

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
October 10, 2018

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

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

MINUTES: September minutes were approved per motion by Dave Mattson, support by Kelly Holmes.
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 Ryan Kuntze, supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENTS: **Marsha Sauvola** thanked the Chassell FD for all their help with the recent rain. **Rod Liimatainen** addressed board about township drainage/flooding issues and what is being done? Dave Mattson responded that the township is working with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), under USDA on a grant (75% funding with 25% township match) to repair recent damage from the Fathers Day flood and improve existing drainage issues. Application Deadline is Oct. 17th. **Chris Holmes from UPEA** further explained that NRCS was in the township 2 weeks ago and will be back tomorrow. They have asked for an extension but don't know if it will be granted. The priority list is Fourth St., Second St., Massie Rd and Creamery Rd. NRCS will provide cleanup and prevention. The township will need to decide the priority based on NRCS costs that will be provided. Much discussion about pre-existing drainage and what can be done about funding, such as creating a drainage district or the township will need to work with issues one at a time. One resident asked if there was any **Millage Increases on upcoming ballot?** Dave Mattson said the November election has the Recreation Millage on it. The resident wondered if the money could be used for drainage instead? Dave Mattson responded that the millage will help fund the Recreation Plan and was organized prior to the June 17th flood. **Ed Glowacki** responded that the rain today has damaged recent repairs to his driveway and adjacent properties. Ed wondered if someone can "catalog" issues in the township? Chris Holmes commented that UPEA did a flood study many years ago and maybe that it could be updated. **Wayne Rantamaki** commented that the culverts are undersized. Can any work be done on the 4th Street ditching now before NRCS funds are made available? **Levi Niemela** said the election is coming up and voters can vote down the Recreation Millage. **Derrick Verran** said Boundary Rd. now after the flood is experiencing very heavy traffic. Can the Board work with Portage Township and get repairs done? **Keith Meyers** commented that the library millage of 2 mils will no longer be on the tax roll and if the recreation millage passes residents will see a 1 ½ mill savings on taxes. **Patricia Heldt** heard rumor that Paradise Rd will be "dead ended"? Not true, the plan is to replace the structure next year with a bridge and not a culvert. **Dale Peterson** confirmed the project has been put out to bid based on info from attending HCRC meetings. **Tim Palosaari** commented that residents need to stop putting grass clippings, tree's, etc. in drainage ditches which is causing blockages.

CORRESPONDENCE: N/R

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Judson reported 5 calls, 2 accidents and 2 flood calls. He also wanted to thank the Chassell citizens for their response today from rain. He also thanked Township officials Ryan Kuntze and Dan Palosaari for seeing first hand what the FD is doing to help where they can. Chris Holmes from UPEA was also thanked for visiting today. First Responders reported 13 calls, 58 to date. Everything is going good otherwise.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: N/R

ZONING: Tim Palosaari, interm ZA reported 5 new permits-1 new home, 1 house trailer, 1 addition, 2 new pole barns. He is still following up on one complaint.

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): One new opening on committee, because Darlene Groneveldt resigned. **Road Committee**-they have completed their road ratings. Dale Peterson said the committee has prepared recommendations 5a & 5b. When the township approves the 5 Year Plan it can be submitted to the HCRC before Feb. 2019. Next HCRC meeting is Oct. 22nd at 1:30 pm . Send plan to board and post proposed recommendations on the website. Post **Recreation Millage** notice in newspaper and on radio. **Zoning Ordinance**-the committee is working on corrections. A working copy will be posted on the website. Next month, a "Petition for Change" form for residents to submit ordinance changes will be presented for board approval. Dale Peterson asked if anyone knows if we are receiving the **5 cent gas tax** for recreation?

ASSESSOR: N/R

WEBSITE: Continue to update with current events & meetings.

UPEA REPORT: Chris Holmes said the sewer application is on hold with the USDA. The USDA wants the township to look at infiltration and UPEA has installed 4 meters to collect data through December. Further sump pumps connected to sewers means you are treating clear water. Township ordinance states sump pumps should not be connected to the sewer. The DPW should be making inspections to eliminate residential sump pumps. He also mentioned that the fiscal year ended Sept. 30th and the new fiscal year for applications will start Jan/Feb. He also recommends moving sewer lines that run through the big culvert on Lakeshore. Dave Mattson asked if UPEA could give an estimate to move force main and 2 gravity lines out of culvert. Also, can we map out storm system?

REVIEW BUDGET: Motion by Kelly Holmes to amend the budget and add \$10,000 to both GL number 590-527-765 and 591-536-765, supported by Dave Mattson. M/C

OLD BUSINESS:

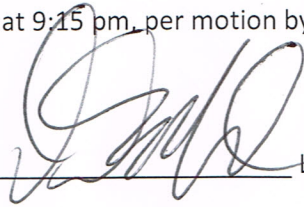
1. DPW job description-Ryan Kuntze and Dan Palosaari are on the committee. They will interview top three candidates and send a letter to rest of candidates not interviewed.
2. Ed's back blade-history of back blade presented. Dave Mattson made motion and supported by Ryan Kuntze to pay Ed Glowack \$750 rental for use of back blade for 2 winters.
3. Drainage issues, NRCS working on application-See Public Comment from UPEA-Chris Holmes. In Kind labor can be used for 25% match. For example any debris trucked (estimated 500 yds.) for disposal could go towards match.
4. Garbage Truck-N/R.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chassell/Portage Trail Meeting-Meeting on October 24th, 6 pm Firehall.
2. Special Assessment District (SAD) renewal, Milfoil-Lloyd Heldt presented history on last 5 years and treatment of Milfoil in Pike Bay with much discussion. See attached for committee requests and resolution. Ed Glowacki wanted to thank Darrell Smith for his work as committee chair for the past 5 years.
3. WM Contract-Lynn Gierke presented information about the contract and size of compactor and options suggested by lawyer. The board agreed to have Dave Mattson draft a letter with Lynn Gierke to submit to WM by lawyer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm, per motion by Dan Palosaari, supported by Ryan Kuntze. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor



Lynn Gierke, Clerk

