

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
February 10, 2021

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Dave Mattson

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

MINUTES: Motion by Kelly Holmes to approve the January minutes, supported by Ryan Kuntze. M/C

TREASURER'S REPORT: The January 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 Kelly Holmes to approve the agenda with addition of 19 f. Liquor Inspector, supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Daniel Niemela asked what is the latest on our Zoning Ordinance Updates. Keith Meyers reported that meetings will start again mid-March.

CORRESPONDENCE: 2021 Keweenaw economic Development Alliance (KEDA) Membership Support letter, email from MDOT that a no parking traffic order has been issued. Signs will be posted no parking on highway in front of Dollar General. Request for local Girl Scouts to use Fire Hall on March 8 for cookie distribution.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Lynn Gierke reported for Fire Chief Judson reported 1 call and 7 year to date. No report from First Responders.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Cole Smith reported that EGLE wants the township to install a screen at lagoon for accepting septage. Chris Holmes, UPEA will ask to see what other communities are using. The backup motor for the main lift station will be shipping soon. Mark Koski is requesting water to be turned on next week to the apartment building he owns (old Community Center). Cole Smith asked if he could get a raise now that he is water certified. The board said they would review when for the new budget.

ZONING: The PC discussed that there is an issue with a resident with 3 trailers on property that might be occupied.

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Keith Meyers reported that the design from UPEA is complete and will go out to bid for fabrication. Chris Holmes reported that UPEA is still working on the site plan for the Sturgeon River Canoe/Kayak launch. There is progress for funding of the Historical Trail project. Snowmobile trail from Chassell to Baraga bridge repair should be complete by fall and also there is work in progress towards reestablishing the trail between Chassell and Bill Nicholls Trail.

ASSESSOR: See below.

WEBSITE: N/R

UPEA REPORT: Chris Holmes reported that Sewer application has been submitted to Rural Development.

REVIEW BUDGET: N/R

PIKE BAY COMMITTEE: N/R

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Water Meter Replacement-Chippewa apartments and Sig Rho 1" meters installed.
- B. Improvements to boat launch, parking lot, floating dock-N/R
- C. Pavilion Improvements-Kelly Holmes reported that the warming shack is still cold. AED-from PH Foundation installed on pavilion lake side but not functional yet.
- D. Emergency services vehicle grant-Chris Holmes reported that based on the 2010 census the median household income threshold is \$46K or less. Chassell is \$48K. When the 2020 census numbers come out he can check to see if Chassell qualifies.
- E. Boundary Rd. Improvement-Dave Mattson explained the agreement for Chassell to pay \$114 for the repair of 1 ¼ mile of the East end of Boundary Rd. Portage Township amount for road repairs will be \$196K. The rest of the cost will be covered by HCRC and FEMA. Lynn Gierke will submit the agreement to HCRC with signatures. Discussion about Road Millage and covering Massie Rd. and future projects.

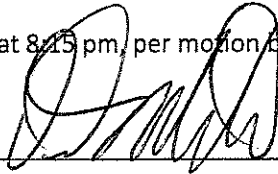
- F. Community Energy Management Incentive Program-application submitted for \$15K and will include insulating the entire Fire Hall and replace all weather stripping on all exterior doors.
- G. Rec Authority Update-Need to inform residents that DNR will perform trail maintenance and widening planned for rail trail this year. Ryan Kuntze will need to attend the March 8, 1 pm meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Board of Review (BOR) Organizational Meeting March 2, 5-7 pm, March 8, 9-3 pm and March 9, 3-9 pm.
- B. Resolution to allow appeals in writing for BOR-Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes to approve. M/C.
- C. Army Corps Flood Management-Letter for Assistance-Chris Holmes described that this is a “plan type bid” project and the Army Corps does 50% of the work. Lynn Gierke will work with Chris Holmes to decide on “problem description” for the letter.
- D. Clerk-Lynn Gierke asked the board to budget \$2000 for accounting. Discussion and add to 2021-22 budget.
- E. Jake Brake Discussion-HCRC says an ordinance if we want to restrict jake brake usage. This might not be an issue with new technology. Tabled for now.
- F. Liquor Inspector-Curt Judson resigned as of January 2021. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to ask Kevin Kallianen to be inspector for 2021. M/C

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm, per motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor



Lynn Gierke, Clerk

