

**CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**June 13, 2018**

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

**PRESENT:** Lynn Gierke, Kelly Holmes, Ryan Kuntze (left at 7:30 pm), Dave Mattson, and Dan Palosaari

**MINUTES:** May 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 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, supported by Ryan Kuntze. M/C

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Citizen Joe Youngman asked the board to answer if they are willing to move forward on contacting WM about dumpster size? After much discussion the topic was tabled till next meeting. Randy McClullen asked if the aluminum planks from the dock renovation were available for sale? No. Roy Britz introduced himself. He is running for the District 5 County Commission position.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Violation letter from DEQ about - Lift Station overflow 11/22/17, no report submitted for monitoring of groundwater quality of lagoons was due 1/12/15, and submit Facility Monitoring Program Daily Reports per letter. Trevor Clark-Chassell school music teacher requested the use of the pavilion for free for the Copper Country Community Band. The board said yes as long as the event is open to the public and no other paid event is scheduled.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Judson reported 2 call, which were small brush fires. The Firefighters Tournament June 22-24 is coming together. When they hang the banner they will also put up the Strawberry Festival banner. First Responders reported 9 call, 25 to date.

**TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE:** Ryan Kuntze asked if the horseshoe pit can be fixed at the park? Wayne Rantamaki dug out the volleyball court. Waiting on sand and on equipment to move soil dug up from volleyball court. Service line leaks have been fixed. Suggestion to post on website the W/S rates for residents Kelly Holmes will work with Lynn Gierke to update. Ed Glowacki's trailer was damaged and will be taken to Anderson Welding for repairs.

**ZONING:** N/A

**PLANNING COMMISSION (PC):** Teacher Aid from Chassell School, Mariana Nakashima and students have been **painting murals** at the Old Grandma's Antiques property, VFW and on the 7th Street Garage Building. She also requested that the township purchase the Old Grandma's Antiques property to create a children's park with performing structure. Discussion. **Chassell Mercantile**-need to talk to the county magistrate before fees and expenses reach \$7,500 to take owner to Small Claims Court. Discussion.

**Ordinance Committee**-will be reviewing current ordinance. Dave Mattson suggested that the committee review the billboard section. **Blight Ordinance**-a Blight Survey mailing will be in July tax bill . Next PC meeting will be Monday, July 2nd because of Strawberry Festival. Dave Mattson will call the **Road Commission (HCRC)** about the dangerous road conditions on Massie Rd. Joe Youngman inquired when he would be contacted by HCRC about **Dust Control?** The agreement was sent on Monday. The PC said the HCRC for future work the township needs to evaluate roads and submit a proposal in August for 2019 work. **Recreation Millage** wording submitted to the attorney and reviewed. Kelly Holmes offered the resolution by reading it. Dave Mattson supported. Roll call vote. Resolution passed with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Ryan Kuntze) to put Recreation Millage on Nov. ballot. Lynn Gierke will submit required

wording to county.

**ASSESSOR:** N/R

**WEBSITE:** Continue to advertise various events & meetings.

**UPEA REPORT:** Motion by Lynn Gierke supported by Dan Palosaari to start the application process for Phase 1, with UPEA for loan with USDA to upgrade the main lift station and add new lagoon, with wish list item to upgrade Lakeshore Dr. lift station. M/C. Total cost of Phase 1, would seek a loan for approximately 1.1 million. Chris Holmes will contact DEQ Randy Conroy that the township is working to eliminate violations mentioned in letter received in Correspondence.

**REVIEW BUDGET:** Per motion last month Lynn Gierke and Chris Holmes worked on USDA budget. The following amendments were made.

Add - increase the Service Charge revenue to take into account the new sewer rates  
590-000-642 - \$127,260

Remove - Capital Outlay is not recorded for Enterprise Funds (run like a business). It will show up in Balance Sheet as asset. General Fund you do record Capital Outlay.  
590-527-980-\$10,000  
591-536-980-\$10,000

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. DPW job description-Lynn Gierke will work with Joe Youngman on wording to advertise for position. Chris Holmes will ask Adams Twp. for description. DEQ says to start advertising now! Joe Youngman will email to board the 6 page document that he and Tim Viola have worked on with Job Description including required licence information.
2. Eds back blade-Tabled. See above discussion under Township Maintenance.
3. Foreclosed Property offer from Houghton Co.-The PC walked the property. Discussion. Have Kelly Holmes contact the County to see if we can buy property for said about (\$9,209.80) and tear down buildings and put back on auction to recoup costs? Need to make a decision by July 31st.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Chassell/Portage Trail Meeting June 27th, 6pm at the Fire Hall-discussion on options to get Chassell trail connected to the Nicholls Trail. This would help reduce pressure on the old railroad grade.
2. Boat Launch Permit Enforcement-Current rates are \$2/day and \$30 per year. People are not paying fees. Discussion about possible options such as "wheel locks" that would be monitored by a towing company. Constable and duties discussed. Dave Mattson will contact the County Sheriff to see if they can perform Liquor Control permits for Chassell. Hire individual through MI Works to monitor permits? Other options for permits? Discussion about dogs in park and purchase of dog waste stations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm, per motion by Dave Mattson, supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C

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