

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
October 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Dave Mattson

PRESENT: Lynn Gierke, Dave Mattson and Dan Palosaari.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The September treasurer's report was approved by Dan Palosaari supported by Dave Mattson. 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: Dar Gronevelt reported that she had communication with DNR Matt Torreano, Marquette and Tim Novak, Mt. Clemens. UPEA, Steve Wright is working on a budget and permits to clean the drainage ditch near her property. Barb Summerset reported that the morning of July 25th she fell and called 911 for assistance. She wanted to know if a task force can be set up to look at response and recruiting for First Responders (FR). Curt Judson, fire chief who was present at the meeting, apologized and explained that they have 12 FR and 17 Fire Department (FD) volunteers. The FR are actively recruiting but when the volunteers learn 200+hours are required they quit. Randy McClellan asked where are all the ATV Trails in Chassell? Dave Mattson explained that the Chassell trails are not "all season" trails and close on 4/1. Randy also reported on the Farmers Market. The group reviewed Wednesday pavilion rentals and would like to reserve all Wednesdays from June - September for the Farmers Market for \$450 (average Wed. rental) except for Strawberry Festival week. Lynn Gierke will review the Wednesday rentals and report back next month. Also Randy asked if Chassell has any AmeriCorps workers. Dave Mattson said he was not aware of any working in Chassell. Mike Wolf asked what is going on with the Old Church and foreclosed property on Hancock St. See Below. Sheriff Joshua Saaranen provided the board with stats for Chassell for the past year and information about the County Sheriff department and what is going on. There is a request to start a Neighborhood Watch on Half Moon Beach. Secondary Road patrol is available from 416 Grant money used to patrol the county roads. The sheriff is always a call away.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Curt Judson reported the Fire Department had 5 calls, 23 to date. They had Fire Prevention and drills at the school. "Trunk or Treat" from 4-6 pm at the parking lot of the Fire Hall on October 31st. A FD volunteer will attend on 10/26 with UPPCO, on a tabletop disaster exercise for Prickett Dam. First Responders (FR) has 15 calls, 99 to date. The Blue FR vehicle was sold to a community in PA.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Craig Austin reported that the bathrooms at the park will be closed and winterized after the fishing tournament this weekend. The sidewalks have now been poured after repairs were done this past summer. The park is in need of a toddler swing. The John Deere skid steer should arrive by December 6th. The water plant needs a generator. See below.

ZONING: N/R

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Dale Peterson reported master plan comments to provide a crosswalk at the Centennial Park and post office. Can MDOT evaluate? Can MDOT install coming into town, "reduced speed"

and “reduced speed ahead”? The west end of Boundary Rd was fixed by the HCRC. The PC will have recommendations for the 2023 - 5 Year Road Plan at the November meeting. For more PC details see minutes on website.

ASSESSOR: N/R

WEBSITE: N/R

UPEA REPORT: Chris Holmes was out of town and sent an email. The sewer project will start late November/December. They are still waiting on the pumps and circuit board. Lake Shore Drive extension-is working with residents Adams and Bjork. Letter from EGLE for Grant Funding discussed. Dave Mattson will talk to Chris Holmes about sending in a letter for the Intent to Apply (ITA) Form before the November 1st deadline.

REVIEW BUDGET:

PIKE BAY COMMITTEE: Many Waters completed the survey and will get the results to us by Jan./Feb. 2023.

CHASSELL OFFICE BUILDING ISSUES: N/R

OLD BUSINESS:

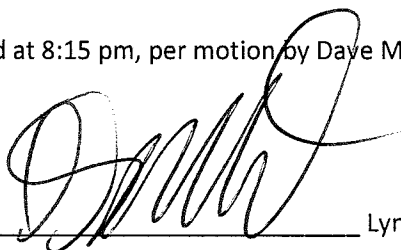
- A. Randy McClellan Dump Property-Lynn Gierke reported that Mark Maki still recommends \$1500 for ¼ acre or \$6000 for an acre. Randy McClellan said he is not interested in property for that price. He repeated if he purchased the 1 acre for \$1500 the property would be back on the tax roll.
- B. ARPA Road Plan-Dale Peterson reported what the HCRC estimates were. Dave Mattson asked Dale to send the board the estimates. A decision will be made by the December meeting.
- C. NRCS Project Issues-Gagnon property drainage-currently waiting on EGLE for a permit. Contractor is ready to go.
- D. Park Sign-table
- E. Rajala Road-table
- F. Office Parking Lot Lines-table

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Chassell Painesdale Hill-traffic that has the potential to endanger children-The board is recommending that the Road Commission install a sign warning autistic individual in the area. Lynn Gierke will send a letter to the HCRC asking for installation of a sign on Chassell Painesdale Road and include installation of a Dead-End sign for Marinette St. The clerk’s office will work on contacting local heavy equipment operators about the safety of children on the road.
- B. Water Plant Generator-get updated quotes and combine with other water plant improvements for grant.
- C. Sewer Cleaning-DPW will plan to clean the sewers the week of the 17th.
- D. Equipment Bids for JD Tractor, Sewer Cleaner and 2 Holders-bids were opened by the board members. Dave Mattson made a motion to accept the highest bid for each package supported by Lynn Gierke. Holder-\$2137, Tractor-\$5200, Sewer Cleaner-\$850.
- E. Quit claim deed-Lynn Gierke reported that the township will deed the Old Cemetery Church property on Hancock St. to the Land Bank this week. The foreclosed property next to it has already been transferred to the Land Bank. A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be sent out for the 2 properties
- F. Master Plan-The reading of the final draft will be at the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm, per motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor



Lynn Gierke, Clerk

