

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
June 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Dave Mattson

PRESENT: Lynn Gierke, Dave Mattson and Dan Palosaari.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The May treasurer's report was approved by Dan Palosaari supported by Dave Mattson. The treasurer's reports and the clerk's financial report are attached to the minutes. M/C
Online payments-Per email by Kelly Holmes "Researching Paymentus as the online credit card option for paying water/sewer and tax bills".

AGENDA: Motion by Dan Palosaari to approve agenda supported by Dave Mattson. M/C

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Curt Judson commented that motor bikes and ATVs are using the railroad grade and driving on park grass. Discussion. Keith Meyers will post on FB for residents to call the authorities if they see trespassing going on. Also, Judson commented that the playground mulch pile needs to be put under the playground equipment. It is being used by kids to ride bikes on. Moriah Goodall-Chassell Farmers Market coordinator said they are off to a good start. They had over 30 vendors!

CORRESPONDENCE: Cindy Lysne of the Copper Country Community Band would like to use the pavilion for a free concert. Discussion. Chassell Farmers Market Coordinator Moriah Goodall said they would be willing to have the band at the Farmers Market. She will coordinate with them. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke that the band can use the pavilion with no fee if Wednesdays don't work for them. M/C. Fire Equipment Grant for \$10,000 deadline July 10, 2023. Fire Chief Judson said they will be applying for 20 of each: helmets, gloves and hoods. Motion by Dave Mattson to have Lynn Gierke sign supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C. Portage Health Foundation letter to support the Western UPSET group. Lynn Gierke responded that we last supported UPSET in 2021 with \$,1000. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to support UPSET with \$1,000. M/C. Letter received from Creamery Kourt in response to our letter. Dave Mattson read. Email from the Daily Mining Gazette to advertise the 69th Annual Copper Country Volunteer Firefighters Association. No because we will support in other ways.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Department (FD) Chief Curt Judson reported 2 calls with 10 to date. Request to approve new member Mat Moore who is already a FR member. Motion by Dan Palosaari supported by Dave Mattson. M/C. July 13th the MI Propane Association will be at the fire hall for training. July 14th the MI Propane Association will be at the fire hall for training. Judson reported he has completed training and is a Probationary Instructor. Also, Dillan Malone and John Velat are both EMS Instructors. Director Dylan Malone reported 16 calls with 51 to date. FR received a grant from Portage Health Foundation for \$10,000 for High Rope Rescue equipment. They also have a new member Savannah Powell for approval. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke to accept. M/C.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Craig Austin reported that there is a service leak on Hancock St. The owner has been contacted. This past week EGLE performed a Sanitary Survey. Comments that things looked "Great". Lagoon #1 dumped. DPW truck in need of repair. Estimates received from 3 businesses. Clock Spring in steering column (\$850), Alignment (\$165) tires are wearing out-comment see if can get cheaper. Ball joints are starting to go. Comment-wait till fall and order online. Cemetery-the big white pine is dying. Many businesses contacted only one bid received. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to accept the bid to cut in the fall for \$6,500. M/C. May see if the truck can be left and carved?

ZONING: Lynn Gierke reported for Tim Palosaari, 15 approved permits to date. Chris Holmes will check

with the office to get a copy of the Zoning map to Tim Palosaari to review.

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Keith Meyers reported that the Land Bank has not received any bids. They are recommending to accept the first best acceptable offer for redeveloping the site. A local contractor has been in contact and considering a multi-unit duplex. The Spark Grant deadline for round 2 is 6/29. Keith Meyers and Lynn Gierke will work on it. Soil & Erosion and EGLE permits have been obtained. Freighner plans to deliver the canoe/kayak launch by the end of June. Disc Golf Course discussion-Organizer Trevor Clark moved away. Discussion about who will do maintenance of course? Discussion. Keith Meyers will work with the school. For more PC details see minutes on website.

ASSESSOR: Next BOR will be in July.

WEBSITE: Please send updates to Lynn.

UPEA REPORT: Chris Holmes reported the Park Study is not done. The GW monitoring wells will be done by Eric Bojorn or Coleman engineering for ~\$3K. Submitted partial payment, \$212,000 for the Main Lift Station. The Control panel should be installed 6/19. The site has been graveled and seeded. Door will be installed in 4 weeks. There was a lightning strike that blew a fuse at the main lift station control panel. Dialer notified the DPW but there was some backup. Chris has been in contact with Clayton Adams (water and sewer) and Bjork (no water only sewer) to get the project completed. No permit required by EGLE for DNR trail. Michigan State Police (MSP)/FEMA grant for 4th street, might need another extension.

REVIEW BUDGET: Paperwork received from Rukkila Negro to start 2022 Audit. Will meet on June 19th.

PIKE BAY COMMITTEE: Kelly Holmes reported via email "In touch with other townships with regards to treating, surveying and SADs. Based on the current survey results overall milfoil issues seemed to have resolved naturally, after no treatment for the past two years. Must refund overage in Milfoil SAD. Recommend refunding the property owners by the end of August 2023.

CHASSELL OFFICE BUILDING ISSUES: Lynn Gierke provided quotes for gutters and parking lot repairs. Discussion. Tabled.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. HCRC Dust Control Plan-Dan Palosaari rode with the truck this year. He recommends using 8,000 gallons in 2024.
- B. Dog Park Fence-JCS has installed temporary fencing. Gates will be installed after the area is leveled.
- C. Houghton County Recreation Authority re-adopt resolution-tabled.
- D. Water System Lead/Copper Survey bids-UPEA will send out.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 20 acres adjacent to Craig Aittama-Kelly Holmes reported via email "003-052-009-50 Landlocked (20 acre) Parcel on Chassell Painesdale, Township owned, buyer interested. Township acquired 2016, coded AG vacant land - information from Ho. Co. Equalization. Letters sent (Monday 6-12-23) to all adjacent property owners, price of \$7500, responses by July 10, 2023. Township's best interest would be to sell and get back on the tax roll."
- B. Finlandia Auction-Wire transfer made (Tuesday 6-13-23) to Liquid Asset Partners (Finlandia Auction): \$27,735.60 for Blade Plow -\$4,988.00, 2004 Ford F250 - \$8,410.00, 2009 Dodge Ram 2500 - \$14,210.00, 4 Trash cans - \$127.60. Discussion about purchases.
- C. Septage Rates-Superior Sanitation sold to A1-Toilets. Lynn Gierke has called other municipalities to see what they charge. Chris Holmes will contact Portage Lake Water and Sewer Authority. Supposedly Chassell is higher because of a past township resolution about biosolids.
- D. JD-Skid steer-need to find a mower arm, approximate cost \$25K. DP Construction has 2017 Trailer for sale for \$5000. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke. Dan Palosaari abstained. M/C.
- E. Pavilion Rental-Curtains, Garbage Cans, New tables & Chairs-Discussion. Need to get Julie

Melchorie repairs to finish repairs. Dan Palosaari will contact.

F. Strawberry Festival-First Aid Station-Discussion. Issues need to be reported to 911.

G. Park cams-Need user friendly, better resolution. Include camera at Fish station. Dave Mattson is working on. Moriah Goodall recommended Ubiquiti.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm, per motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor



Lynn Gierke, Clerk



