CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
July 3, 2019

The regular Chippewa Township Board meeting was called to order by the Chippewa Township Supervisor, Bryan Roels at 6:30 p.m., in the Chippewa Township Community Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: **Present:** Bryan Roels, Julie Austin, Kristin Lytle, Duane Scott, & Debbie Zielinski.

Absent: None

Let the record show a quorum of the Chippewa Township Board was present.

MOTION J.Austin/D.Zielinski *to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2019 regular meeting.* **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION J.Austin/K.Lytle *to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2019 special meeting.* **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION K.Lytle/D.Zielinski *to approve the Treasurers report as written and place on file.* **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

C.Gibson questioned a date on Ordinance 2019-06-01. J.Austin will contacted Attorney, Mark Nettleton to correct the date, as he wrote the Ordinance.

LIBRARY REPORT:

Linda Myers, Barryton library board member, reported that the library has completed the 2019 budget and each employee was able to receive a small raise. The book sale during Chippewa Days was successful. The Summer Reading program at the Barryton Library has 48 children signed up. B.Roels asked if the Library had considered having staff available at the Chippewa Branch Library on Mondays and Wednesdays due to some recent vandalisim and children being unsupervised on those days. Linda will bring it up at the next library board meeting but reiterated that they are working on a minimal budget. **MOTION D.Zielinski/J.Austin** *to accept the library report and place on file.* **MOTION CARRIED**

ASSESSING REPORT:

Chippewa Township Assessor, Andrea Roberts reported that 11 deeds were processed, 5 PTA's & 1 PRE were processed. Andrea has reviewed 50 more parcels. Board of Review is July 16th and the July Board of Review noticed has been posted at the Township offices as well as the Township website. **MOTION K.Lytle/D.Zielinski** *to accept the assessing report and place on file.* **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION J.Austin/D.Zielinski *to allow Andrea Roberts to change her offices hours for the month of July. She will work July 16th instead of July 23rd.* **MOTION CARRIED**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:
County Commissioner, Jerrilynn Strong would like to hold a meeting with the MCRC and the Township board members. MCRC is considering a county wide road millage, this has brought forth some concerns. Available dates were discussed and Jerrilynn will update the Chippewa Board ASAP. It was also reported that the New ambulance is in operation. The 4th ambulance will be used for transfers to and from Reed City. With the wage increase that is competitive for the surrounding areas, they are able to hire and maintain employees.
MOTION J.Austin/K.Lytle *to accept the County Commissioner report and place on file.*
MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE 2019-06-01 UPDATE:
The ordinance has run in the Pioneer Newspaper and will take effect 30 days after the publication date of June 24, 2019.

23 MILE ROAD PROJECT UPDATE:
The MCRC discovered that a 25ft deep and 125ft long culvert needs to be replaced before repaving 23 Mile between 90th Avenue and 105th Avenue. Because of the culvert problem; paving will be postponed until 2020 to allow for settling. This will allow Chippewa Township to spend the $50,000 that was earmarked for 23-mile road, on another road project. In September 2018, Mr. Slee wrote the Township Board members a letter referring to the disintegrating condition of N. Chippewa Drive. The MCRC quoted $47,762.70 to completely overlay N. Chippewa Drive.
RESOLUTION K.Lytle *to appropriate $47,762.70 to overlay N. Chippewa Drive.*
RESOLUTION FAILED *due to lack of support.* J.Austin abstained from supporting, the resolution, because she lives on N. Chippewa Drive and preferred that a different Board Member support the resolution. D.Zielinski stated she would not support because she wants 23-mile road completed. (*23-Mile between 90th Avenue and 105th will be completed in 2020.* There is no project commitment, by the Road Commission to date, for the final mile of 23 Mile Road 90th Ave to 80th Ave).

The Chippewa Township Board Members have received complaints of a staircase built on Chippewa Drive. After speaking with the MCRC, we learned that the homeowner was denied a permits for both the staircase and cement parking pad. MCRC denied permits because both are in the road right of way. The homeowner continued with the staircase. The MCRC has tagged the staircase and the homeowner has 30 days to remove the staircase. If it is not removed, the MCRC will remove it and invoice the homeowner.

PUBLIC MEETING DISCUSSION:
Ordinance 2019-06-01 states that Chippewa Township will hold a public meeting to discuss and explain the Marijuana Ordinance. B.Roels would like to review the private rights, which type of establishments are allowed, and set a time limit for public speaking. Dates were discussed for the meeting and a date will be set prior to the next Board meeting.

PARKING SIGN:
B.Roels has noticed that people are utilizing the Township Hall Parking Lot and not leaving parking spots for people accessing the offices or library. He suggested and obtained pricing for no parking except for Township business and library from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. K.Lytle explained that she has spoken with the Bar owner and she is going to explain to her employees that they need to find another place to park when the offices are open. J.Austin doesn't feel that signage is necessary at this time.

C.L. WEED CONTROL DISTRICT:

Treatment Report – Chippewa Lake was treated for Eurasian water milfoil and algae on June 27th. Robbins Pond Weed is a native weed; however, it is starting to over grow in abundance. Although, we don't often treat native weeds, it may be necessary in the future.
Grant Update – J.Austin informed the Board Members that Chippewa Lake doesn't qualify for the permit grant. In order to qualify, treatment can only be for Eurasian Water Milfoil, and we treat for other non-native species, along with algae.

C.L. SEWER DISTRICT:

Scott Rice, Sewer employee, met with Dick's Dozing and obtained an excavating quote for $2500 for a 50 x 20 base for the storage unit.
RESOLUTION J.Austin/K.Lytle *to appropriate $2500 from the General Fund to hire Dick's Dozing for the excavating and base for storage unit.* **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays RESOLUTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

At this time bills were presented to the Board. **RESOLUTION D.Zielinski/J.Austin** to *pay General Fund bills, check numbers 12377-12421 plus EFT's in the amount of $31,413.23. The Sewer District bills check numbers 10014-10045 plus EFT's in the amount of $30,108.54. The Chippewa Lake Weed Control check numbers 567-571 in the amount of $43,490.39.*
ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays RESOLUTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

The fencing has come in for the heating/cooling unit at the Community Center. Scott Rice & Julie Austin will pick it up from Menard's on Tuesday.
There is a zoning variance meeting at the Mecosta County Bldg. & Zoning on July 11th. The Michigan Par Plan Risk Assessment suggested the Township implement a concealed weapon policy. They also suggested a locked, metal storage container for flammable liquids in the Sewer barn.

BEING no further business or public comment to be brought before the Board:
MOTION K.Lytle/J.Austin *to adjourn the July 3, 2019 regular meeting of the Chippewa Township Board @ 7:35 p.m.* **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next Township Board regular scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
These minutes were prepared
By Kristin Lytle, Chippewa Township Clerk

CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP & MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION INFORMATIONAL MEETING
July 17, 2019

The Chippewa Township & Mecosta County Road Commission Informational meeting was called to order by the Chippewa Township Supervisor, Bryan Roels at 6:30 p.m., in the Chippewa Township Community Building.

ROLL CALL: **Present:** Bryan Roels, Julie Austin, Kristin Lytle, Duane Scott, & Debbie Zielinski.

Absent: None

Let the record show a quorum of the Chippewa Township Board was present.

County Commissioner Jerrilyn Strong organized this meeting for Chippewa Township, Fork Township, Martiny Township, Wheatland Township, and Sheridan Township; to better understand the details of a possible County wide Road Millage for 2020.
At this time, Supervisor Bryan Roels turned the meeting over to MCRC Superintendent Manager, Tim Nestle and MCRC Vice Chair, Van Johnson. Tim Nestle went over the Mecosta County Road Millage Proposal Details. Some of the following questions were asked.

1) Is the Millage specifically for roads or will it also be used for equipment and facilities as well?

If passed, this millage will specifically be used for roads. Not equipment and facilities.

2) If the millage is passed, will MTF funds be used to purchase equipment and update the facilities?

The MCRC receives revenue through the Michigan Transportation Fun (MTF) from fuel tax and vehicle registrations. However, there are stipulations as to how those funds are used.

3) The Millage proposal is for 10 years. Is that the least amount of time the MCRC considered?

MCRC feels that 10 years is necessary in order to repair our roads and keep up with the increasing costs.

4) What is the MCRC's vision on our roads in the next 10 years.

Our currents roads are 52% poor and 47% decent. After 10 years at 1.5 mills, they expect the roads to be at 80% good and 20% poor. 2 mills would be 92% good and 8% poor.

5) Have you recommended 1.5 Mills or 2 Mills to the County Commissioners?

The County Commissioners must approve of the millage before it can go on the ballot. MCRC has provided the commissioners with the cost sheets for both, to provide them with options.

6) What happened to the 12 miles of paved roads the MCRC is turning back to gravel this year, if the millage passes?

It was a difficult decision to turn the paved roads back to gravel, but the MCRC doesn't have to funds to fix the paved roads and it's cheaper to turn them into gravel. If the millage doesn't pass, there is a good chance that more paved roads will be turned to gravel roads.

7) If the millage passes, would it go onto the Winter 2020 taxes or Summer 2021 taxes?

Tim is unsure how the taxes will work, however he agreed it would be best if it was on the Winter 2020 tax bill, that way they could use the funds in the Spring of 2021.

8) With the recent safety grant; trees that were removed from the road right of way fell onto the pavement. This has left damage to the road. Will this be repaired?

Tim will speak with the contractor regarding this issue. It will be up to the contractor to pay for the repairs.

9) How would the funds be divided?

The MCRC plans on splitting the county into four groups. Each group would contain four township and each group would get an equal share of the revenues each year. Each year, there will be a meeting with the four Township Supervisors, or a representative, from each group to share the updated 3-year plan and discuss up coming projects. The MCRC will take suggestions and input for the supervisors/representative to plan future projects.

10) How will the MCRC decide which roads are repaired first?

Tim Nestle will meet with each quadrant and hear their suggestions. The decision is ultimately the Mecosta County Road Commission's Board. However, Tim will work diligently to make sure all the townships are satisfied with the decisions.

11) Will there be a 'Master Plan'?

Yes. The MCRC will produce and maintain a three-year plan of which roads in each quadrant will be done each year. Years one and two of that plan will be 'set in stone' provided nothing out of the ordinary happens with the annual bid pricing for materials and contractor services. Year three of the plan will be more flexible due to the dynamic nature of road maintenance, damaging weather patterns, and general usage.

12) What is the current policy for adding additional gravel to gravel roads?

MCRC maintains gravel roads, but if additional gravel is needed, it is funded through the local Township.

BEING no further business or public comment to be brought before the Board:
MOTION K.Lytle/J.Austin *to adjourn the July 17, 2019 Special meeting of the Chippewa Township Board @ 7:05 p.m.* **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next Township Board regular scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
These minutes were prepared
By Kristin Lytle, Chippewa Township Clerk