

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Dave Mattson

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

MINUTES: The April minutes were approved per motion by Kelly Holmes, support by Dave Mattson. M/C

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was approved per motion by Dan Palosaari, support by Lynn Gierke. 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 Kelly Holmes, support by Dan Palosaari. M/C

PAYMENT OF BILLS: The payment of bills was approved per motion by Dan Palosaari, support by Kelly Holmes. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Cal Niemela-Boundary Rd.-asked what is the township doing about Boundary Rd.? Dave Mattson said that in 1996 the western mile of Boundary Rd. Chassell Township paid for 75% of the road work and the county paid 25%. Portage Township paid for none. Any additional work on that road we can only legally pay 25%. Elite Sigh owner asked about the township Bill Board Ordinance and it was stated that this Ordinance needs to be revisited. Eric Niemela-asked about the Dangerous Building Ordinance amendments and how it would affect private property. Lastly a citizen wanted to congratulate the Fire Department for the quick response to a sauna fire in November.

CORRESPONDENCE: Bridgefest seeking donations.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Judson reported 3 calls, 8 to date. The Open House will be now on May 20th from 1-4 pm. There will be hot dogs, Sparky the Dog, kids pond, etc. First Responders reported 7 calls, 35 to date. New vehicle is now in service. The old one will be sold for parts, tires are new but won't fit new vehicle.

DWP/TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Maintenance report submitted to board via email. Dumpster sale flyer went out. One sealed bid received at office.

ZONING: N/R

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC):

- Medical marijuana survey will be sent with the summer tax bill at the end of July.
- The Recreation Plan Survey will be sent ASAP. Chassell 9th and 10th graders will also be given survey. Ken from MTU with students will calculate survey results by June 19.
- Over 30 people attended the Public Hearing for the Dangerous Building and Civil Infraction ordinances. Comments received: Review-recent damage to building (ex. fire), eliminate wording "attractive nuisance", correct spelling from "demotion" to demolition.
- Tim Viola accompanied building inspector to the Chassell Mercantile.
- ParPlan Grant-need to see if it is okay to "pay ahead" before receiving grant
- LED sign reader approved by SNB. Cost is ~\$1400. Chassell sign ordinance needs to be reviewed.
- MDOT has been contacted about Radar Speed signs downtown.

- Dave Mattson made motion to serve Notice of Hearing of Violation of Dangerous Building Ordinance with copy of current ordinance and Building Inspector Report. Supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C. Dan will get contact information to Brian and Keith will write up Notice.

WEBSITE: Update on website the new Open House date for Fire Department.

UPEA Report: Bill Griffin is working on the Well Head. Chris Holmes will have him contact Dave Mattson.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Requirements to complete withdrawal from PLDL district. Dave will work on a letter.
2. Park Surveillance system and webcam and park wireless-Baraga Telephone Company (BTC) will start installation process. Dan wanted to know what we are doing with the old equipment which originally cost around \$3,500. We need to determine how much we will sell them for.
3. Firehall lighting-The Fire Department received a donation of 16 LED lights from Walmart to replace old fixtures. They purchased 3 additional fixtures to complete the project. UPPCO has a 50¢ per watt rebate. Dan Palosaari made motion to have Fire Department replace ballasts for up to \$1,000 in the Firehall and Kitchen. Dave Mattson supported motion. M/C.
4. Lagoon Groundwater Sampling Status-Chris Holmes says Chassell is required to install the monitoring wells because the lagoon has a single clay liner and not a double liner. If we had a double liner the DEQ would not require the wells for the permit renewal. Have UPEA write up specifications to put this project out to bid. Tabled till next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mark Hannula, Insurance-discussed the township insurance policy. Dave Mattson made motion to adjust the insurance policy per "page 7" attached to include Non-Monetary Suit Defense Costs (option #2) for \$500, Property Quote for \$143 and Crime Quote for \$25. Supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C. Have UPEA look over the water/sewer amounts to make sure we are covered.
2. Road Work 2017-South Entry Improvements-Dan Palosaari made motion to pave South Entry to bottom of hill and repair to plow turnaround for ~\$135,000, Supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C Dust Control Road Oil-Dave Mattson made motion to do road oil same as last year with ~\$750 increase in cost. Supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C. Halfmoon Ditching-the markings need to be reviewed. Contact Kevin at the Road Commissions. Work will start when ground is dried out. Sixth Street-Dan will ask Road Commission for a price.
3. Savings CD Renewals-Kelly Holmes explained that the 3 month CD is now up for renewal and recommends the board go with a longer term. Dave Mattson made motion to invest in 4 year CD for 2.25% with no penalties on principal for early withdrawal. Supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C.
4. Assessor Re-Appraisal Completion-Assessor's contract states 20% of parcels to be completed each year. Next Spring bid out assessor position.
5. Resolution for First Responder vehicle loan-Dave Mattson made motion for financing of the 2000 Chevrolet ambulance of \$27,000 for 3 years @ 2.25%. A down payment of \$3,000 was already paid out of Fire Fund. Supported by Dan Palosaari. with 4: Ayes, 0: Nays, 1: absent.

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

Dave Mattson, Supervisor _____ Lynn Gierke, Clerk _____