

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
August 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dave Mattson

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

MINUTES: The July minutes were approved per motion by Dan Palosaari, support by Ryan Kuntze. 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: Motion by Dan Palosaari to approve agenda with additions, supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Lynn Gierke to pay bills by Lynn Gierke, supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Keith Meyers attended a meeting at MTU about organizing all XC ski trails in the area. Randy McClullen asked about the 6th Street work-discussion that it is looked at and may need to wait till next year. A larger area needed to bid out. Dale Peterson reported that he spoke with MDOT official about "reduced speed ahead" sign south of town and how people speed through town. He was informed that it is an old sign. The newer versions have mph on them. Maybe MDOT will replace?

CORRESPONDENCE: none

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Judson reported 1 call. Siren on building is now in operation. First Responders reported 17 calls, 75 to date. Dave Mattson made motion to approve first responder John Valal, supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C.

DWP/TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Garbage-6 dumps for month. Has WM been contacted? No. BTC project is progressing. Milfoil-treated on 8/2 & 8/3. Approx. \$15,000 spent for year. Discussion about what will happen in future. Boat Launch Improvements-fixed posts and added cold patch to potholes. Suggestion to widen launch-get bids for south side of north dock to remove walkway. Push in dock-suggest removing wood and adding metal similar to DNR docks, ~\$1600. Employee Retirement-Tim and Joe are looking at retiring in 2 years and suggest both would work part time after and Township should hire 1 full time employee that they would train.

ZONING: N/R

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC):

- Survey responses for Recreation Plan (175) and Medical Marijuana (102). Survey went out first week of August to the rural routes. PO Boxes will receive 3rd week of August. Deadline 8/31/17.
- The VFW, Lions and School asked if they would contribute \$350 towards new electronic sign costs for free usage of sign for their events.
- Chassell Mercantile-owner backed out of demolition of building and wants township to take possession of building. Fines will start 8/14 at \$100 and \$200 biweekly thereafter. County treasurer, Katherine Beattie contacted by Dan Palosaari.
- Cemetery Church-The County Building Inspector deemed the church to be a dangerous building and called for its demolition. A certified letter was sent to owner Clint Sundstrom. Hearing is set for

September 7th.

- Community Center-owner Don Kendall contacted possible future plans, Pottery Barn?
- Garage next to Community Building-owner contacted about fixing broken windows and cutting back brush on property.
- Jen Tucker is with the MEDC and will be at the Sept. Planning Commission meeting. She will discuss stabilization funding and other resources available through the MEDC.
- PC representatives-Dave Mattson made motion to renew PC terms (3 year) for Keith Meyers, Doug Hamar and Darlene Gronevelt, supported by Ryan Kuntze. M/C. There is still one more position to be filled. It will be posted on the website.

ASSESSOR: N/R

WEBSITE: At least 1 or 2 camera's will be on website when Park Surveillance project is complete.

UPEA REPORT: N/R

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Park Surveillance system/webcam/park wireless-Should hear about ParPlan grant by Sept. meeting. Old equipment will be saved. Post on website about project when complete.
2. Lagoon Groundwater Sampling Status-N/R
3. Half Moon Beach-Ditch-Comment by Tom Heikkinen about ditching & Milfoil. Dale Peterson said everyone should go to the Houghton County Road Commission meeting every 3rd Monday of the month (this month 8/21/17) at 1:30 pm to voice opinion about Half Moon Beach ditching.
4. South Entry Drainage off hill, Peterson, etc.-Dave Mattson and Dan Palosaari looked at situation and a culvert with "bowl" or sediment catch basin is recommended between Issacson property and neighbor. Motion by Dave Mattson for Township to pay for materials 1/3 of costs ~ \$400 and 2 property owners would pay 1/3 each, supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C.
5. Sig Rho email address for volunteers-contact Krist Oil for contact information.
6. Zoning permit-43640 US 41-Murray Gillis asked what has been done. Right of ways were discussed. Dave Mattson would like to meet with Murray and neighbor to address drainage issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Marsha Sauvola culvert-Hancock St.- Dan Palosaari spoke with Darren about replacement 150' of culvert with sediment catch basin. Costs would be ~\$800-\$1200. Motion by Dave Mattson to pay for 1/2 the materials up to \$550, supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C.
2. Appointed & Volunteer Positions-Dave Mattson made motion to accept the following volunteers to staff the Dangerous Building Review Panel: Keith Meyers-PC member, Allan Aho-BOR member, Randy McClullen and Linda Gagnon-Chassell residents, supported by Ryan Kuntze. M/C.
3. Motion by Dave Mattson to approve as written and reviewed by lawyer the Dangerous Building and Civil Infraction Ordinances, supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 per motion by Dan Palosaari, support by Lynn Gierke. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor



Lynn Gierke, Clerk

