

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
September 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Dave Mattson

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The August treasurer's report was approved by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke. The treasurer's report and the clerk's financial report are attached to the minutes. M/C

AGENDA: Motion by Dan Palosaari 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 Dave Mattson. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chris Sayen and Harry Bykkonen asked the board to consider a sign on Chassell Painesdale Rd. saying "No air or Jake Brakes" from (10 pm - 8 am). Discussion. Dave Mattson will talk to the Houghton County Road Commission (HCRC) to see if it is possible to have a sign. Clayton Adams asked the board if there is progress in adding water and sewer to his property. Discussion. Chris Holmes thought it would be done in the Spring. Dar Gronevelt asked if UPEA is doing a study for ditching on Lindala Rd. for the DNR? Chris Holmes said he would ask at the office about the project. Dylan Malone asked if the board knows anything about the abandoned boat in the Chassell Bay? Kelly Holmes said she would contact the Coast Guard. Craig Austin sent her a picture with the VIN number for the boat.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) asking the township to submit a letter of support for a grant they are applying for. The grant could provide a permanent boat washing station for the township. The board agreed to submit a letter of support.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Curt Judson reported that the Fire Department had 0 calls, 18 to date. Also, they have one new member, Kate Vizanko. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes to approve the new member. The Fire Department also purchased a 1998 Freightliner Fire Truck with 10,000 miles for \$25,000 and has \$10K of new fire hose. The new fire truck will provide better coverage for setup at the scene of a fire. They also sold the 1991 E-One Pumper Truck to the Otter Lake FD for \$10K. Dylan Malone, First Responder director reported 7 calls, 84 to date.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Craig Austin that boats are pulling up on the beach. Request the purchase of 2 buoys up to \$300 each. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to purchase. M/C. A septic tank at the Fish Cleaning Station has been installed. Get quotes to use rent or purchase 1-2 Porta Potty units for the Ice Rink and Boat Launch. The cemetery is in need of a new connecting road. Quote received for \$6K. Issue at corner in cemetery. Vehicles keep hitting or running over headstone. Discussion to make the "corner" more visible to motorists. Make an appointment for the truck to have brakes checked, tune-up and "refresh" undercoating before winter. The Street Lamp post has been ordered. It will take 8-10 weeks to receive. Aire Care was called and the downtown lights are now on. The Little Pavilion needs a major electrical upgrade which is where some of the cameras get their electricity. Quote from Aire Care for \$1200.50 received. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to fix. M/C. The Fire Hall service line is pitted and needs to be replaced. Get quotes to upsize for volume and determine the most economical way to fix.

ZONING: N/R

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Dale Peterson reported that about 25 people attended the Open House for the Master Plan. Also, that Kevin Harju would like to attend the October PC meeting. The county completed the road grass cutting for the summer. The Sundstrom property agreement was signed. Next demolition. The PC will start working on recommendations for the 2023 - 5 Year Road Plan. For more detailed information read the PC minutes.

ASSESSOR: N/R

WEBSITE: N/R

UPEA REPORT: Chris Holmes reported that Danielson will start working on the Main Lift Station after he completes the Portage Twp. Green Acres Rd. project. Chris also said that he is working with Crystal at Rural Development on reducing the pricing for this phase of the project. Also, the water and sewer rates need to be reviewed.

REVIEW BUDGET: The 2021 Audit was completed by Rukkila, Negro and Associates. It was a "clean" audit.

PIKE BAY COMMITTEE: Discussion. Has the survey been done?

CHASSELL OFFICE BUILDING ISSUES:

OLD BUSINESS:

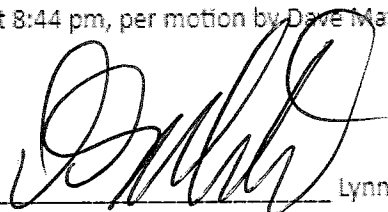
- A. Pavilion Improvements-Julie Melchorie has been working on repairing the curtains. Looking at bids for new cameras at the pavilion to apply for a grant with Par Plan.
- B. Randy McClellan Dump Property-Mark Maki will look at the property to see what the 1 acre will be.
- C. Water Tower Inspection-Dave Mattson asked Chris Holmes to see if we can get in position for a state grant to complete recommendations from the Dixon Report.
- D. ARPA Road Plan-HCRC is working on estimates for October.
- E. NRCS Project Issues-The project is over budget from the original grant application even without the Hamar Creek portion. Original project estimate was \$62,409. Current estimate is \$79,353. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to pay for the overage for the project. Additional issue is drainage at the Gagnon property. Estimated costs between \$7-10K. Waiting on permit from the Corp of Engineers. The township is agreeable that this work needs to be completed this fall.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Rajala FOIA-estimate submitted to lawyer. Waiting on payment.
- B. Used sewer jetter-Calumet Twp. has a sewer jetter on a trailer for ~ \$20K that would replace the 1960 Sewer Truck. Motion by Dan Palosaari supported by Dave Mattson to purchase. M/C
- C. Dump Truck-salvaged for \$400. Give title to Ed's Salvage. Put in the General Fund. Truck was donated.
- D. New Park Entrance Sign-work on getting updated estimates for Spring.
- E. Trac/Skid Steer, 72" Snowblower, 72" brush hog Bids-Dan Palosaari reviewed 4 bids from Case, John Deere (JD), BobCat and Caterpillar. Availability mid-Dec. to mid-Jan. 2023 with 20% discount for municipalities. Recommendation to purchase John Deere now and 7' wide dump trailer for ~ \$10k in Spring for transporting. Regular maintenance required. Use JDLink. Motion by Lynn Gierke supported by Dan Palosaari to purchase. M/C. Discussion to put all equipment not usable, out to bid.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm, per motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor



Lynn Gierke, Clerk

