

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Conducted with Phone Conference Option
May 13, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Dave Mattson

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

MINUTES: Motion by Dan Palosaari to approve the April minutes, supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C

TREASURER'S REPORT: The April 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 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: Joe Youngman would like the board to get bids for the metal recycle bin because we are currently getting zero cash from Ed's Salvage. Derrick Verron asked about the status of Boundary Road now that Portage Township's Road millage passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: UPHS Regional Blood Center reported that the blood drive on 4/16 had 37 people participate and collected 28 pints of blood. That calculates to saving 84 yoopers lives! Houghton County Road Commission submitted pricing for Dust Control. We are scheduled the week of June 15, 2020.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Judson reported 2 calls and 15 calls to date. One call was an ice rescue on 4/11. The training a year ago came in handy and now they know that they should be looking for additional equipment. It was suggested to look into a Rural Development loan for an emergency vehicle. First Responder reported 11 calls and 42 year to date.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Cole Smith reported the **main lift station rental pump** was picked up on 5/11. Dave Mattson will call Xylem if we receive a second bill. Dan Palosaari asked Cole Smith if the **water meter** from Andre Soumis house was removed? No. Cole Smith reported 3 **drainage issues** that need to be resolved. Dave Mattson reported he knew of 2 more issues. Send him the addresses and he will contact the Houghton Co. Road Commission. **Cemetery Cleanup**-the Holmes family volunteered to clean up before Memorial Day. **Dollar General-water** is being used but metered plus the fire hydrant has been broken. DPW will calculate a rate and bill to DP Construction. Dollar General is willing to sign the **easement** but it still needs to be completed. Dave Mattson will continue to work on it. He will also contact MDOT-Rob Tervo about not having **parking** on the highway in front of Dollar General when open.

ZONING: Tim Palosarri reported permits for 1 new house and 2 additions. He reported that the Health Department was contacted about the person living in a camper trailer, with no water or sewer hookup, in the backyard of downtown Chassell resident. The homeowner is in violation of Chassell zoning.

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Keith Meyers reported by phone that Peter Torala was accepted as a new board member of the Houghton Co. Road Commission. Unfortunately, he will resign from the PC. Lynn Gierke will post on the website that there is an opening. The PC hopes to meet soon. The Keweenaw Community Foundation grant-mapping the ski and snow trail is almost done and signs being made. Keith Meyers announced a \$20,000 grant from Portage Health Foundation for the Canoe/Kayak Launch Project. Chassell Historical Organization has received a grant for ADA parking spaces from the Keweenaw Park Service.

ASSESSOR: No report.

WEBSITE: No report.

UPEA REPORT: Chris Holmes reported that he has contacted 2 companies about bid details for equipment and has one company for installation. USDA Sewer project application will be submitted soon with some equipment additions.

REVIEW BUDGET: No Report

PIKE BAY COMMITTEE: Many Waters should be contacted to do an Aquatic Survey.


OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Cemetery Ordinance-table
- B. Water Meter Replacement Township Wide-see UPEA Report.
- C. Dollar General easement, water use, parking-see DPW
- D. Retirement account-Informational meeting with MERS rep for June 10 at 6:30 pm.
- E. Boardwalk-Cole Smith wondered if we could eliminate the underwater portion of boardwalk and make a trail from the dog park to the "fishing pier" on the end of the original structure.
- F. Enhanced Access to Public Policy Records-Kelly Holmes submitted policy for approval, Dave Mattson supported. M/C.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. HCRC Dust Control Rates-Motion by Dave Mattson to use up to the same amount as last year supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C. Work will be the week of June 15, 2020. Dave Mattson will also talk to Kevin Harju about Massie Rd. and FEMA money along with drainage issues.
- B. Spending Policy-Motion by Dave Mattson, supported by Ryan Kuntze to approve policy. M/C.
- C. Park, Bathrooms and Fish Station-sign saying "Use at Own Risk", open Friday 5/15.

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

Dave Mattson, Supervisor  Lynn Gierke, Clerk 