CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING November 13, 2019

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

<u>PRESENT:</u> Lynn Gierke, Kelly Holmes, Ryan Kuntze (arrived at 7:45 pm), and Dave Mattson <u>MINUTES:</u> Motion by Kelly Holmes to approve the October, support by Dave Mattson. M/C <u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u> The October 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 <u>AGENDA:</u> Motion by Kelly Holmes, supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C

<u>PAYMENT OF BILLS:</u> The payment of bills was approved per motion by Kelly Holmes, supported by Dave Mattson. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENTS: no comments.

CORRESPONDENCE: Fire Department received a letter from Smith Haughey requesting information from the Jenifer Rachel Jennings-Shaud accident. ATT is requesting the township to add a link to the website. The township will add to Business Section. Letter from the Chassell Improvement Association looking for sponsors for the Old Fashioned Christmas. The township supports by offering copying and use of the Fire Hall for free. Welcome letter from the Small Business Association of MI that is included with the Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce membership.

<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>: Fire Chief Judson reported 1 calls, 18 to date. Fire Prevention at school went great. First Responders reported 16 calls, 95 to date. Ice Rescue training will be starting. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke to accept applicant Wendy Walitalo also to the Fire Department. M/C. Possible equipment needs an "airboat".

<u>TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE:</u> Cole Smith reported that barricades on **Old 41 Bridge** have been placed by DP Construction. Fire Hall Windows-have been ordered by Dan Palosaari. Bucket Truck-will look into the Copper Country ISD doing some repairs. Training-Dave Mattson mentioned to look into available training and let us know.

ZONING: A permit has been approved for Dollar General and with current zoning it can be built up to sidewalk. Tim Palosaari mentioned he has had 2 calls on setbacks for lake. Chris Holmes said you can't be below the elevation of 603.1 feet. Dave Mattson said he received an email from Connie Julien, past PC chair person, about waterfront lots and size stipulation of 100' that was passed at a public meeting and is it included in the zoning book? Chris Holmes questioned is the width based on property with or without sewer? The Health Department has sewer setback 75' from water. Keith Meyers said the PC has received comments about what is a "front yard" on lake front property? Dave Mattson said we will need to make sure this question is addressed before the new ordinance is approved.

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Brian Waters reported that the 2nd Zoning Public Hearing was held on Monday November 11 at 6 pm. The final revision will be passed at the December PC meeting and will be brought to the board for approval at the December Board meeting. The Fitness Trail equipment is installed. The Daily Mining Gazette had 2 nice articles and have posted on the website. Brian Waters would like to thank Keith Meyers for organizing all the volunteers and doing a great job. New Facebook page created-Chassell Fitness Trail. They hope to have a Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting in the Spring. Portage Health Foundation is very pleased about how the project turned out. Old Ice Rink-Warming Hut-needs new roof and would be a good place to start the Fitness Trail with parking lot. Keith Meyers will look to see if there is any grant funding available. Dale Peterson asked if the board received the paperwork from HCRC about the Pike River Bridge about responsibility and ownership? Dave Mattson responded if HCRC wants something signed to have them submit it to us. Dale Peterson will contact HCRC. Hancock Street culvert and Massie Rd. -HCRC still waiting to hear from FEMA. HCRC Meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month except for 3 dates which Dale Peterson will get Lynn Gierke the info to

post on the website. During the winter Pete Torala will be attending the meetings. **Hamar & Chassell Painesdale**-culvert being replaced. Keith Meyers mentioned that James Schwaderer from MTU created a poster about the Historical Trail project and it can be viewed at the Heritage Center.

ASSESSOR: N/R

WEBSITE: Add links to articles by the Daily Mining Gazette about the Ski & Fitness Trail.

<u>UPEA REPORT</u>: Chris Holmes that soil borings at the lagoon sight next week. They will then work on finishing up the USDA application. No report on the Hazardous Mitigation Grant and NRCS Grant.

REVIEW BUDGET: N/R

<u>PIKE BAY COMMITTEE</u>: Gary Guertin asked about the Pike Bay surveys and sampling locations and we can establish sampling locations for future reports for consistency. Also recommended if water tests can we done by the DNR? Dave Mattson will email the committee to review. Lynn Gierke will post the map from the most recent survey by PLM.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Cemetery Ordinance-N/R
- **B.** Half Moon Ditching Status-report from Kevin Harju that the HCRC will try and do this year but will probably be this Spring.
- C. Lake Shore Culvert/Sewer line issue-on hold till we get pricing for manhole. Put in next year's budget.
- D. Water Meter Replacement Township Wide-UPEA presented Specs and will work with DPW and put out for bids. The 2 possible companies are Badger and iPearl by Census.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Dead end sign, Lindala Rd. Motion by Lynn Gierke supported by Kelly Holmes to HCRC to spend up to \$100 to install sign. Lynn Gierke will contact HCRC.
- B. BOR resolution for July and Dec Dates
 - a. Resolution-Be it resolved that the Chassell Township Board set an alternative date for the July and December Board of Review meetings. The alternative date is the Thursday following the second Monday in July and December of each year. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C.
 - b. The date for the December BOR meeting in 2019 is Thursday, December 12, 2019.
- C. Old Dump Burn Bids-3 contractors contacted only one 1 received. Bid by Maki Landshaping and Contracting for \$2,400 accepted by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C. Cole Smith will give us a management plan for the old dump which will include signage.
- D. Pike River Bridge-Dave Mattson will find emails from 2011 to see if the board passed a resolution.
- E. Open Position-DPW garbage operator- Dave Mattson and Lynn Gierke will work on a job description to post the part time position for \$12/hour. Lynn will contact MTA to see if there is an age restriction for operating the equipment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm, per motion by Dave Mattson, supp	oorted by Kelly Holmes. M/C
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