

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
March 13, 2019

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

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

MINUTES: February minutes were approved per motion by Kelly Holmes, support by Dave Mattson. M/C

TREASURER'S REPORT: The February treasurer's report was approved by Dave Mattson, supported by Dan Palosaari. The treasurer's report and the clerk's financial report are attached to the minutes. M/C

AGENDA: Motion by Kelly Holmes to approve agenda with addition of New Business D. Milfoil, supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Daniel Niemela stated that he agrees with the Planning Commission and also recommends the township approve an opt-out ordinance for Recreational Marijuana. The board will put on the agenda in the future.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Portage Health Foundation Thursday March 21, Franklin Square Inn, breakfast at 8 am. Dan Palosaari will be attending.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Judson reported 1 call, 2 for year. Ice Rescue Training I & II Technician Certification completed with MI Rescue Concepts, Port Huron. 70% of department is now certified. Cost of gear is approximatel \$7-8,000. Also Chief Judson recommends Rachael McDonald to be considered as member to both the Fire Department and First Responders. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C. First Responders reported 5 calls, 14 to date.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Frozen sewer on Half Moon Beach. DPW is already on alert for any possible Spring flooding.

ZONING: No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Keith Meyers reported that he and Lynn Gierke met with Nick Daavettla on 3/4/19. We should be going to court soon for the **Chassell Mercantile**. We are still waiting for the county to figure out a "procedure" on these type of cases. **WUPPDR Grant Proposal**-Chassell Lions Club with help with match Strawberry banner. Grant will include additional street light banners (theme-10 different banners of community assets), Strawberry Festival banner, new Centennial Park sign and Dog Park sign. Awards 4/15/19. **Portage Health (PH) Foundation Recreation Grant**, deadline 3/18/19 will partner with MTU John Durocher, Affiliated Assistant Professor, Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology on a video to be put on web page on how to use the equipment for fitness trail. Also will partner with Chassell Schools for installation of equipment. **Sturgeon River Engineering Study**-Panel of 5 individuals met to review the proposals-recommendation to award to Traverse Engineering. Proposal came in at \$10,000 all others were higher. Discussion about proposal and projected costs to complete the project with bidding available in 2020. Joe Youngman spoke about tax dollars being used for a project that he believes the public won't use. He believes the taxpayer dollars should be used to repair the Park

Boardwalk that is currently under water. Jim Tervo spoke about the Ski Trail and that a bridge is in need of repair. Keith Meyers said he would be willing to add the bridge to the **PH Foundation Grant** if Jim Tervo can get him an estimated cost for repair. Dave Mattson made motion to award the Sturgeon River Engineering Study to Traverse Engineering with recommendation that they provide us with flexible potential options, supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C.

ASSESSOR: Board of Reviews last meeting is 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 township will set up an appointment with Brenda Stevenson with **USDA to do the pre-application** in Gladstone. This will be coordinated with Adams Township to make it more efficient for UPEA.

MI State Police-Notice of Intent (NOI) for FEMA grant for 4th St. A Benefit Cost Analysis is required to apply which would evaluate present or future damage to homes or roads. Deadline is April 5th. Grant due by June 15th. Request for State of Qualifications is necessary to start procurement process before May to have engineering costs eligible for grant money. Grant is 75% grant/25% match. Funds would be available in fall with construction in Spring 2020. Will also need a Letter of Intent with Houghton Co. to do work. Motion by Dan Palosaari for UPEA to fill out Notice of Intent at an approximate cost of \$500-1000, supported by Dave Mattson. M/C. **MiWaters**-Dave needs to work with Chris Holmes to get registered next week.

REVIEW BUDGET: Reviewed budget to date. The Fire Hall unit heater for \$1800 project needs to be completed by this fiscal year. Public Hearing to review the proposed budget on 3/18/19 at 6 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. DPW Position- Dan Palosaari reported we have 5 applicants to date. Will have interviews in the next couple weeks.
2. Cemetery Ordinance-table.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Township Insurance-Dave Mattson made motion to use Hannula Insurance for 2019-2020 supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C
2. Sewer Main Extension Massie Rd. area-Wendy Hackman received a letter from the Health Department that her drainfield is not working because of damage from the Father's Day flood. Dan Palosaari with check with PH Foundation-Kevin Storer to see about costs. Estimated cost to add 3 homes in that area could be up to \$70,000. Discussion of options.
3. Pump Rental for Spring Runoff and Overflows from #1 Pump Station-Rental of pump approx. \$5,000 for month. Cost of pump approx. \$34,000 to buy. Discussion to work with UPEA, DPW, and Dan Palosaari to get correct size.
4. Milfoil Committee (add as line item to agenda for future)-Dave Mattson made motion to approve committee members for the Pike Bay Restoration Committee (see attached), supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C. Motion by Dave Mattson to make payment to the State of MI application permit fee, shared with Torch Lake, due 4/1/19 for \$500 supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C. Board asks that the committee announce meetings on the website and with a group email to the board and Chris Holmes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm, per motion by Lynn Gierke, supported by Dave Mattson. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor _____ Lynn Gierke, Clerk _____