



VILLAGE OF CHESANING
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
October 18, 2016

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of the Agenda

5. Public Statement I: *Limited to 2 minutes*

Designated for statements concerning current agenda items

6. Consent Agenda

The purpose of the Consent Agenda is to expedite business by grouping non-controversial items together to be dealt with by one Board motion (roll-call vote) without discussion. Any person, whether Board Member, staff or public may ask that any item be removed from the Consent Agenda to be placed elsewhere on the regular agenda for discussion. All such requests will be granted.

A. Receive and File:

- a. Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act: Fact Sheet
- b. First Baptist Church Letter: Public Servant's Day
- c. Chesaning Union School Student Council Letter

B. Approval of the Village Council Meeting Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting of October 4, 2016
- b. Executive Session of October 4, 2016

C. Approval of Accounts Payable

7. Police Department Report: Chief Wilburn

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

A. Items for Introduction/Discussion:

- a. Community Strategic Planning Update

B. Items for Action:

- a. Resolution Recognizing September 26, 2016 Flag Retirement Program by Troop 50836 of the Girl Scouts of America
- b. MDEQ SAW Grant: OHM Agreements

10. Public Statement II: *Limited to 3 minutes, on any topic*

Questions requiring short, timely answers may be posed to the Board, staying within the 3 minute limit. This shall not be interpreted as a means to initiate dialog or debate.

11. Committee Reports

- a. Infrastructure (Swartzmiller, Cicalo, Larner)
- b. Finance & Administration (Hoover, Vondrasek, Navarre)
- c. DDA (Sedlar, Feltman)
- d. Chamber of Commerce Board (Feltman)
- e. Planning Commission (Hoover, Vondrasek)
- f. Airport (Navarre, Hoover)
- g. Parks & Recreation (Cicalo, Vondrasek)
- h. Fire Board (Larner, Swartzmiller)
- i. Mid-Michigan Waste Authority (Cicalo, Feltman)
- j. Task Force (Sedlar, Swartzmiller)

12. Administrator's Report

13. Adjournment

In accordance with Public Act 267 (Open Meetings Act) individuals with disabilities requiring special assistance that are planning to attend the meeting should contact the Office of the Village Clerk for accommodations. This request must be made two (2) business days in advance of the meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Chesaning Village Council will be held Tuesday, November 1, 2016 in the Village Hall Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act

Introduction

On September 21, Governor Snyder signed a package of bills (2016 PA 281-283) that significantly expand the types of medical marihuana facilities permitted under state law, and establishes a licensing scheme similar to the scheme for liquor licenses. Notably, these bills do not require a state license to operate as a primary caregiver under the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, nor do they allow municipalities to prohibit operation as a primary caregiver. The existing regulatory scheme regarding primary caregivers remains in effect.

Requirements under the new Act

Among other things, the legislation:

1. Legalizes the medical use of marihuana-infused products, commonly known as “edibles,” for purposes of state law.
2. Creates the Medical Marihuana Licensing Board within the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to issue licenses for various medical marihuana facilities.
3. Requires an annual license for any of the following entities to operate a marihuana facility:
 - Growers—licensees that cultivate, dry, trim, or cure and package marihuana for sale to a processor or provisioning center. Registered patients and primary caregivers who lawfully cultivate marihuana in the quantities and for the purposes permitted under the Medical Marihuana Act are not considered “growers” under the new legislation.
 - Processors—licensees that purchase marijuana from a grower and extract resin from the marijuana or create a marijuana-infused product for sale and transfer in packaged form to a provisioning center.
 - Provisioning centers—licensees that purchase marihuana from a grower or processor and sell, supply, or provide marihuana to patients, directly or through the patient’s caregiver.
 - Secure transporters—licensees that store marihuana and transport it between marihuana facilities for a fee.
 - Safety compliance facilities—licensees that receive marihuana from a marihuana facility or primary caregiver and test it for contaminants and other substances.
4. Allows municipalities to choose whether to allow any of these marijuana facilities within their jurisdictions. If the municipality takes no action, none of the facilities are allowed. A municipality that wishes to allow these facilities must enact an ordinance explicitly authorizing them.
5. Authorizes municipalities to charge an annual fee of up to \$5,000 on licensed marihuana facilities to defray administrative and enforcement costs.
6. Authorizes municipalities to adopt ordinances relating to marihuana facilities within their jurisdiction, including zoning ordinances.
7. Prohibits municipalities from imposing regulations regarding the purity or pricing of marihuana or interfering or conflicting with statutory regulations for licensing marihuana facilities.
8. Requires municipalities to provide to the Medical Marihuana Licensing Board within 90 days after notice that a license application was filed: (a) a copy of any ordinance authorizing the marihuana facility, (b) a copy of any zoning regulation applicable to the facility, and (c) a description of any previous medical-marihuana related ordinance violation.
9. Exempts from FOIA disclosure any information a municipality obtains in connection with a license application.
10. Requires the state to establish a “seed to sale” computer tracking system to compile data regarding marihuana plants throughout the chain of custody from grower to patient. The system will be able to provide this data in real-time to local law enforcement agencies.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

THE CHURCH THAT CARES ABOUT YOU

-PASTOR R. B. OUELLETTE

October 6, 2016

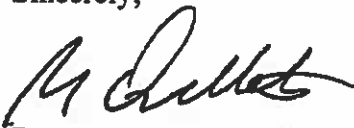
Dear Friend,

We at First Baptist Church of Bridgeport believe that public servants are among the most under-appreciated people in America. They are rarely given the credit when things go right, and often blamed when things go wrong. That's why we are having our annual Public Servant's Day at First Baptist Church on Sunday, October 30, 2016. Our goal is to let you know how much we appreciate what you do for our community.

We would love to get to know you and give you the opportunity to get to know our people. We've enclosed an invitation for you and your family which explains a little more about our church and the people who make it up.

The service begins at 11:00 a.m., and we will be honoring every public servant in attendance with a certificate and a gift. We hope you will be able to join us. We would appreciate it if you could inform us of your attendance so we can be prepared for you. Thank you so much for your help. We look forward to seeing you on October 30, 2015.

Sincerely,



Dr. R. B. Ouellette
Pastor

First Baptist Church of Bridgeport

2400 King Rd., Saginaw 48601
989-777-0210

Who is it for?

Every man and woman in the Great Lakes Bay Region (and their families) who works as a public servant, either elected or appointed.

What is happening?

A program dedicated to honoring those who serve our community in any capacity, either as an elected official, an appointed official, or a worker. A certificate of appreciation and a small gift will be given to each public servant in attendance.

An opportunity to meet and greet the members of our church and their visitors who will be coming just to meet you.

A Little About Our Church

First Baptist Church of Bridgeport draws people from Saginaw, Bay, Genesee, Isabella and Tuscola counties every week and the average Sunday morning attendance is over 1100 people. We are deeply concerned about our area and very grateful to those who do the hard and mostly thankless job of keeping it running smoothly. That's why we want to honor you.

What do we want from you?

Just come and join us! We want to show you in person how much we appreciate your service to our community.

I am coming to Public Servants' Day at First Baptist Church of Bridgeport on October 30, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Name _____

Department _____

Title _____

Home Address _____

Phone _____

I will be bringing _____ people with me.

Dear Chesaning Police Department,
We would like to thank you for all
you did to make our parade a
possibility; from closing off roads to
leading the parade we appreciate all
you do.

Sincerely Student Council

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 - Lerner.

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, Lerner-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.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Village Clerk Denise Ebenhoeh

VILLAGE OF CHESANING
VENDOR APPROVAL LIST
COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2016

Ref#	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
20160904	70TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT	month end report fees	\$3.00
20160905	ACE HARDWARE STORE	supplies and materials	\$1,524.43
20160906	Blue Cross Blue Shield	healthcare insurance	\$9,367.97
20160907	Bryan and Deborah Taylor	tax refund	\$121.34
20160908	CARD BROS. EQUIPMENT	equip maint - bearing	\$70.90
20160909	Choice Strategies	healthcare reimbursement admin fee	\$84.00
20160910	Choice Strategies	retiree healthcare reimbursement	\$335.20
20160911	Choice Strategies	active employee healthcare reimbursement	\$1,645.47
20160912	CONSUMERS ENERGY	streetlights, utilities	\$3,874.90
20160913	GRAINGER	submersible sewage pump, check valve	\$737.70
20160914	HEDRICH EXCAVATING INC	crushed asphalt	\$7,013.86
20160915	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	refrigerator	\$249.00
20160916	HORGER'S FARM AND AUTO	supplies	\$337.80
20160917	Kyle Byron	reimburse for Hunts Pumpkln Patch	\$50.00
20160918	Lansing Sanitary Supply	roll towel	\$27.55
20160919	MERS	additional pay towards unfunded	\$3,901.00
20160920	MID MICHIGAN WASTE AUTH	garbage pickup	\$12,766.63
20160921	NCL	lab supplies	\$818.74
20160922	NORTHERN SAFETY CO	gloves	\$166.65
20160923	O H M	street design	\$63,096.43
20160924	OWOSSO BOLT AND BRASS CO	copper	\$270.92
20160925	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	wages, fica, suta	\$24,952.09
20160926	QUILL CORP.	paper	\$79.80
20160927	ROBERT R. DAVIS	plumbing mechanical	\$660.00
20160928	SAGINAW COUNTY TREASURER	moviel data computer repl fund	\$3,000.00
20160929	SELF SERVE LUMBER	materials and supplies	\$192.39
20160930	SHAY WATER CO.	water	\$55.00
20160931	SLOAN'S SEPTIC TANK SERVICE	restroom rentals thru 10/12	\$270.00
20160932	SMITH JANITORIAL SUPPLY	roll towel	\$36.54
20160933	SPICER GROUP	Cole Park lighting	\$151.36
20160934	STACEY WILBURN	mileage: chief's meeting, warrants	\$42.12
20160935	StoneQuest	playscape bricks	\$59.84
20160936	SWARTZMILLER LUMBER CO.	stakes, spruce, redi mix	\$978.31
20160937	TRI COUNTY CITIZEN	wheel kit, blade - John Deere	\$114.33
20160938	Tri-Lakes Petroleum	gas	\$736.99
20160939	Tri-Lakes Petroleum	diesel	\$328.53
20160940	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	USDA loan payment Sewer	\$37,774.95
20160941	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	USDA loan payment Sewer	\$13,674.37
20160942	USA BLUEBOOK	lift station safety platform, retrieving magnet,	\$602.35
20160943	USA BLUEBOOK	gate key- Hehr	\$86.95
20160944	USA BLUEBOOK	curb box extension, lik, rod key	\$485.49
20160945	VIEW NEWSPAPER GROUP	publish notices,	\$230.80
20160946	VIEW NEWSPAPER GROUP	River clean up	\$129.00
20160947	WI STATE LAB OF HYGIENE	water testing - radium	\$489.00
20160948	Xerox	copier lease	\$192.71
			\$191,786.41

--- TOTALS BY FUND ---

101 - General Fund	\$50,660.38
202 - Major Street Fund	\$32,724.83
203 - Local Street Fund	\$33,224.09
204 - Local Raised Streets	\$3,180.29
590 - Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$63,837.25
591 - Water Fund	\$5,844.66
661 - Equipment Pool	\$2,314.91
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	\$191,786.41

--- TOTALS BY DEPT/ACTIVITY ---

000.000 -	\$28,132.38
170.000 - General Government	\$2,971.62
301.000 - Police Department	\$3,354.00
302.000 - Former Police	\$3,901.00
371.000 - Building Inspections	\$660.00
441.000 - Public Works	\$4,542.17
443.000 - Former DPW Employees	\$1,437.64
444.000 - Former WWTP employee	\$10.05
448.000 - sidewalks	\$978.31
463.000 - Routine Maint	\$63,096.43
528.000 - refuse collection/disposal	\$12,766.63
536.000 - Wells & elevated storage tank	\$1,319.01
537.000 - wastewater treatment	\$5,977.71
538.000 - collect/distribution system	\$1,813.29
751.000 - Parks	\$7,557.31
800.000 - Community Building	\$66.25
895.000 - FLEET MAINT	\$1,753.29
906.000 - DEBT SERVICE	\$51,449.32
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SWOT ANALYSIS

Primary factors

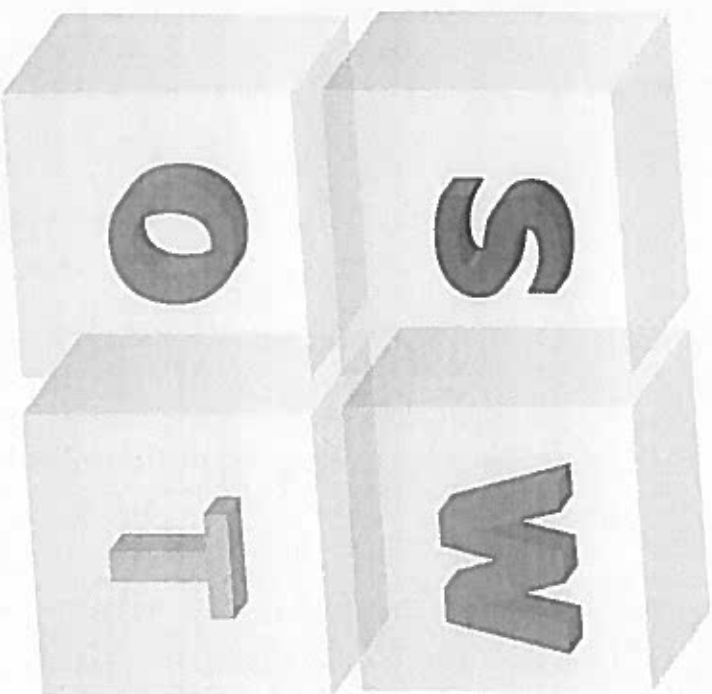
<p>S</p> <p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Shiawassee River•Great School System•Vibrant Central Business District•Close Knit Community•Diverse Park System•Energetic Volunteer Network•New, Younger Leadership in Community•Safe Environment•Caring Attitude	<p>W</p> <p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Bad Road•Poor Communication Systems•Decreasing Population (specifically families)•Limited Local Employment Opportunities•No Organized Marketing of the Community•Limited Youth Involvement•Lack of Directional Signage in Community•Poor Coordination of Events•Showboat Transition Blocking New Vision
<p>O</p> <p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Open Space for Development•Unique Quality of Life•Shiawassee River•Location of the Community•Highly Rated School District•Value Added Agriculture•Home-based Businesses/Offices•Evolution and Application of Technology	<p>T</p> <p>Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Decreasing Number of Young Families•Strained Local, Financial Resources•Continuing Federal & State Budget Cuts•Lack of Community Identity & Future Vision•Location of the Community•Lack of Clear Succession in Key Community Businesses•Voted Millages Impeding Growth

SWOT ANALYSIS

Summary

SWOT Preliminary Goals & Objectives

- **Goal 1: Advance Placemaking**
 - Objective 1.1: Branding/Marketing Campaign
 - Objective 1.2: Unique Art Placements – Asthetic Improvements (Showboat Memorial)
 - Objective 1.3: Community Event Info System
 - Objective 1.4: Community Development Strategy (ie. Value added ag, commercial)
- **Goal 2: Increase Community Engagement**
 - Objective 2.1: Improve Communication System
 - Objective 2.2: Get Youth Civically Involved
 - Objective 2.3: Explore Partnerships
- **Goal 3: Improve Infrastructure**
 - Objective 3.1: Continue Street Asset Management Plan & Nonmotorized Pathways
 - Objective 3.2: Expand/Improve Recreational Opportunities



Action Items

- Goal 1: Advance Placemaking
 - Objective 1.1: Branding/Marketing Campaign
 - Collaborative Marketing Committee: School, Village & Chamber of Commerce
 - Creating New Village Logo & Moniker
 - Wayfaring Signage Strategy
 - Objective 1.2: Unique Art Placements & Aesthetic Improvements
 - Showboat Memorial on Amphitheater Wall

Action Items

- Objective 1.3: Community Events Info System
 - Collaborative Community Calendar: School, Village, Chamber of Commerce, Library & Saginaw County Fair
 - Current Events flyer for distribution to local businesses
- Objective 1.4: Community Development Strategy
 - Community Asset Assessment
 - Target Marketing Study
 - Public/Private housing development proposal

Action Items

- **Goal 2: Increase Community Engagement**
 - **Objective 2.1: Improve Communication System**
 - Electronic newsletter
 - Enhance social media capabilities & citizen input
 - Community roundtable events
 - **Objective 2.2: Get Youth Civically Involved**
 - Student representation on decision-making bodies
 - Annual student surveys

Action Items

- Objective 2.3: Explore Partnerships
 - Community Calendar
 - Collaborative Marketing Plan
 - Community Services Building: Village, Chamber, DDA
- Goal 3: Improve Infrastructure
 - Objective 3.1: Village Street Improvement Strategy
 - Annual Routine Maintenance Treatment (Asset Mgt Plan)
 - 2018 Bond Street Project
 - Develop Non-Motorized pathway layout for community

Action Items

- Objective 3.2: Expand/Improve Recreational Opportunities
 - Install canoe/kayak livery in Cole Park area
 - Rails-To-Trails—develop connection to Nature Birding Park



Village Of Chesaning Proclamation RECOGNIZING GIRL SCOUT TROOP 50836

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts build and strengthen the self-esteem of their members by helping and encouraging them to take action for their beliefs; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts work to address community issues and involve the citizens and businesses of that community in their efforts; and

WHEREAS, in a proper service of tribute and memory and love, if an American Flag becomes faded and worn and must be honorably retired from life; and

WHEREAS, such retirement of American Flags that have become unserviceable may be done in public with respectful and honorable rites; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2016 the Juniors of Troop 50836 conducted an American Flag Retirement Service as well as replaced the flag flying over the Village Office facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Village Council of the Village of Chesaning, that Girl Scout Troop 50836 should be honored and recognized for their outstanding service to our community and their commitment to the values the American Flag represents.

RESOLVED this 18th day of October, 2016.

Joseph Sedlar Jr., President



**Village Administrator's Report
October 18, 2016**

FY 2017/18 BUDGET STRATEGY SESSION ON OCTOBER 25TH

Dates to Note:

- October 25th at 7:30 a.m.
Chesaning Area Task Force
Board Meeting.
- October 25th at 7:30 p.m. FY
2017/18 Budget Priority
Meeting

We have scheduled a budget planning session for October 25th at 7:30 p.m. to discuss councilmembers' priorities for the FY 2017/18 budget year starting March 1st. You all have received the 2nd Quarter budget report for the current fiscal year. I would like to know if there are any other documents that you would like prepared prior to the meeting.

My approach to these types of planning sessions is to keep the conversation focused on developing specific, measurable projects/initiatives that can be incorporated into my budget recommendation—typically presented in February. As you are aware, I have been meeting with department heads to get their input on changes they would

make to their operating budgets & proposed capital expenditures.

Also, I want to get input Tuesday night from councilmembers regarding the agenda for the October 25th meeting and your approach to reviewing the budget and establishing the priorities for next year.

AUDIT CONTRACT BIDS

Staff have identified three auditing firms (VMD & Associates, Godfrey Wise Berg, & AHP) that been recommended by other municipal agencies as potential bidders for the annual financial audits services contract. We have interviewed one of the firms, Andrews Hooper Pavlik, PLC from Owosso, and plan to do the same with the other two agencies. I do have one question, does Council want a formal RFP to be developed and sent out or can we interview the firms (including the Michigan Dept. of Treasury) and get a proposal from each and submit them to Council for review and consideration?

CHAMBER/VILLAGE FACILITY UPDATE

On October 11th I met with Chuck Rolfe and an architect on staff at OHM Advisors to review the plans and site for the proposed Chamber/Village office facility. OHM will be developing a proposal for their services to compete a set of plans for the project. We are anticipating that this professional services cost estimate will be on the November 15th Village Council meeting agenda.

I did ask OHM to review the proposal to ensure that all essential scope of work items are included in the current cost estimate. I want to make sure that the Village and Chamber of Commerce have complete confidence in the scope of work and projected costs prior to going out and seeking funding. We also need to formalize the agreement between the Village and Chamber relative to ownership of the building and property.

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROJECT MOVES ON TO DEVELOPING ACTION PROJECTS

Included in the packet for the meeting is a strategic planning document that outlines the progress on this project thus far. First, I must apologize for the slow going on the community planning front...this has not been a great summer for me due some significant personal issues and I simply have not been able to devote the time necessary to move this project forward. I am glad to report that the strategic plan is getting back on tract and this will be a major priority for the next several months.

Good ideas are seldom enough to produce good public policy. Follow-through, diligence and persistence are also necessary to produce system change—often in the face of entrenched interests.
-Anonymous

OHM Advisors and I will be meeting with the Chesaning Area Task Force on Tuesday, October 25th at 7:30 a.m. to review the document that is in your packet. Once we have finalized the SWOT, Goals and Action Items, we will be looking to develop work teams of citizens who will develop the specific tasks required to implement the Action Items. OHM and I are also working on other communication tools (a strategic planning website, newsletter, etc.) that will keep stakeholders “in the loop” and encourage participation and feedback on the plan.

One item, seemingly trivial but is not, is the need for a new logo and moniker for our community. I would like Village Council input on how we should proceed with this aspect of the strategic planning process.

ORV PERMIT FOR SHIAWASSEE RIVER BRIDGE

I have contacted MDOT regarding the Village’s interest in submitting an application to permit ORV use of the bridge over the Shiawassee River. Our contact person is Don Hundley at the Bay City TSC. The next step in the process is to hold a meeting with MDOT and MDNR staff to discuss the specific proposal for state highway use. That means the Village has to create a plan, maps and rationale why the access is required. I would request that Village Council assign this task to one of your committees to assist me in developing the proposal and meeting with MDOT & MDNR on the proposal.

Miscellaneous

- *Village Building Valuation Conducted:* Just wanted to recognize Rod Cantu for his efforts in supporting the MML staff who came out to survey and evaluate our major buildings for the MML Liability & Property insurance. Rod led the tour and access to multiple sites and buildings over the course of the morning. Well done.
- *Right of Way Trees Planted:* If you have not had an opportunity, I would recommend that Councilmembers take a drive down Wood & 4th streets to see the new trees being planted as part of the road improvements. They are wonderful looking and larger than expected. A great visual aesthetic for the roadways.