

CHASELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
July 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Dave Mattson

PRESENT: Lynn Gierke, Dave Mattson and Dan Palosaari.

MINUTES: Motion by Dave Mattson to approve the June minutes, supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C

TREASURER'S REPORT: The June 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 Dan Palosaari supported by Lynn Gierke to approve the agenda. M/C

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: **Dale Peterson**-concerned about the safety of children at the Strawberry Festival parade when candy is tossed. Discussion. Dan Palosaari will contact the Chassell Lions. **Robert Hutchinson** explained to the board what his family has been going through for the last 2 years with their neighbor. It includes contacting the township about noise and light ordinance violations, the local and state police having to be contacted for disturbances. Most recently a firearm was discharged by the neighbor in which the police were called and the neighbor was required to go to court. Much discussion. Commissioner Roy Britz, suggested the family have a meeting with the sheriff to document all incidents to be given to the county prosecutor. **Rod Liimitanen**-the **NRCS project** at 4th and Hancock will provide a new culvert and cleaning upstream to prevent future flooding. The easement still needs to be signed. He would like the reassurance that the Township or the Road Commission will maintain and clean the grate when needed. The township stated that we will help, but also asked that Rod Liimitanen and surrounding neighbors contact the DPW or Road Commission if they see potential flooding conditions occurring.

Stephanie Krieger-introduced herself representing the UP Task Force that has a 24/7 help assist line. Would like to know if the township would be interested in working with the Task Force? They have received 3 calls for Chassell from concerned residents. She asked if there were cameras at the park, which there is. Lynn Gierke stated that she is working with the DPW on a grant to get additional cameras.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter received from Freda Halley, lawyer for George Rajala. Anonymous letter received about general concerns at the township.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Curt Judson reported that the Fire Department had 6 calls, 18 to date. Also, he reported that the First Responders had 23 calls, 75 to date. The FD will be looking at purchasing a large diameter hose for around \$12,000. The new FR vehicle has township decals now. The Chicken BBQ at the Strawberry Festival was sold out. The FD will be helping with the PHF Picnic at the Chassell Park July 17, cooking chicken. The chief also asked if the township would consider purchasing a 500-gallon fuel container that will be locked. Krist is going to a Prepay for fuel. Board asked him to look into the cost.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Cole Smith reported that a light pole, Koski property mailboxes and stop sign were destroyed by a vehicle. Police report filed. Lynn Gierke will file a claim with the insurance when a quote to replace the light pole is received. Pump issues-Lakeshore Drive has only 1 pump (2 out of 3 out), Anderson only 1 pump waiting on pumps. The Main Lift Station construction still hasn't started. Fish Cleaning Station-look into a 1000-gallon septic tank that could be located before the station. Cole reported that the tractor clutch and brakes need to be repaired. Basically, all the township equipment is down. Discussion about leasing equipment vs. purchasing/trading every 3 years. Dave Mattson asked the DPW to work with Dan Palosaari to come up with a solution for our equipment needs. Dump Truck needs to be salvaged. More sand is needed at the volleyball court. DPW expressed the need for a generator to do their work. Motion by Dave

Mattson to purchase a \$1300 Honda generator supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C. New part time DPW employee, Erin Bergman hired at \$12/hour. The Pavilion Lights on the lake side are broken and should be repaired or removed.

ZONING: N/R

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Dale Peterson reported that PC met with Pat Coleman on the Master Planning. The next Master Plan meeting will be in September. The Mercantile, Old Cemetery church and adjacent property is in the process of being put in the county land bank. No quorum at the July meeting. Dale attended the most recent HCRC. They reported snowfall was greater this year than last. Work on Boundary Rd. will be completed this summer. Roy Britz responded to the, George Rajala's, attorney letter that the HCRC did not say that the ARPA money was obligated to repair Rajala Rd. He and the HCRC responded to the lawyer about this fact. Roy Britz did confirm that Chassell Township can use Road Millage money, which can be used as a match for the HCRC ARPA funds. Dave Mattson will call Kevin Harju, HCRC to confirm. The PC plans to invite Kevin Harju to the August PC meeting. Maybe the September meeting the County Sheriff?

ASSESSOR: BOR is scheduled for July 21 from 5-7 pm.

WEBSITE: N/R

UPEA REPORT: Dave Mattson reported that UPEA needs easements from Liimtanen and Zaderecki for the NRCS project.

REVIEW BUDGET: N/R

PIKE BAY COMMITTEE: Dave Mattson said still waiting for 2nd quote

CHASSELL OFFICE BUILDING ISSUES: Motion by Dave Mattson to purchase all new LED light panels for the building supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Pavilion Improvements-Dave Mattson and Dan Palosaari will continue to work on a solution for the curtains.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. No new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm, per motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor _____

Lynn Gierke, Clerk _____

