

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
August 1, 2023
CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY BUILDING
6:30 P.M.**

The Chippewa Township REGULAR Board meeting was called to order by the Chippewa Township Supervisor, Bryan Roels at 6:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Present: Bryan Roels, Kristin Lytle, Julie Austin, Annette Walters, & Debbie Zielinski

Absent:

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

MOTION J.Austin/D.Zielinski to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2023, Regular Township Board Meeting, and place on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION J.Austin/D.Zielinski to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2023, Election Commission Meeting, and place on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

TREASURER REPORT: Account Balance as of 7/31/2023 is \$745,111.65. **MOTION K.Lytle/D.Zielinski** to approve the Treasurer Report and place on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chippewa Bay Heights #2 has a shared park dedicated to all lot owners in Chippewa Bay Heights #2. All disputes regarding dock rights are a Civil matter and not handled by the Chippewa Township Board.

LIBRARY REPORT:

Library representative, Linda Myers was not in attendance, however she supplied K.Lytle with her library report: The Summer Reading program was a success this year, many young people participate. All the millage from Townships supporting the library have arrived. The copier problem, which Marcia thought would be expensive, was solved by Marcia and only required the purchase of a new drawer. The CD library has matured, and we got a higher rate for the next 12 months. The annual audit has been completed and the report will be forthcoming. Library usage was up 4% for the last month. The August 18th meeting will be held at Linda's house. Linda Myers donated \$1000.00 to the library. THANK YOU, LINDA!

MOTION J.Austin/K.Lytle to approve the Library Report and place on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

ASSESSING REPORT:

Andrea reported, in person, that 2 deeds were processed, 4 PTA's, 1 PRE's, 0 denial, 0 rescind, and 9 address changes. Andrea will be completing her Continuing Education classes in the next couple of months. Board of Review went great with no issues. Andrea would like to change her office hours for September and have office hours on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of September. **MOTION J.Austin/K.Lytle** to approve the Assessors Report and place on file and to approve the change in office hours. **MOTION CARRIED**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

County Commissioner, Jerrilynn Strong presented each Board member with the July Mecosta County Road Commission report. EMS responded to 575 calls in July. Four police officers were recognized for performing life saving measures in July.

MOTION J.Austin/D.Zielinski to approve the County Commissioner Report and place on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

MILLAGE PROPOSAL RESOLUTION #001-08-2023:

RESOLUTION J.Austin/A.Walters to approve the wording for the Chippewa Township, Mecosta County, Michigan Millage Proposal. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 absent, 0 nays RESOLUTION CARRIED**

AT&T METRO ACT PERMIT EXTENSION:

RESOLUTION J.Austin/D.Zielinski to renew the 5-year AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit extension. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 absent, 0 nays RESOLUTION CARRIED**

LCSA (Metro Act) NOTICE:

LCSA distributed the 2023 payments incorrectly. This will result in Chippewa Township receiving an additional \$781.32 in 2024.

TOWNSHIP PROJECTS UPDATES:

Discussion was held on various Township projects and the status of those projects.

BLEACHERS AT COMMUNITY BUILDING:

The multiple sets of bleachers at the Community building are in poor shape. K.Lytle will speak to a fabricator and see if the bleachers can be repaired before scraping them.

PRIVACY FENCE at CEMETERY:

With the development of some of the properties on the North side of the Chippewa Township Cemetery, it is necessary to put up a new fence on the property line.

RESOLUTION J.Austin/A.Walters to authorize getting a quote for installation of a new fence. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 absent, 0 nays RESOLUTION CARRIED**

BLIGHT ORDINANCE:

Chippewa Township falls under Mecosta County for Blight. However, discussion was held regarding a Chippewa Township lawn maintenance ordinance. B.Roels will be in contact with the Chippewa Township Attorney to see if this is a possibility.

VERIZON TOWER:

The Verizon Cell Tower is at its full height and the antennas have been installed. They are waiting on electricity and estimate the Tower project will be completed withing 6-8 weeks.

C.L. SEWER DISTRICT:

S.Rice is back from medical leave with no restrictions. WELCOME BACK, SCOTT. The Sewer tank was moved at the Garden Shack.

C.L. WEED CONTROL:

PLM – Bre Grabil was present at the meeting and explained the current status of Chippewa Lake. The Chippewa Township Board was provided with information regarding different treatment options for 2024.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Bills were electronically or personally provided to all Board members prior to the meeting; for review, along with an approval signature voucher. **RESOLUTION**

K.Lytle/A.Walters to *pay General Fund bills, check numbers 13935 - 13961 in the amount of \$20,265.09 . The Sewer District check numbers 11333 - 11359 in the amount of \$23,728.70. And The CLWD check numbers 730 & 731 in the amount of \$213.00.*

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 absent, 0 nays RESOLUTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

J.Austin read correspondence form the public service commissions. She also read information for the Mecosta County Planning Commission meeting on 8/3/2023, regarding 4 Chippewa Township properties:

1. Special Use Permit #PPC23-026 (Redman). The Township is in favor of allowing for the over-sized accessory structure (30x40 with loft). This will allow Mrs. Redman to eliminate the small storage units, she currently utilizes and allow her to store her property in doors. The loft will allow, for room, for her to pursue her art work and crafts.

2. Map Amendment Petition #PPC23-028 (Love). The Township is not in favor of the request to rezone from R-1 to AG. It is our understanding (according to the application) that the Love's wish to raise goats, chickens and a rooster. Goats and chickens are already allowed in R-1. We do not feel this property falls within the scope of the Mecosta County Zoning Ordinance Section 2.9 AG, if Mr. and Mrs. Love's only intent is to raise chickens, a rooster and goats. This property is currently surrounded by R-1 properties and LR zoned properties; with AG Forestry properties touching at the northeast and southeast corners, there is no AG zoned properties within close proximity according to the Mecosta County Zoning Map.

3. Map Amendment Petition # PPC23-029 (West) The Township is in favor of the request to rezone from R-1 to LR. This property has frontage abutting Long Lake. We feel this property falls within the Intent Section 2.16 LR of the Mecosta County Zoning Ordinance.

4. Map Amendment Petition #PPC23-030 (Maneke) The Township is in favor of the request to rezone from R-1 to LR. This property has frontage abutting Pogy Lake. We feel this property falls within the Intent Section 2.16 LR of the Mecosta County Zoning Ordinance

MOTION K.Lytle/D.Zielinski to place Correspondence on file. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sewer Operator S.Rice, Thanked the Chippewa Township Treasurer, Clerk, and Supervisor for helping with the Township maintenance while he was off on medical leave.

BEING no further business or public comment to be brought before the Board:
MOTION J.Austin/D.Zielinski *to adjourn the August 2, 2023 regular meeting of the Chippewa Township Board @ 7:42 p.m.* **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next Township Board regular scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

These minutes were prepared

By Kristin Lytle, Chippewa Township Clerk