

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
February 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Dave Mattson

PRESENT: Lynn Gierke, Dave Mattson and Dan Palosaari

MINUTES: January minutes were approved per motion by Dan Palosaari, support by Dave Mattson. M/C

TREASURER'S REPORT: The January treasurer's report was approved by Dave Mattson, supported by Lynn Gierke. 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 Lynn Gierke. M/C

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Gary Guertin, asked the board if the public can vote before the process of a Special Assessment District is started in the township? Discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Chris Van Arsdale meeting on March 5, Franklin Township Office to discuss short and long term flood planning. Curt Judson, Dave Mattson and Dan Palosaari will attend. Letter from MDOT about summer resurfacing along US 41. Contact the DPW if there are any locations to be looked at. Letter from Eero Watia read about his objections to the SAD.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Judson reported 0 calls for January. Pigs in Heat Relief Fund Fundraiser on 2/16/19 at 7 pm. 4 Firefighters will be on the Blue Team. They received a \$300 grant from foundation in NY for new/used projector. Thank you for upgrading system! First Responders reported 6 calls, 9 to date. Grant from Portage Foundation (\$16,550) for CPR training and for 4-AED's of which one will be located outside in pavilion. Will need a box to prevent freezing and phone line to call First Responders. Grant is called Chassell Township Cardiac & Public Health written by member John Valet.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: SNB roof will be shoveled off 2/14/19. DEQ Randy Conroy was contacted by Joe Youngman about GW monitoring wells for current lagoon. We are behind on DEQ recommendations that Dave Mattson (enroll for MiWaters) and Tim Viola need to work on. Chris Holmes said he also spoke with Randy Conroy. He believes the township needs to send the DEQ a schedule of what we are doing, to come into compliance.

ZONING: No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Keith Meyers reported that a letter of query was submitted to the **Portage Health (PH) Foundation Recreation Grant** opportunity for a fitness trail at park. Dave Mattson made motion for PC to submit a proposal to the PH Foundation, due 3/17/19 for a Fitness Trail Grant with match coming out of Recreation Millage, supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C. The PC plans to pursue a **DNR Passport Grant for Historical Preservation**. As part of the Redevelopment Community for MEDC funding, the township should have a **Master Plan**. Dave Mattson made motion for PC to start work on a Township Master Plan, supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C. **Grant opportunity with Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region (WUPPDR)** related to marketing to attract new

residents, businesses and tourists with a max up to \$8,000, with deadline of 3/1. PC will seek match from the Chassell Lions Club. **PC again asks the Board to reconsider a resolution to opt out of Recreational Marijuana.** Dave Mattson said we need to discuss when all of the board members are present. Keith Meyers mentioned that his cousin is freelancing for the show **Discovering** and will do an episode focused on the lumber mill that was located in Chassell.

ASSESSOR: Board of Review on March 3/9 from 9-3 pm and 3/14 from 3-9 pm at the Fire Hall.

WEBSITE: Continue to update with current events & meetings.

UPEA REPORT: Chris Holmes reported that the meters were pulled yesterday. A report will be submitted to us and the USDA. Next will be the pre-application in Gladstone and getting the application submitted by July/August so we can get approval and lock in an interest rate. Chris also mentioned we need to review at least yearly our water and sewer rates. For now we need to Increase the sewer rates again-put note in monthly bill explaining that Chassell is in the process of upgrading the lagoons and lift stations as required by DEQ and rate increases are to be expected. Chris will provide, how are rates compare to other local communities and include this information with the note.

REVIEW BUDGET: Reviewed budget to date. Things are looking good. For new fiscal year-some items to budget for: DPW plow (\$6.6K), gravel for cemetery road (\$7-8K), trail maps (maybe grant money?), Fire Hall-new (3) windows and (3) doors (\$5K) and new full time DPW employee (\$?). Motion to purchase new unit heater for the Fire Hall, for current fiscal year up to \$1800 by Dan Palosaari supported by Dave Mattson. M/C.

OLD BUSINESS:

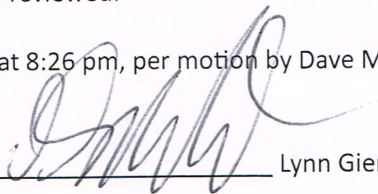
1. DPW Position- Repost position in MiTalent, DMG and Help Wanted sign at DPW.
2. Garbage Truck-Dave Mattson reported that Tim Viola is ready to list on eBay after snow melts.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cemetery Ordinance-reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm, per motion by Dave Mattson, supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor



Lynn Gierke, Clerk

