

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING – Oct. 13th 2021

Supervisor Dave Mattson called the meeting to order at 7:02PM

Board members present: Kelly Holmes, Ryan Kuntze, Dan Palosaari & Dave Mattson

Absent: Lynn Gierke

MINUTES: Motion made by Dan Palosaari, support Dave Mattson

Pavment of Bills: Motion Made by Dan Palosaari, Support Ryan Kuntze

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion made by Ryan Kuntze, Support Dave Mattson

AGENDA: The agenda was approved per motion by Kelly Holmes, support by Dave Mattson.

Public Comments:

Audrey Viola expressed the need to have special meetings to discuss the rental opportunities for the bank property that could be available to the township. She presented 3 different options based on square footage. The board will discuss all options and take into consideration all ideas that make financial sense.

Phyllis Sague expressed the desire to have the gravel portion of North Entry road paved. Judy Ruplee reported that there is a sink hole in the pavement on Lakeshore drive at address 42620. Houghton County road commission has been made aware of it.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW:

Senior Meals would like to use the Firehall on Mondays and Wednesdays now from 11-1:30. Motion made to allow them to do so by Dave Mattson, Support Dan Palosaari.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1 call was made to the FD. New extraction tools were used and the scene was handled smoothly. Department has 18 members and is actively looking for new members as it expects to lose several members due to relocation in the next few months.

First Responders had 12 calls with 76 year to date. 2 prospective new members looking to join: Jill Usitalo and Jeff Guzek. Motion was made to approve the 2 new members made by Dave Mattson, Support Kelly Holmes.

DPW/TWP. Maintenance:

Water leak was discovered near Haataja residence in the alley. DP Construction is going to come to dig the hole due to the location and depth.

The Twp. Tractor clutch is slipping. Ray Wiirtanen is going to give an estimate on replacing the clutch.

4-5 water meters are left to replace. 1 in buried in a basement from the father's day flood.

DPW would like to order a new garage door with opener for the shop garage. Materials as well as tools have been disappearing while the guys are away from the shop and the door is left open. Will get quotes for a new door installed.

Planning Commission:

The disc golf course is completed at the school. Trevor Clark has been giving tours and demonstrating how the game is played.

Excavation for the year has been completed at the Kayak launch on the Sturgeon river.

Working to identify the legal owner of the old holy trinity church near the cemetery.

Clint Sundstrom has stopped communication with the twp over the cleanup procedures of the property.

Submit draft RFP to local engineering firms for bids on the park project. Motion made by Dan Palosaari, support by Dave Mattson.

DNR is planning to clean up the ditch right of way by Darlene Gronewelt before the end of the year.

The state is planning on putting a 5' culvert under US41 at Massie road. Cost to the road commission is estimated at \$360,000.

Dale Peterson is going to alert the road commission of 3 culverts on north entry that have collapsed and are a road hazard.

UPEA is working hard on the main lift station replacement design. Still hopeful to get it replaced before the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

DPW filled in the drainage spots near the gutters and drainage spouts at the pavilion.

TWP will be closing on the SNB bank property on 10/21/2021 at 3:30.

Motion to authorize Lynn Gierke to be the signer for the TWP on the closing. Motion is made by Dan Palosaari, support by Kelly Holmes.

Due to financial losses the TWP is opting not to renew the garbage contract with Waste Management. Motion made by Dave Mattson, support from Dan Palosaari.

NEW BUSINESS

Twp. needs to open a new savings account for ARPA funds. Motion made by Dave Mattson, support by Ryan Kuntze. with signers, Lynn Gierke, Kelly Holmes, + Audrey Viola.

Chassell Schools would like the township to contact MDOT about new highway sports signs. Motion made to proceed with request by Dan Palosaari, support Ryan Kuntze.

8:10 Motion to adjourn by Dan Palosaari, support Dave Mattson.