

**CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
December 8, 2021**

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

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

**MINUTES:** Motion by Dan Palosaari to approve the November minutes, supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The November 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 Ryan Kuntze to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business d. RFP Preliminary Engineering Study for park, supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Irish Mike Mandan talked to the board about making fertilizer from composting wastewater that could be sold. He also asked if the board would consider an incentive program for water customers to use less water.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Curt Judson reported that the Fire Department had 0 calls with 21 to date and First Responders had 12 calls with 100 to date. Curt Judson reported that Dylan Malone will be stepping down as of 12/31/21. The FR will elect a new director in January 2022. Curt Judson also asked the board why the capital improvements to the fire hall (insulation and new lights) were run through the 206 Fund. Lynn Gierke reported that the auditor recommended it since it was a Capital Outlay for building. The board will amend the budget below to include the transfer of \$7207.53 from the General Fund back to the Fire Fund for expenses.

**TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE:** Cole Smith reported that the ice rink is up. The garage door is ordered (it is 24 weeks out), the Holder is down again. The hydraulic hose on the plow was fixed. The Senior Meals program is requesting that higher toilets be installed in the bathrooms in the fire hall. A bid for the Anderson Welding Lift Station was received from B & B Contracting, Calumet, Inc. The cost of the repair could be from \$1600-\$5000 depending on what they find. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to hire B & B Contracting, Calumet, Inc. to repair the lift station. Lynn Gierke brought up that the sick time for full time employees needs to be increased. Motion by Dan Palosaari supported by Dave Mattson to increase the sick time for full time employees from 6 days to 12 days per year and have it retroactive for 2021. Tabled for now, what the township should do about COVID sick time.

**ZONING:** N/R

**PLANNING COMMISSION (PC):** Keith Meyers reported the Zoning Ordinance group would like to have a hearing in January. The lawyer has served the owner of the Chassell Mercantile. The Historical Trail boardwalk will be funded by a private donor through the Chassell Historical Organization. The project can start when the EGLE permit is applied for. The old Cemetery Church ownership is under question. Also, it was discovered that the property has been tax exempt since 2017. Ticketing will start when it is determined who owns the building.

**ASSESSOR:** BOR will meet on December 14 from 5-7 pm.

**WEBSITE:** N/R

**UPEA REPORT:** N/R

**REVIEW BUDGET:** Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Ryan Kuntze to amend the following budget items.

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| 101-265-980 Building & Grounds | \$170,197.00 |
| 206-340-980 Fire Fund Capital  | \$22,617.00  |
| 206-000-064 Due from GF        | \$7,207.53   |
| 101-000-215 Due to Fire Fund   | \$7,207.53   |

**PIKE BAY COMMITTEE:** N/R

**OLD BUSINESS:**

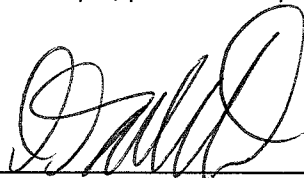
- A. Pavilion Improvements-N/R
- B. 41950-SNB Building Updates-email from Superior Family Chiropractic reviewed. Have AireCare look at HVAC. Ask Kelly Holmes if carpet tiles are ordered and get a key to renter. Lynn Gierke will review the closing statement to see if SNB paid the Winter Taxes. Discussion about pylon sign and signage on it.
- C. Garbage Plan-Discussion about how garbage went on Saturday, December 4th using the rented Pro Compactor. Dave Mattson made a motion to authorize the purchase of a new Pro Compactor for up to \$42,000. No second. Motion died. Decision tabled till January meeting when more information is available.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Enter/exit signs for the parking lot of the 41950 Building-board agreed to get a price for new signs.
- B. Tree removal near street lights for visibility-Dave Mattson directed the DPW to remove trees that are an issue.
- C. Water Rates-Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke to increase the water rates from \$30 to \$34 effective in January 2022. Next the board should review the 4000 gallon flat fee charge.
- D. RFP for Preliminary Engineering study at park-Keith Meyers reported that the committee (TJ Palosaari, Joe Youngman, Lynn Gierke, Brian Waters and Keith Meyers) met at 6 pm today to review the 2 proposals from UPEA and Coleman Engineering. There was much discussion about the scope of the project. Lynn Gierke asked Keith Meyers if the engineering firms could present an addendum to their proposals for cost without a marina that could be reviewed next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm, per motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor



Lynn Gierke, Clerk

