

CHASELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
August 10, 2022

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

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The July 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 supported by Dave Mattson to approve the agenda. M/C

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Carolyn Tormala about N. Entry Rd. paving. Community Action asked for a support letter for home winterization grant for area residents. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to sign the letter of support. M/C. Response to FOIA request sent today for Rajala Rd.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Curt Judson reported that the Fire Department had 0 calls, 18 to date. Also, they have one potential new member. Dylan Malone, First Responder director reported 5 calls, 77 to date. They will have upcoming training and submitted dates to Lynn Gierke to reserve the fire hall.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Lynn Gierke, made the following report for Cole Smith. The **cemetery** needs some chairs, a tent and a sign for funerals. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to approve purchase of cemetery supplies for approximately \$600. M/C. The **fish cleaning station** is up and running. The park needs better **trash cans**. The board would like more information on how many, what kind. Cole Smith would like to know the status of the Main Lift Station, Lake Shore Drive and Monitoring Wells see UPEA Report. Request to officially give name to the lagoon road for MISS DIG. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes to name the road **Lagoon Rd.** M/C. Contact the Houghton Co. Building Inspector of new road name. The main street lights are not working till the light pole gets fixed that was destroyed. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke to keep Erin Bergman working on a part time basis. M/C. Student worker Jake Elenich will finish up the season doing the pavilion rental cleaning. **Snow Removal equipment**-Dave Mattson will send out email to get information about what we need the equipment to have. Continued discussion about leasing equipment vs. purchasing/trading every 3 years.

ZONING: Dave Mattson reported for Tim Palosaari that there are 13 permits to date. Also, Tim Palosaari is wondering if the township can have an ordinance about debris in ditches? Discussion. Thoughts to add this issue to the Winter Newsletter/Tax bill that we have a watershed that needs to be maintained and it is everyone's responsibility.

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Brian Waters reported that there will be an open house on 9/8 from 5-7 pm to discuss the Master Plan. The PC meeting will follow. Accudock has been contacted for the ADA Launch on the Sturgeon River. The previous company could not produce plans to UPEA for approval. Ericka Malone and Brian Waters' terms will expire tonight. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to extend both Malone and Waters terms to 8/10/25. M/C. The Historical Trail is still waiting on permit.

ASSESSOR: N/R

WEBSITE: N/R

UPEA REPORT: Dan Palosaari reported that he talked to Eric Danielson and the Mail Lift Station will be done by November. Chris Holmes reported via phone call that Danielson is waiting for some electrical supplies. Rural Development has not responded to the rest of the application; they are on vacation and will be back next week. No report from Holmes on Lake Shore Dr. Lift Station. As for Lagoon monitoring no report. 4th

Street has an issue on the lakeside. Basically, after the railroad grade the water doesn't go anywhere. UPEA is working with landowner Doug Hamar about ditching. Landowner wants to make sure no wetlands will be created.

REVIEW BUDGET: N/R

PIKE BAY COMMITTEE: Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to have Many Waters to a Milfoil Survey this summer. M/C.

CHASSELL OFFICE BUILDING ISSUES: Motion by Dave Mattson to hire JCS to repaint the office parking lot for \$450 supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C. On the May 2023 Agenda, review parking lot resealing.

OLD BUSINESS:

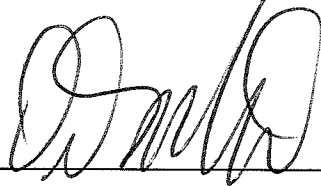
- A. Pavilion Improvements-Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke to hire Julie Melchorie to repair the existing pavilion curtains for \$1,000.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Water Tower Inspection-Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke to hire Dixon Engineering for \$4850. M/C. The inspection will put us in good standing for grant funding if any repairs are needed. Inspection will be August 17th.
- B. Lawn Mower-Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to purchase a new John Deere zero turn Z950M lawn mower from Northland Lawn & Sport for \$11,936.27. M/C
- C. Light pole, insurance/restitution-Claim made on for destruction of street lamp post, that occurred on June 24, 2022 estimated damage \$8473.
- D. Cemetery Rate Increase-Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke to support resolution to increase the open/close rate from \$300 to \$450. M/C. Effective immediately.
- E. Randy McClellan Dump Property-Mark Maki was contacted for an assessment of the 0.24 property requested for purchase with value of \$1400-\$1700. Suggested purchase price is \$1500. McClellan would like to know if he can purchase 1 acre now. The board will check with the assessor for value and consult with the attorney. McClellan also wanted to notify the board that the Farmers Market is doing very well. They have 50 vendors now. Next year they will submit a proposal for using the pavilion.
- F. DPW Training-Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to send Cole Smith to the Conference in Iron Mountain in October.
- G. ARPA Road Plan-Dale Peterson that Sheriff Saaranen attended the PC meeting. They hope to have Kevin Harju, HCRC at the next meeting or come to the board meeting. Peterson reported that there are now 3 municipalities (Elm, Laid & Calumet Twps.) that have signed agreements with the HCRC. Peterson gave an explanation how the PC determined the 5 Year Plan. Also, there was discussion if the road is raised will it create a dam? Dave Mattson will determine lengths of roads listed in the 5-year plan to give to HCRC to determine cost estimates so Peterson has information for the HCRC meeting on 8/15. Peterson will also ask about mowing of the township roads.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm, per motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor



Lynn Gierke, Clerk

