk Trent Vondrasek