

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
June 12, 2019

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

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The May 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 Lynn Gierke to approve the agenda with additions, supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: **Carol Ketola** reported a drainage issue. After much discussion Dan Palosaari said he would review and report back to the board. **Dale Peterson**-asked the status of Rajala Road, Boundary Rd. and Lakeshore Dr. Dave Mattson asked Dale Peterson to ask Houghton County Road Commission (HCRC) at their next meeting about Rajala and Boundary Rd. status. Dave Mattson said that a meeting still needs to be set up with the township and HCRC about Lakeshore. **Boundary Rd.**-Derrick Verran asked when will it get fixed? Discussion about the dangers of this road and who should pay to fix. **Tim Palosaari**-business owner, Ed's Used Parts & Salvage, questioned board using A & L Iron and Metal Company, not local business for scrap metal. Discussion. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes to use Ed's Used Parts & Salvage for metal pickup as long as we are paid for loads. Dan Palosaari abstained. M/C.

CORRESPONDENCE: Lynn Gierke reported meeting with Charter Communications and UPPCO about new programs. Information available in office. Letter from Mr. Soumis about water leak-Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes to remove sewer overage.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Judson reported 3 call, 8 to date. Reported on Houghton fire. 60,000 gallons of water used. Can any costs be recouped from insurance? First Responders reported 5 calls, 32 to date. Recommendation to add current Fire Fighter, Eli Jensen to First Responder who has completed first responder course. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: **Cemetery**-Joe Youngman reported that Sexton Craig Austin would like to create a "cremain section". If so, what price should be charged? Also reported, that **leaves in the cemetery** have become an issue. In the past local youth groups have volunteered to rake the cemetery. Suggestion to purchase a "leaf sucker". Joe Youngman will price out. **Park Boardwalk and Docks**-high water continues to be an issue. Repairs are needed. Discussion about possible fixes to "raise" dock. **Walking trail to school**-Dave Mattson will contact HCRC to see if they can give a bid to repave areas of trail that are dangerous, ex. the bridge at Snake River. **Dump Burning**-TR Excavating was hired to burn but not done well. Maybe not paid? Motion by Dave Mattson and supported by Kelly Holmes to spend up to \$300 to finish job. **Culvert Bid for Park and Cemetery Gravel**-bids submitted, low bid of \$4850 for culver and \$2125 for gravel accepted per motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C.

ZONING: Tim Palosaari, Zoning Administrator reported 1 permit for Pole Barn in April, May there was 5 permits-an addition, 3 garages and 1 shed, June so far 3 new homes. Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on June 14 for 1 variance. Todd Hamar wants letter sent by Township about Zoning Violation to Tom & Janis Heikkinen.

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Brian Waters reported Dale Peterson is back and will be attending HCRC meetings and bid for Paradise Rd. was accepted, \$2 Million dollar project. Next month the committee plans to have the Draft Zoning Ordinance available. Traverse Engineering will start preliminary study soon. Brian Waters reported that he asked 12 boaters on Sturgeon River if they would utilize the new boat/kayak access and they said yes, especially since the "cuts" is completely blocked. WUPPDR grant-light pole banners have been ordered and plan to have 5 of 10 banners up for Strawberry Festival and will be school colors, light blue background with yellow lettering.

ASSESSOR: 2 Resolutions passed. Motion by Dave Mattson to approve resolution establishing guidelines for granting poverty exemptions from property taxes pursuant to MCL.211.7u supported by Kelly Holmes. Roll call-4 yes. 0 no, 1 absent. Motion by Dave Mattson to approve resolution to Waive Penalties under MCL 211.27b, supported by Kelly. Roll call-4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent. **Next Board of Review meeting will be July 18th from 5-7 pm.**

WEBSITE: New tab for Water and Sewer information.

UPEA REPORT: N/R

REVIEW BUDGET: no report

PIKE BAY COMMITTEE: Meeting tonight at 7 pm, Lloyd Heldt's home, Many Waters-environmental consulting services, from Iron River, MI. Lynn Gierke will work on posting to website past treatment reports and committee minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. DPW Position- Dave Mattson made motion to opt out of Public Act 152-Annual State limits that are in place on municipalities for Health and Rx benefits supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C. Dave Mattson made motion to hire Cole Smith as new full time DPW employee, starting 7/1/19 with benefits to start as of 8/1/19 supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C. Motion by Dave Mattson and supported by Dan Palosaari for township employees to approve Aflac Services for township. M/C. Discussion that Cole Smith start working part time starting 6/13.
- B. Cemetery Ordinance-table.
- C. Garbage Truck and Pickup truck will be posted on Craigslist by Dave Mattson.
- D. Park pavilion repairs and maintenance-Kelly Holmes reported that 3 bids were obtained for Pavilion floor and are very expensive-budget for next year? Kelly Holmes reported that she has prices for 1 stove and 2 refrigerators, \$1,900. UPPCO is paying \$50 for old refrigerators. DPW is interested in one of the fridges. Brian Waters questioned replacing existing stove and would find someone to look at it before replacing. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke to buy 2 new refrigerators that are more energy efficient for the pavilion. M/C. Painting of Pavilion kitchen has been completed by Daba Holmes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Close Park and Rec Savings Account-Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to spend down and close the Park and Rec savings account.
- B. Water/Sewer CD Matures on 6/28-Kelly Holmes reported that with upcoming sewer project that we will need the money in the near future but can look into a short term option. Motion by Dave Mattson to let CD mature and cash out, supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C.
- C. Par Plan Resolution-Dave Mattson to accept bids for GPS/Google Mapping of Cross Country Ski, Snowshoe & Fitness Trails supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C
- D. Ryan Kuntze absence-will be attending training for State Police for next 6 months. During his time of absence he will abstain from monthly salary payments but will continue to review monthly minutes online.
- E. BTC-franchise agreement-motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes to accept agreement with BTC with Franchise fee of 3%, no PEG fee.
- F. Update Recreation - amend Recreation Committee Resolution from 12/13/17 to include Interpretive Trail/Dog Park. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to amend resolution. M/C.
- G. Houghton County foreclosed property-The board is not interested in purchase.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm, per motion by Dave Mattson, supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor _____ Lynn Gierke, Clerk _____