

**CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**January 10, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Dave Mattson

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

**MINUTES:** December minutes were approved per motion by Dave Mattson, support by Dan Palosaari.  
M/C

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

**AGENDA:** Motion by Dan Palosaari to approve the agenda with addition, supported by Kelly Holmes.  
M/C

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** The payment of bills was approved per motion by Lynn Gierke, supported by Dave Mattson. M/C

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Carolyn Tormala-provided information about "smartreaders" being used by utility companies. If anyone would like to see information provided, visit the Township office or contact her.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Rob Tervo from MDOT would like to remind township residents to not push snow illegally into the highway right of way. MDOT Annual Permit Resolution approved. Request for ad in the 2018 Houghton Keweenaw Platbook. Board will support but would like to change the colors.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Judson reported 2 calls for December 2017, total 26. 1 call to date for 2018. First Responders reported 108 calls total for 2017 (record high) and 4 calls for 2018. Supervisor asked why so many calls? Discussion. New rig is working well and they have their 2018 licence.

**DWP/TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE:** **Old Garbage Truck-**Dave Mattson will contact Tim Viola about putting on ebay. **Pumpstation #1 Issue-**Bay Electric quoted 1 "auto-dialer" for \$1,610 or 2 for \$3040. Motion by Dan Palosaari to purchase 2 "auto-dialers" supported by Dave Mattson. M/C. A phone line will be needed at the Lakeshore Drive pump station. **North Entry Rd. & US 41-**Dan Palosaari asked if MDOT has been contacted about changing direction of light to shine on intersection.

**ZONING:** No new applicants. Jon Marshall will remain in position. Dave Mattson will contact.

**PLANNING COMMISSION (PC):** PC committee has prepared a draft of the Annual Report. Meeting attended by Keith Meyers for Portage Health Foundation Grant, due in March with award in April. The PC committee is also looking at forming a Development Committee. No report on the Chassell Mercantile.

Dan Palosaari asked committee if they can look for grant money to repave the 8' walkway from town to the school. He also asked when the Chippewas Restaurant/Motel billboard sign on US 41 will be torn down? Dave Mattson said that MDOT contacted us and plan to take it down. Joe Youngman mentioned a concerned citizen feels something should be down at the Pavilion to prevent snow from sliding off roof into ice rink entrance.

**ASSESSOR:** N/R

**WEBSITE:** 2 cameras on, will be posting new fillable PDF Zoning Application.

**UPEA REPORT:** Can update Zoning Map from 1995 for website. Dave Mattson made motion to do work. Supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C. Dave Mattson asked PC committee if they can update the Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance book and Keith Meyers said this will be part of the Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) process. Discussion about the park boardwalk and originally DNR grant money was used for this therefor other sources would be needed for improvements. Chris Holmes spoke with Kevin Harju of the County Road Commission, work will begin on Halfmoon Beach, when right of way distance is confirmed. Dan Palosaari will confirm with Kevin Harju the Right of Way distance to be used.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Boat Launch Repairs-Laser North has picked up push in dock.
2. Ski Trail Insurance-the Recreation Committee is working on updating the easements for all property owners that are part of the Ski Trail. Hannula Agency will send all the property owners a certificate as additional insurers at no additional cost to the Township.
3. Backblade-N/R

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Houghton County garbage option-Discussion about purchasing our own dumpster instead of renting. Dave Mattson will contact lawyer to review current contract with Waste Management.
2. Craig Austin wage increase-as of 2018 State of MI minimum wage increased 35 cents to \$9.25. Motion by Dave Mattson to increase Craig's hourly wage to \$10, supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C.
3. Board of Review (BOR) Alternate-Motion by Dave Mattson to appoint Steve Palosaari as the alternate for the BOR Committee, supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C.

Public Comment-Daniel Niemela wanted to thank the Township Board for all their work!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 per motion by Dan Palosaari, supported by Dave Mattson. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Lynn Gierke, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_