

**CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**March 10, 2021**

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

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

**MINUTES:** Motion by Ryan Kuntze to approve the February minutes, supported by Dave Mattson. M/C

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The February treasurer's report was approved by Dave Mattson, supported by Ryan Kuntze. 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 Ryan Kuntze. M/C

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Keith Meyers reported that the Chassell Historical Organization is working on a grant to do repairs at the current building.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** UP Portage Health Blood Drive on February 1 had 21 people donate 16 pints, 48 yooper lives saved! Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce awarded Chassell Township-Member of the Year Award for our resilience and determination in business and in the community for 2020. Email from Mr. Colombe landlord of 42262 Hancock St. and tenant not paying water bill. Kelly Holmes responded to the board with an email about the current policy on who pays the water/sewer bill. The office encourages homeowners to keep water bill in their name and increase the renter's rent. But it is the homeowner's choice. Communication with the office is very important when the bill is in the renter's name. Ultimately the homeowner is responsible for the bill.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Judson reported 1 call and 8 year to date. Dylan Malone First Responder Director reported 10 calls to date. Also, he reported that the AED at the park is now installed. He reported a cell phone line for \$20/month with ATT is needed for the AED to be fully functional. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke to have Dylan Malone set up the plan and the township will pay the monthly \$20 fee. M/C.

**TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE:** Cole Smith reported that the power is on. The iPad was purchased and being used for the water plant. The internet to the FH is now fixed. MDOT will be replacing the culvert at 1st street and Lakeshore Dr. by MJO. Street signs fixed, Old Time Road and Massie at Paradise Rd. and Singing Sands Trail. Dog Park has had a lot of usage this winter. Request to get metal dumpster back. Board agreed to try A & L. Craig Austin asked if he can work on getting a Water License? Discussion. Board agreed that it is good to have 2 people with a license. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to pay for classes and mileage. M/C.

**ZONING:** N/R

**PLANNING COMMISSION (PC):** Keith Meyers reported that the **Snowmobile Committee** has contacted 20 landowners and asked them for feedback using survey monkey. Dave Mattson and Ryan Kuntze would also like to be included at these committee members because of past work on the snowmobile trail. There is a grant available that the PC would like to apply for that could provide funds for gates, brushing, money for private landowner easements, enforcement, etc. The **Sturgeon River Canoe/Kayak launch design** bid deadline is 3/12 at 2 pm. The package went out to 6 local businesses. **Remote Workforce**-TJ Palosaari and Keith Meyers were interviewed for an article in the Detroit News. Also, the Wall Street Journal listed the UP as one of the prime locations to live. Keith Meyers will attend the UP Wide Broadband zoom meeting on 3/25. PHF has approved the township to apply for grant for new **playground equipment** by 3/22. For more details from the PC see the minutes from the March Meeting.

**ASSESSOR:** BOR was held on March 8th & 9th.

**WEBSITE:** The PC has requested that the website have on the page the yearly revenue from the Park & Recreation Millage and how the funds were spent. Lynn Gierke will work with them on how to report.

**UPEA REPORT:** Chris Holmes reported that 2 groundwater wells have been drilled at the north side of the lagoon (7' and 25' before hitting sandstone). Next week they will work on the south and east side. The sewer

application is in. Tribal Review is still needed and could take up to 60 days because of COVID. NRCS specs are being completed and will go out to bid soon. Project completion deadline is September 30th. Dan Palosaari asked Chris Holmes if he had any repair cost info for Massie Rd. Dan Palosaari heard the costs for Chassell Township would be \$379,000 for 3900'. Dave Mattson said he will email HCRC again for the exact cost for Chassell Township. Lynn Gierke also reported that the contract for Boundary Rd. has been submitted.

**REVIEW BUDGET:** See below.

**PIKE BAY COMMITTEE:** N/R

**OLD BUSINESS:**

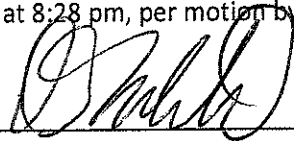
- A. Water Meter Replacement-N/R
- B. Improvements to boat launch, parking lot, floating dock-N/R
- C. Pavilion Improvements-N/R

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Board of Review Rate Increase-Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes to Pay \$175 for March Meeting (6 hours or more), \$125 for July & December meetings, \$0 for Organizational Meeting and \$50 per class attended.
- B. Cole Smith Pay Increase-Discussion. Cole Smith is now Water Certified and will take the lead in this area. Dan Palosaari made a motion to increase the pay for Cole Smith to \$20/hour supported by Dave Mattson. M/C. Dave Mattson will review Craig Austin pay rate for new budget.
- C. Budget Hearing/Special Meeting-March 23rd at 6 pm Fire Hall and Free Conference Call.
- D. Xylem Rental-Cole Smith has talked to the company and has the rental scheduled. Lynn Gierke made a motion to pay \$2000 to Xylem towards last year's outstanding bill, supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C.
- E. USDA W/S payment-Kelly Holmes reported that the township can work towards paying off the current sewer loan (~\$250,000) and make payment on the current water loan (~\$100,000). Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari for Kelly to make principal rate payment on loans thru USDA. M/C.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm, per motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor



Lynn Gierke, Clerk

