

**CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**March 14, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Dave Mattson

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

**MINUTES:** February 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 Lynn Gierke, 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 the addition of Election Equipment Resolution, supported by Ryan Kuntze. M/C

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** The payment of bills was approved per motion by Ryan Kuntze, supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Joe Youngman stated the township should have a committee that reviews board salaries. Rich Sarau and Jane Larson both stated that they are in full support of having water and sewer for their homes, north of Lakeshore Drive. Keith Meyers mentioned that his well water is 2x the allowable uranium level and sodium levels are high also. Announcement-Let's Eat will be 3/18 from 4-6 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chassell.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Phone message at township stated that garbage rates should be raised by 10% or \$2. Dave Mattson made motion to continue insurance with MI Township Participating Plan and signed the HCC Public Risk Application, supported by Ryan Kuntze. M/C.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Judson reported 1 call, 4 to date. First Responders reported 1 call, 12 to date. Fire Chief reported that the FD would be escorting the Chassell girls basketball team bus from Baraga. If the team wins the state championship he has arranged an escort from the Mackinaw bridge to Houghton! The Copper Country Fireman's Tournament will be in Chassell June 22-24. Curt Judson asked if the board repaired the water heater in the Fire Hall kitchen? Ryan Kuntze said he is waiting for an estimate.

**TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE:** Joe Youngman reported that the auto dialers are both in place. He will also be working with the Recreation Committee and mapping the ski trail. He has been told that Kim Maki is supposed to do the repair work for Girards to stop the leak. It was suggested that an informational letter be sent to customers about sump pump water going into the sewer system.

**ZONING:** Need to add new Zoning Administrator to the agenda mailings.

**PLANNING COMMISSION (PC):** The public hearing was March 9th at 6 pm. Public comment was the recreation plan should have a separate section about snowmobiling. Keith Meyers has been working on the Portage Health Foundation grant for the Dog Park/Historical Interpretation Trail. Letter of intent was approved. Awards will be announced April 6, maximum award is \$25,000.

**ASSESSOR:** Mark Maki reported he has 4-5 parcels left that need to be measured or entered into the

database. Last year when the state auditor reviewed the township tax rolls there was 81 parcels not complete. Only a maximum of 15 parcels is allowable by the state.

**WEBSITE:** Lynn Gierke continues to update as needed.

**UPEA REPORT:** Chris Holmes handed out maps, using Google earth, showing 30 homes, one mile north of Lakeshore Dr., on the lake side. He discussed the many options that the township could look at for adding sewer along with possible upgrades to lift stations and sewage lagoon.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Boat Launch Repairs-N/R
2. Backblade-N/R
3. WM contract-the attorney reviewed the WM contract and suggested to send letter to WM. If WM won't provide compactor quoted in contract within 5 days, the contract would be null and void. Discussion about alternatives before sending letter.
4. DPW pickup-Joe Youngman provided 3 bids from local dealerships. The cheapest was Dodge. Need to budget for new fiscal year and decide what to do with the old truck.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Rec Plan-The plan needs to be submitted by April 1st to the DNR. Ken Vrana's, MTU class helped with compiling the data for the plan. The complete plan will include the resolution. Ryan Kuntze made motion to approve the 2018-2023 Rec Plan, supported by Dave Mattson. M/C.
2. Deputy Supervisor position for next fiscal year-Dave Mattson discussed the need for him to have help. His salary has been the same since 2004. He is suggesting \$100/month stipend.
3. Employment Application-Dave Mattson made motion to approve the application with the addition of consent to do background and credit checks. Supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C.
4. Budget Meeting-The public hearing will be 3/26 at 6 pm with the Special Meeting for the budget to follow.
5. Election Equipment Resolution-Lynn Gierke read the resolution. Motion by Dave Mattson, supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 per motion by Dan Palosaari, supported by Dave Mattson. M/C

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