

**CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**July 11, 2018**

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

**PRESENT:** Lynn Gierke, Kelly Holmes, Ryan Kuntze (left at 8:23 pm), Dave Mattson, and Dan Palosaari

**MINUTES:** June 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 Ryan Kuntze. The treasurer's report and the clerk's financial report are attached to the minutes. M/C

**AGENDA:** Motion by Ryan Kuntze to approve agenda, supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Wayne Rantamaki, who worked on the park volleyball court asked if he could also fix up the horseshoe pits? He also said the playground is in need of more **wood chips**. Keith Meyers or Brian Waters said they might have a source and will get back with Wayne. Dave Mattson thanked Wayne for the work he has done so far and told him to contact the DPW for any materials needed. Dale Peterson inquired if the Strawberry Festival has ever thought of having a **"fly-over"** during the Festival? Lynn Gierke said she will inquire at the August meeting for the Chassell Lions. Frank Cherubini wanted to **thank Curt Judson** and the Fire Department and First Responders for their quick response to the Father's Day Flood. He also asked if the township has thought about future drain issues, ex. Massie Rd., Denton Rd., 4th Street. Discussion commenced about the **4th Street drainage** and Joe Youngman said the DEQ is looking into cleaning out the culvert. It is their turn this time to do the work. Chris Holmes will look into, low cost drain study. Jeremy Shannon-asked why the Houghton Co. Road Commission (HCRC) cancelled the dust control? Discussion. Dave Mattson will contact the HCRC.

Dave Mattson thanked both the Fire Department and First Responders for their quick response to the Father's Day Flood. He also thanked DP Construction for also responding quickly. Barriers and cones are needed at the township. We currently have 2-6' barriers. Dave Mattson asked that the DPW to make a list of what is needed to purchase.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Judson reported 6 calls, 17 to date and the Father's Day Flood. First Responders reported 5 calls, 34 to date. Chief Curt Judson reported the following donations were made with the profits from the Fireman's tournament: Flood Relief Fund-\$3,492 and \$1,300 to the Markham Family from the 50/50 raffle. The Strawberry Festival Chicken BBQ was okay but they had 40 birds left. The Fire Department (FD) reported that Paradise Rd., Pilgrim River bridge won't be repaired till 2019. Our FD will be working with the Hurontown FD for responses south of the Pilgrim River bridge. Also, the FD will be work on an agreement with the Keweenaw Bay FD. Their FD is aging and has few members. The recent structure fire our FD responded along with other local FD's to help them.

**TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE:** Joe Youngman said that McGrath Construction was interested in donating a dump truck to the township. Wayne Rantamaki gave details about the truck. Dan Palosaari made a motion to accept the offer of the dump truck, Ryan Kuntze supported. M/C.

**ZONING:** N/A

**PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Blight Ordinance-**a Blight Survey mailing went out in the July tax bill but the web address was incorrect, it should have been-[www.surveymonkey.com/r/ctblight](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ctblight). Kelly will put a notice in the July water bill. **Portage Paddle Sports-**would like to do a free demonstration at the park. The board approved as long as they make a donation for the boat launch fee. The PC committee recommends that **dogs be allowed in the park on a leash**. Also that the township purchase 4 dog waste disposal stations units at \$149 each. Dave Mattson made a motion to remove “NO DOGS” from park signs and to purchase 4 dog waste disposal units (2 in park and the other 2 at the discretion of the DPW) supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C. The following **PC member terms will expire, August 2018:** Dale Peterson, Steve Spahn, and Lou Ellen Helman. A letter from individuals interested in positions, should be sent to the township. Brian Waters requested the **Zoning Administrator** contact information. Lynn Gierke reported it is on our website Chassell.Net. **Township Road Committee-**Brian Waters, Dale Peterson and Ericka Malone are the members. Dale Peterson will be attending the HCRC monthly meetings. Discussion. Dave Mattson will email Brian Waters township road priorities so committee has direction. Keith Meyers reported on the **Sturgeon River Boat Launch grant**. A preliminary engineering study of \$10,000 requires a 50/50 match. Keith is working on a possible match for this grant opportunity. Discussion. **Chassell Mercantile-**Keith Meyers gave background of past infractions and wrote a letter for the board to send to the attorney to take owner to small claims court for \$5,100. Dave Mattson made motion to send letter to attorney to start the process to take owner to small claims court, supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C.

**ASSESSOR:** N/R

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

**UPEA REPORT:** Chris Holmes reported that in light of the recent flood activity the board should decide if the Lake Shore lift station should also be added to the USDA loan application for Phase 1? Discussion-the current system is over 40 years old, to add the Lake Shore lift station the rates will be an additional \$2/month. Dave Mattson made motion to include the Lake Shore lift station in the Phase 1 -USDA loan application supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C. Chris Holmes said that Duane Reid will contact us about starting the pre-application process.

**REVIEW BUDGET:** N/R

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. DPW job description-Lynn Gierke and Joe Youngman worked on wording to advertise for position. Send final draft to Dave Mattson before posting.
2. Eds back blade-N/R
3. Foreclosed Property offer from Houghton Co.-Deadline passed now to auction.
4. Boat Launch Permit Enforcement-Keith Meyers suggested a “contribution” system instead of enforcement. Discussion. It was also brought up that signage for recent “Beach Closed” was not adequate for preventing people from swimming. Lynn Gierke said Health Department notices received were posted at SNB and Post Office. The website also had the link for current Beach Closures in area. Discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Chassell/Portage Trail Meeting-Meeting on June 27th was well attended. Discussion was productive. Next meeting July 25th, 6pm at the Fire Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm, per motion by Dave Mattson, supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C

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