

**CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**May 8, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Dave Mattson

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

**MINUTES:** April minutes were approved per motion by Dan Palosaari support by Kelly Holmes. M/C

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The April 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 Kelly Holmes to approve the agenda, supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Keith Meyers reported that the **Chassell Heritage Center** received a grant for \$1,000 for painting and wall repairs. **Sig Rho member** asked the board if they knew who dumped the dirt on their property across the highway. It is possible that it is just dirty snow. Joe Youngman will look into. **Teresa Adams**-owner of the 2 blue houses at 42125 Willson Memorial Dr. had a water break when the furnace went out that caused a \$2000 water bill. (Thank you for bringing the rice krispy treats!) Joe Youngman reported that the water meter was fixed today. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to waive the overage of the sewer portion of the bill. M/C. **Boundary Rd.**-Derrick Verran asked when will it get fixed? Discussion about the dangers of this road and who should pay to fix.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Houghton County Road Commission (HCRC)-**Lakeshore Dr.**-Dave Mattson reported on email from Kevin Harju. Mattson asked if we can take responsibility of the culvert or assume maintenance costs? Also Sig Rho needs to call MDOT-Rob Tervo, about culvert on their property. Ryan Kuntze emailed HCRC about-**Leutz property**-drainage/culvert. Still don't know who improved drainage. Dave Mattson will set up meeting with HCRC, DPW, UPEA and himself to check both locations. **Rajala Rd.**-George Rajala reported that his road always floods because it is too low. Quote from HCRC of \$54,000 to place 4,900 tons on gravel on ½ mile of road. HCRC-**Dust Control** Rates faxed to office. **Eliot and Naomi Haycock**-Letter stating they left water running when gone for month of April. Can township waive water usage over minimum? Discussion. Unfortunately, the township can not waive extra water usage in this situation. Inspection Letter from Houghton Co. Building Inspector about **42264 Willson Memorial Dr. property** next to Community Center. Keith Meyers of Planning Commission said the committee will move forward with setting up meeting for Dangerous Building Ordinance. Also he commented that he has been working with the owner of the old Community Center on getting an MEDC grant to renovate. **ADA Transition Site Review** on June 8, 10-12 at the Park.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Judson reported 2 call, 5 to date. Ice Rescue gear has been purchased. First Responders reported 3 calls, 25 to date.

**TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE:** **Horseshoe Pits**-Lynn Gierke will contact Wayne Rantamaki to see if he is still interested in fixing 2 of the 4 lanes at the park. Also the basketball backboards need replacing. Garbage Rate Increase-Motion by Lynn Gierke, supported by Dave Mattson to increase punch card to \$20 effective immediately and single bag will remain at \$2. M/C. **New Cemetery sign** installed and 2 free

street signs (Thank you Elite Signs) will be installed. **Main lift station pump** rented for 5 weeks, ran 20 hours for 2 events. It was a SUCCESS. Joe Youngman is getting quotes for **cemetery road gravel**.

**ZONING:** No report.

**PLANNING COMMISSION (PC):** Keith Meyers reported that we were granted \$11,540 from **Portage Health Foundation grant** (with 20% match) for Fitness trail, ski trail bridge. Dave Mattson will sign acceptance of bid for fitness equipment. **Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC)-PC** has started the Master Planning process and Dave Mattson will need to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for MEDC. **Dog Park**-the trail was cleared and boundaries staked out. Working on **Grant proposal for Par Plan**-to GPS and lay into Google maps the ski trail. **Heritage Trail**-Discovering Episode-if missed go to 906Outdoors.com or our website-news to see clip.

**ASSESSOR:** no report

**WEBSITE:** YouTube video on News Tab.

**UPEA REPORT:** N/R

**REVIEW BUDGET:** no report

**PIKE BAY COMMITTEE:** no report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. DPW Position- still working on benefit package.
- B. Cemetery Ordinance-table.
- C. Garbage Truck-need to post on Craigslist for \$5.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Recreational Marijuana-Dave Mattson discussed reasons for adopting this ordinance. Motion by Kelly Holmes supported by Dan Palosaari to adopt, Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments Ordinance for Chassell Township. M/C.
- B. Park Pavilion Repairs and Maintenance-list reviewed and discussed. Kelly Holmes will work on refrigerator bids. Assess painting and if need bids? Call Boomers Stitch & Fix about curtain repairs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm, per motion by Dan Palosaari, supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C

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