

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
March 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, Annette Walters, &Debbie Zielinski
Absent: Julie Austin

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

MOTION K.Lytle/D.Zielinski to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2023 Regular Township Board Meeting and place on file. MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER REPORT: Account Balance as of 2/28/2023 is \$539,823.21. **MOTION D.Zielinski/A.Walters to approve the Treasurer Report and place on file. MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public in Attendance.

LIBRARY REPORT:

Library representative, Linda Myers was not in attendance, however she supplied K.Lytle with her library report: Everyone was in attendance at February Library meeting. Two by phone, three in Barryton and Linda by Skype.

The one mill operating cost is coming in very slowly this fiscal year. We are certainly a "bare bones" operation and Marcia is very careful of how funds are spent. She cautions us every meeting regarding status of budget. As taxes come in, our funds flow to us. The Library is surely thankful to the Chippewa Board for providing us with a building. Marcia reported geology club is now meeting Wednesday afternoons and several are taking advantage of making their family trees. Ben, our Librarian at Chippewa will take a few weeks off to go to Texas this winter. Do not know if you realize he was once the main librarian at Barryton and then retired. He decided he would like part time work, so he came back and works at the Chippewa branch. We are so fortunate to have his expertise. Roverta Coon, the other representative from Chippewa, asked for a review of liability coverage for Library Board. Marcia met with the Insurance agent and reported there is ample coverage on all members. In addition, the fee for the insurance has not changed in over a decade.

The March meeting will be March 17th.

MOTION K.Lytle/D.Zielinski to approve the Library Report and place on file. MOTION CARRIED

ASSESSING REPORT:

Chippewa Township Assessor, Andrea Roberts was not in attendance, however, she provided Kristin with her report. Andrea reported that 14 deeds were processed, 7 PTA's, 2 PRE's, 0 denial, 2 rescind, and 6 address changes were completed in February. Andrea completed BOR training. All Assessment Change Notices have been mailed out. She has received a few phone calls. There will be a few attendees at the March BOR. Andrea Thanks the Chippewa Township Board for allowing

her the ability to work from home throughout the nasty weather. **MOTION K.Lytle/D.Zielinski to approve the Assessors Report and place on file. MOTION CARRIED**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

County Commissioner, Jerrilyn Strong was not in attendance.

ZONING REQUEST UPDATE:

Chippewa Township Board members attended the February County Commissioners meeting asking for the Commissioners to deny two separate zoning changes within Chippewa Township. Our request fell on deaf ears. The County Commissioners approved both changes; even though it goes against the Mecosta County Building and Zoning Ordinance. The Commissioners allowed a change to property on Dwight Street to LR; which has no rights to a lake, river, or stream.

SECTION 2.16 LR LAKE AND RIVER RESORT DISTRICT A. Intent. To establish and maintain for residential and recreational use those areas with frontage on lakes and rivers and those areas immediately adjacent and associated with the waterfront, which because of their natural characteristics and accessibility to waterfront activities are suitable in a recreational environment; and to further insure the clarity and purity of the water body and waterfront and to protect its economic value and scenic quality.

Mr. Rick Hatkowski, member of the Mecosta County Planning Commission and Chippewa Township resident, stated that he would look into Chippewa Township's issues regarding RV's not hooking into the Sewer System.

NEW OFFICES UPDATE:

Bryan has received the final drawings. Bryan plans on starting to get estimates next week.

VERIZON UPDATE:

Ben Herrick, the Building and Zoning Specialist for Verizon contacted Clerk, Kristin on February 17, 2023. We are on the Mecosta County ZBA for a variance for the setback to residential districts on April 3rd and we are on the Planning Commission agenda for April 6th. There's a 30-day delay for notice from filing so we are on the first of April since we filed last week. Permitting will follow the zoning probably by 30 days.

CONSUMERS ENERGY EASEMENT:

Chippewa Township has been contacted by Brian Moore, Consumer's Energy. They would like us to sign an Easement Agreement for parcel 5403-029-004-400. This Easement is to move two existing power poles and replace them with new poles that are closer to the road. **RESOLUTION**

K.Lytle/D.Zielinski to approve the Consumers Energy Easement for parcel 5403-029-004-400.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 ayes, 1 absent, 0 nays RESOLUTION CARRIED

C.L. WEED CONTROL:

CLWD 2023 bills have been mailed out. Nothing else to report.

C.L. SEWER DISTRICT:

SMO 2023 bills have been mailed out. Scott has rebuilt 4 Liberty pumps at an extremely lower cost than replacing the pumps. Bryan is anxious to see how long these pumps last. Bryan will be looking into pricing for a hot water power washer.

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 13782 - 13811 in the amount of \$13,474.32. Sewer District check numbers 11189 – 11217 in the amount of \$21,454.66. And The CLWD check numbers 705 - 709 in the amount of \$1,244.13. ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 ayes, 1 absent, 0 nays RESOLUTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public in Attendance

BEING no further business or public comment to be brought before the Board: MOTION D.Zielinski/A.Walters to adjourn the March 1, 2023 regular meeting of the Chippewa Township Board @ 6:51 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

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

These minutes were prepared

By Kristin Lytle, Chippewa Township Clerk

CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP, MECOSTA COUNTY
BUDGET HEARING
March 29, 2023
6:30 P.M.

The Chippewa Township Budget Hearing was called to order by the Chippewa Township Supervisor, Bryan Roels at 6:40 P.M.

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

MILLAGE RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION K.Lytle/D.Zielinski to set the 2023-2024 Chippewa Township Operating Millage at the maximum allowable by law. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. RESOLUTION CARRIES

RESOLUTION K.Lytle/D.Zielinski to set the 2023-2024 Chippewa Township Fire Millage at the maximum allowable by law. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. RESOLUTION CARRIES

RESOLUTION K.Lytle/J.Austin to set the 2023-2024 Chippewa Township Road Millage at the maximum allowable by law. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. RESOLUTION CARRIES

RESOLUTION J.Austin/D.Zielinski to approve the proposed 2023-2024 Chippewa Township General Fund Budget, Chippewa Township Sewer Maintenance Budget, C.L.W.D Budget, Chippewa Township Road Millage Budget, and Chippewa Township Fire Millage Budget. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent RESOLUTION CARRIES

PUBLIC COMMENT:
No Public Present

BEING no further business or public comment to be brought before the board: **MOTION K.Lytle/D.Zielinski to adjourn the March 29, 2023 Budget Hearing of the Chippewa Township Board @ 6:42 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.**

Next Township Board regular scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
These minutes were prepared
By Kristin Lytle, Chippewa Township Clerk

CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP, MECOSTA COUNTY
FY 2022-2023 YEAR END MEETING
March 29, 2023
6:30 P.M.

The Chippewa Township Budget Hearing 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, Debbie Zielinski, & Annette Walters

CHIPPEWA TWP. 2023-2024 GF BUDGET REVIEW: Each Board member received a copy of the proposed 2023-2024 General Fund Budget prior to the meeting for review.

CHIPPEWA TWP. 2023-2024 SMO BUDGET REVIEW: Each Board member received a copy of the proposed 2023-2024 Sewer Maintenance & Operation Budget prior to the meeting for review.

CHIPPEWA TWP. 2023-2024 CLWD BUDGET REVIEW: Each Board member received a copy of the proposed 2023-2024 Chippewa Lake Weed District Budget prior to the meeting for review.

CHIPPEWA TWP. 2023-2024 CMFD BUDGET REVIEW: Each Board member received a copy of the proposed 2023-2024 Chippewa Fire Millage prior to the meeting for review.

CHIPPEWA TWP. 2023-2024 ROAD MILLAGE BUDGET REVIEW: Each Board member received a copy of the proposed 2023-2024 Chippewa Road Millage prior to the meeting for review.

FINAL APPROVAL OF FY 2023-2024 Wage Resolutions:

RESOLUTION J.Austin/K.Lytle to approve the Chippewa Township 2023-2024 wages as set at the February 2023 meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent RESOLUTION CARRIES

APPROVAL OF THE YEAR END BILLS:

Bills were electronically or personally provided to all Board member prior to the meeting.

K.Lytle/D.Zielinski to pay General Fund bills, check numbers

13812 - 13834 in the amount of \$17,223.11. The Sewer District bills check numbers

11218 - 11235 in the amount of \$11,968.16. The Chippewa Lake Weed Control check numbers 710 - 712 in the amount of \$552.75. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 absent, 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None Present

BEING no further business or public comment to be brought before the board: **MOTION**

J.Austin/D.Zielinski to adjourn the March 29, 2023 Budget Hearing of the Chippewa Township Board @ 6:39 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Township Board regular scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

These minutes were prepared

By Kristin Lytle, Chippewa Township Clerk