

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
June 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Dave Mattson

PRESENT: Lynn Gierke, Dave Mattson, Kelly Holmes, Dan Palosaari and Ryan Kuntze

MINUTES: The May minutes were approved per motion by Kelly Holmes, support by Dan Palosaari. M/C

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was approved per motion by Dave Mattson, support by Ryan Kuntze. The treasurer's report and the clerk's financial report are attached to the minutes. M/C

AGENDA: The agenda was approved per motion by Dan Palosaari, support by Ryan Kuntze. M/C

PAYMENT OF BILLS: The payment of bills was approved per motion by Ryan Kuntze, support by Lynn Gierke. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Carolyn Tormala on North Entry Rd. asked the board why the dirt portion of the road (9/10th of a mile) has not been paved because it is a "connector road"? Second resident also commented that this issue was brought up to the board 5 years ago. Both Dave Mattson and Dan Palosaari commented that the road needs to be "undercut". They suggested sending pictures to the County Road Commission and see if the portion of the road can be "rebased" with ditching. They asked the residents to document the "worst" spots. Nick Rilei submitted a letter to the board about resident Dan Loyd not following the township ordinances. The board suggested he contact MDOT about the visibility problems at the property. Dave Mattson and Dan Palosaari will speak with Dan Loyd. Dave will call the Township Zoning Administrator to discuss.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Judson reported 4 calls. The Main Pumper engine was sent to Interstate Power System in Iron Mt. for repairs. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes to pay the ~\$12,500 to for repairs needed. First Responders reported 15 calls, 50 to date compared to a total of 80 calls for last year. The Fire Dept. will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, 6/20 because on 6/21 MI Propane Asso. will have a simulation. The Fire Dept. and First Responders will again have their BBQ Fundraiser at the Chassell Strawberry Festival.

DWP/TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Maintenance report submitted to board via email. Cemetery-gravel bids for new road reviewed. Two bids submitted. Dave Mattson made motion to award lowest bid to DP Construction for \$3,425, supported by Ryan Kuntze, Dan Palosaari abstained. M/C. New Garbage System-the compacting machine is working very slowly. Can't tell when it is full and has a nasty liquid coming out one end. Board recommended that Joe contact WM to see what can be done to make the compactor run faster. Cardboard Recycling-guest comment that some cardboard is being refused. Joe said it is true if residents are not "flattening" most of the load. Board recommends to only accept "normal" garbage. Chassell will not take items such as: couches, dishwashers, mattresses, refrigerators. Residents will need to take to the Houghton Co. Transfer Station for disposal.

ZONING: N/R

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC):

- The ParPlan-Risk Reduction grant turned in requesting ~\$3,600.
- The PC has revised and approved the Dangerous Building and Civil Infraction Ordinances and recommends the board schedule a Formal Public Hearing.
- Survey Monkey will be used for the 5 Year Recreation Plan (this is important for future grants) and Medical Marijuana Survey. Postcards about survey will be sent to 49916 zip code.
- A summary thus far about the Chassell Mercantile building was discussed. Dan Palosaari made a motion to accept the findings of the Hearing on 5/30/17 supported by Ryan Kuntze. M/C. Per the Dangerous Building Ordinance the owner has 60 days before penalties will incur.
- A permit for the LED sign reader per the zoning ordinance.
- Grass cutting behind old Community Building-PC recommends township send letter to owner to cut grass or township will bill.

ASSESSOR: Mark Maki discussed the upcoming Audit for Minimum Assessment Requirements review scheduled for July 12. He and Dave Mattson will attend this review. Mark Maki sent his database to county in June. The next Board of Review (BOR) meeting is July 20th. He still has 20 parcel reappraisals to do. He visited WUPPDR today to acquire a land value map. A copy of the 2015 Inspection policy needs to be posted at the bank. He needs to update parcel splits and make sure addresses are correct in the database. Mark Maki concluded that the “going rate” for assessors is \$15/parcel which we are paying less.

WEBSITE: N/R

UPEA REPORT: Chris Holmes has reviewed the Parplan and will update with Hannula Agency his recommendations.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Requirements to complete withdrawal from PLDL district. Letter was signed tonight and will be mailed out.
2. Park Surveillance system and webcam and park wireless-Installation is in progress. There will be a panoramic view in parking lot. Old system will be inventoried to determine value. New system will have phone apps for viewing, website will have some webcams. Need to find out how long info will be “online”.
3. Road Work 2017-dust oil soon. South Entry Road-ditching and geogrid done, asphalt next week. In town streets need to be reviewed-6th Street, Hancock Street to see if a bid for this summer is possible. Payne & Dolan will be at school in July for a job. Dan Palosaari will review.
4. Lagoon Groundwater Sampling Status-Chris Holmes said specs have been drawn up and will send out.
5. Radar Speed Survey-MDOT requires the survey before speed signs can be placed. If 80% of traffic is going a certain speed MDOT will post that speed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Small Pavilion-Chassell Lions said that they would provide labor to power wash and paint if the township would provide materials. Dan Palosaari made motion to pay for materials, supported by Ryan Kuntze. M/C. Also get a bid from JCS to repaint lines for parking lot, pavilion, boat launch and firehall.
2. Park lawn damage (by basketball courts), seek restitution-Motion by Ryan Kuntze to seek \$175

in restitution for damages supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C. It was also brought up if there is a sign saying "No Vehicles" on grass? Curt Judson will look into signs for appropriate locations.

3. Dumpster Sealed Bids-2 bids were opened. High bid was accepted from Ed's Used Parts for \$1,900. Dumpsters need to be removed by July 1st.
4. Senior Community service Employment Program-program with AARP-person would do jobs such as lawn mowing in the summer but quit.
5. Savings CD Renewals-Kelly Holmes explained that the CD's are "laddered".Dave Mattson made motion to invest in 2 year CD for with highest rate for that term. Supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C.
6. Firehall lighting-The Fire Department replaced ballasts in the Fire Hall and Kitchen for \$960.14. A rebate from UPPCO was applied for and \$701.50 is expected. Total cost of project \$258.64.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 per motion by Dan Palosaari, support by Dave Mattson. M/C

Next Meeting July 12, 2017

Dave Mattson, Supervisor _____ Lynn Gierke, Clerk _____