

**CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**May 10, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Dave Mattson

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

**MINUTES:** Motion by Dan Palosaari to approve the April minutes, supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The April treasurer's report was approved by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari. The treasurer's reports and the clerk's financial report are attached to the minutes. M/C

**AGENDA:** Motion by Kelly Holmes to approve agenda supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Robert and Amber Kokkonen wanted to know why the Mail Lift Station (MLS) isn't fixed and when the sewage is going to stop overflowing onto their property. UPEA explained that the MLS is currently being constructed. Unfortunately, the 2 rented by pass pumps failed on Sunday. It was explained that after the completion of the \$404,000 project the pumps should be able to handle the flows. Vicky Usitalo asked the board if they had done anything after they received her letter dated 1/23/23 pertaining to the noise from the highway by Lakeshore Drive. Discussion. Creamery Kourt-Dave Mattson will write a letter and have Lynn Gierke send by certified mail. Curt Judson and Dylan Malone both received affidavits from George Rajala's lawyer. Dave Mattson said to send the information to our lawyer to review.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter with pictures from Carolyn Tormala about North Entry Rd. with email exchange with HCRC. The HCRC did spread gravel on the road.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Department (FD) Chief Curt Judson reported 3 calls with 8 to date. Request to approve new member Reid Hamar. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C. Volunteers need to be 18 or older. Director Dylan Malone reported 10 calls with 35 to date.

**TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE:** Cole Smith reported that Moriah Goodall from the Chassell Farmers Market delivered 4 banners. Discussion about where to display. The light pole that was taken out by a driver in June last year was installed last week. The Park water is on. There are a few leaks at the Fish Station. Ice Rink boards will come down next week. JD skid steer needs a mower arm (for lagoons), sweeper and forks. Discussion of where to look for this equipment. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke to purchase forks from DP for \$600. Dan Palosaari abstained. DPW worker Erin Bergstrom quit. Need a new part time worker. Kevin Soumis submitted an application for a part time position. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to hire Kevin Soumis part time at \$15/hr. M/C. Reach out to JCS for quotes for the 41950-parking lot and DPW/Fire Hall parking lot. Cole Smith brought up that a storage building is needed at the lagoon. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to purchase a Shipping Container for \$3200 and had gravel outside the door. M/C.

**ZONING:** Lynn Gierke reported that Tim Palosaari wanted to request that zoning maps be put in the new Zoning Ordinance books. Lynn Gierke will send Chris Holmes a copy of what we have. UPEA will print a copy of Tim Palosaari to review before making additional copies.

**PLANNING COMMISSION (PC):** Keith Meyers reported that the Recreation Committee met. A Google Survey will be made available. Post cards will be sent out in June to 49916 residents with a link. Paper copies will be available. The Hancock Street Property deadline is 3/31. Keith Meyers was contacted recently by a concerned citizen about cleaning up the 2 properties. Spark Grant 2nd deadline is coming up. Purchase order for the launch was submitted to Freighner delivery expected in June.

**ASSESSOR:** no report

**WEBSITE:** no report

**UPEA REPORT:** Chris Holmes reported the Park Study is almost done. Need to determine the number of RV spaces. EGLE now wants continuous sampling. UPEA will contact Coleman Engineering. MLF-pumps will be installed by the end of the week and work on building next. Property ownership, triangle piece needs to be determined. Lynn Gierke will contact Mark Maki. Clayton Adams (water and sewer) and Bjork (no water only sewer). Sewer hookup will require a grinder pump on property. Discussion about what size water line and hydrant? UPEA will get a cost estimate. UPEA will give the DPW map and list of all grinder pumps in Township and Owner and who was part of 2006 project.

**REVIEW BUDGET:** no report

**PIKE BAY COMMITTEE:** Dave Mattson will reach out to Many Waters and Restorative Lake Sciences about doing a survey this summer. Kelly Holmes will find out if there is a deadline for refunding the Special Assessment District money. Suggestion for the township refund that the money be put aside for any related expenses. Kelly Holmes will contact Torch Lake Twp to see if they have had a milfoil study done.

**CHASSELL OFFICE BUILDING ISSUES:** Lynn Gierke reported waiting on 2nd quote for the parking lot.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

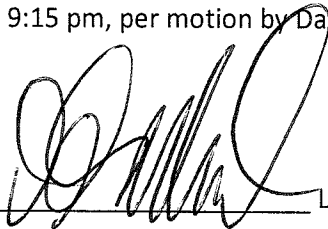
- A. HCRC Dust Control Plan-The Road Commission needs to know by 5/24 how much we need. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to spend between \$20-25,000 on Calcium Chloride. Dan Palosaari will help organize a distribution list.
- B. Dog Park Fence-JCS will let us know when he starts.
- C. Houghton County Recreation Authority re-adopt resolution-discussion.
- D. Ditching behind Gagnon to Hamar-Need agreement with DNR. No permit will be required and permit fee will be refunded. Dave Mattson will contact a contractor to temporarily fix the issue. DP will clean out the ditch.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Water System Lead/Copper Survey bids-tabled.
- B. Water infiltration into sewer system-letter into water bills
- C. Trailer for the JD Skid Steer-Utility trailer at Greenlight is gone. Need to look
- D. Sidewalk Repairs-
- E. Online payments-Craig Austin stated that 70% of water shutoff customers say they would pay on time if there were online payments allowed. Kelly Holmes will look into it.
- F. DPW/Fire Dept parking lot-need a concrete pad for metal and recycle containers and fire truck apron. Get bids from Siler or Scott Lamppainen for culvert work. Then get bids for asphalt.
- G. Park Sign-Discussion about the Chassell Centennial Park name. Consider renaming the park? Time capsule is located at the cemetery. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to accept the bid from Industrial Graphics for \$4,500.

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

