

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

February 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Dave Mattson

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

MINUTES: Motion by Ryan Kuntze to approve the January minutes, supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C.
Motion by Dave Mattson to amend the December 2019 minutes by adding Dan Palosaari as present, supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C.

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

AGENDA: Motion by Dave Mattson to approve the agenda, supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jim Tervo reported that the Chassell Ski trail received a \$300 donation. He also reported that he will stop grooming the trails after 3/15. Put on the website. Keith Meyers commented that the project to GPS the ski and snowshoe trail is ¾ done.

CORRESPONDENCE: Michigan Association of Planning Workshop brochure. EGLE-Marquette District announcing new District Supervisor, Tom Flaminio, Hancock American Legion requesting donation, Trimedia info about Cemetery GIS and GPR services available and State of MI Revolving Loan water fund.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Judson reported 2 calls and 6 calls to date. First Responders reported 6 calls and 15 to date.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Cole Smith reported that the public is using the warming shack to urinate in! Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Ryan Kuntze to rent a porta-potty, to be located by the warming shack with rubber matt. Also the hockey nets at the ice rink need to be replaced. Ryan Kuntz will look into replacements. Boardwalk Issue-Look into grant possibilities. Is the dock insured? Lynn Gierke will contact the insurance agent to find out if the dock is covered by ice damage? Ballfield-there are stumps in the field, which will cause issues when mowing. Get a quote to have removed in the Spring. Main Lift Station Pump-Xylem-Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke to rent a pump for the spring with DPW to determine the dates of rental. M/C. Cole Smith will be attending a review class May 1st to prepare for the certification testing that he will take. Chris Holmes will get Cole Smith information about the upcoming UP Wastewater Operators conference in Escanaba.

ZONING: Application for a temporary bait shop-Tim Palosaari will contact Lynn Gierke with info to set up a Board of Appeals meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Please read PC minutes for more information on chassell.net.

Highlights-Letter of inquiry sent to Portage Health Foundation (PHF) for portion of the Kayak Canoe boat launch. PHF granted to move forward. The final draft for the Sturgeon River boat/kayak access report is not available yet. Schedule Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance on April 8 at 6:30 pm before regular Board Meeting. Brian Waters will post flyers in the Post Office and Bank. Lynn Gierke will contact the Daily Mining Gazette.

ASSESSOR: March Board of Review, March 9 (9-3 pm) and March 12 (3-9 pm) and organizational meeting March 5 (5-7 pm). Motion by Kelly Holmes to approve the resolution for principal residence supported by Dave Mattson. All Ayes. Motion carried.

WEBSITE: Lynn Gierke continues to update it.

UPEA REPORT: Chris Holmes reported that he met with the DPW and came up with 4 options for Phase One of sewer system repairs. Discussion. The board directed UPEA to move forward on project to include, 7th Street and Lakeshore Drive lift station improvements, force main replacement from 7th street to lagoons, air release valve, Lake Shore Dr. improvements (moving 2 pipes out of culvert)

estimated cost of 1 Million. Dave Mattson made the motion to increase the sewer rates by \$2, considering the upcoming sewer improvements, effective April 2020. Kelly Holmes will make sure a note is put in the March billing. Also the groundwater wells (4) at the lagoon will be worked on in July. Chris Holmes also reported that the Hazardous Mitigation Grant (total estimate \$250,000 with 25% township match) was submitted, would cover costs downstream-new culvert from 4th street to railroad grade. The FEMA grant would cover costs upstream (total estimate \$62,250 with 25% township match)

REVIEW BUDGET: N/R

PIKE BAY COMMITTEE: N/R

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Cemetery Ordinance-table
- B. Water Meter Replacement Township Wide-table

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Election worker Pay-Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes to increase the election work pay from \$10/hr. to \$12/hr. M/C.
- B. Mileage Reimbursement-Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke to increase the mileage from 50 cents per mile to 57.50 cents per mile. M/C
- C. Budget hearing followed by Special Meeting on March 30 at 6 pm with the Budget meeting to follow. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes to amend the Budget meeting date from March 11 to March 30 on Resolution. M/C
- D. Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS)-Lynn Gierke presented board with information to review from MERS and possibly changing from John Hancock.
- E. Township Filing Packets available-contact Lynn Gierke if interested in running for a board position.
- F. Dollar General Easement-N/R

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm, per motion by Dave Mattson, supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor

Lynn Gierke, Clerk