

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Dave Mattson

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

**MINUTES:** October minutes were approved per motion by Kelly Holmes, support by Ryan Kuntze. M/C

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report was approved per motion by Dave Mattson, support by Lynn Gierke. 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 with removal of New Business e, f, g, tabled till next meeting, supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** **Robert (Bob) Kokkonen** and wife. Sewer in their yard overflows, about 4-5 times a year. They "happily" brought 2 buckets to the meeting for the board to see what is happening. Luckily it was frozen and we didn't get to smell it! Dave Mattson made motion Ryan Kuntze supported to waive sewer portion of bill till the township can correct the situation. M/C. Dave Mattson will talk to Chris Holmes of UPEA to see if something can be done temporarily? **Wendy Bakkila** of Massie Rd. has tried to contact Kevin Harju of the HCRC about no ditch for the water to go in instead of her yard. Chris Holmes of UPEA said they have been hired to redesign drainage of Massie Rd and is working with FEMA. There will be zero costs to Township. **4th Street Culvert**-township is working with NRCS-application filed last week. Creek cleaning will probably be at our expense. Clean out upper and lower end. **FEMA**-question is Chassell covered? Chris Holmes said 4th Street/Hancock Street-road related repairs, FEMA will cover. They will not pay for undersized culverts. NRCS will pay for preventative issues. Bob Kokkonen who retired from the HCRC says ditches at Upper Massie Rd. are probably in need of cleaning. Dave Mattson will contact him.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Motions by Dave Mattson supported by Ryan Kuntz to pay Nancy Courchaine \$250 of \$400 bill to have sewage pumped at her house on 10/14/18 after getting no response from DPW to help. M/C. Discussion about set up system for after hour notification for residents. Motion by Lynn Gierke supported by Kelly Holmes to not forgive Harry Chinnock water bill. M/C.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Judson reported 4 calls, all were accidents. Motion to approve Emily Hermanson to join Fire Department by Dave Mattson supported by Ryan Kuntze. M/C. Emily is a "Legacy" both her father and grandfather are members! 19 members now. Will need new trash pumps for Spring. First Responders reported 7 calls, 65 to date. Advertise on website First Responder Class. Contact Derrick.

**TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE:** Joe Youngman reported that the new truck is in service and is in need of winter tires. He got 2 quotes and Fine Line Tire "out the door" is \$653. Also long term would like to purchase 4 rims to make changing easier. Dave Mattson said purchase.

**ZONING:** Tim Palosaari, interm ZA reported 1 permit for double wide trailer.

**PLANNING COMMISSION (PC):** Peter Torola applied for open position that expires 8/10/2020. Ryan Kuntze made motion to approve supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C. Zoning Ordinance Review: Brian Waters, Keith Meyers, Doug Hamar and Ericka Malone are meeting on Mondays at noon to review the Zoning Ordinance. PC presented board with application for “Petition for Change” form for residents to submit ordinance changes. This will be posted on the website.

**ASSESSOR:** Board of Review Meeting, December 13 from 5-7 pm at the Fire Hall.

**WEBSITE:** Continue to update with current events & meetings.

**UPEA REPORT:** Chris Holmes said they are still monitoring the flows. Then they will contact Rural Development about application.

**REVIEW BUDGET:** N/R

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. DPW Position- Ryan Kuntze reported that he and Dan Palosaari interviewed 3 candidates on 11/13/18. Start date, pay and benefits needs to be determined to determine an offer. Joe Youngman (20 years served) reported that he and Tim Viola (30 years served) will move to part-time in October 2019.
2. Drainage issues, NRCS application filed-hopefully grant will be approved and will receive funding in Spring. Application includes 5 locations that were determined with NRCS.
3. Garbage Truck-Tim Viola and Dave Mattson will work on trying to sell.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Break-in at old Community Center Building-PC will contact Houghton County Building Inspector. Last reported in 2004. Landowners live locally and have been notified.
2. Kathy Muljo street light-she explained that on Portage entry before Fisherman’s Lane, herself and neighbors are experiencing yard and gas theft. She has contacted UPPCO and with board approval would like a street light put up to have prevent thefts. Dave Mattson will check out location and contact her directly.
3. Township 5 Year Plan-Dale Peterson reviewed the 2 plans. The plan after submitted can be revised by the township. Dave Mattson made motion to submit Plan 5a to the Houghton County Road Commission (HCRC) supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C. Also the Houghton County Master Plan has been revised. Please review. The HCRC meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 1:30 pm except Jan. 14, March 11 and April 22.
4. WM Contract-Dave Mattson reported the township attorney advised if we move forward it will entail money to go to court and we might lose. If WM is offering concessions and conditions we might want to work with them. Dave Mattson will contact Mark Harrick about keeping rates the same. They have offered \$2200 rebate for wrong size compactor and a 39 yd. compactor. At the end of the contract we can reevaluate. Dave Mattson said we are a township, providing a service for the residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm, per motion by Dave Mattson, supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C

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