

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
July 12, 2023

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

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The June treasurer's report was approved by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke. 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 with addition of 20. f Floodplain Management Service supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Lisa Norman had 3 questions for the board, 1. Does the township have a leash ordinance? She is being chased by dogs that are not leashed along the DNR rail trail. Dave Mattson said to call Houghton Co. to see if they have a leash ordinance. Also, she will need to call the DNR to see if there is anything they can do about dogs not being leashed on the trail. 2. She reported that there is no sidewalk along the Chassell Painesdale Rd. and it is VERY dangerous to walk there. 3. Can the township paint "Crosswalks" downtown? Dave Mattson will contact MDOT to see if we can paint them.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you received from Copper Shores Community Health Foundation (formerly Portage Health Foundation) for the \$1000 donation (UPSET West) to aid in the substance abuse enforcement efforts in our community. Response letter received from the Houghton County Road Commission about our request for an "Autistic Child" sign on Chassell Painesdale Rd. Kevin Harju, Houghton County Road Commission (HCRC) Engineer/Manager reported that it is not allowable due to Federal Standards and Michigan Vehicle Code. He has suggested that if a vehicle is speeding that residents should report it to the Sheriff's Department so they can post cars in the area.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Department (FD) Chief Curt Judson reported 2 calls with 12 to date. Request to approve 2 new members Zack Merrill and Jordan Schaaf (legacy 3rd generation firefighter) Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C. The Chicken BBQ at the Strawberry Festival was a success and they sold out again! Also, Chassell took 2nd Place at the Firefighter Men's Tournament in the Dress Parade. Director Dylan Malone reported 16 calls with 66 to date. They also have a new member Nate Campbell for approval. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to accept. M/C.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Cole Smith reported that Archambeau residents are disappointed with HCRC grading the road after the application of road oil. The "big" white pine that is dead at the cemetery is scheduled to be cut down the first week of August. The board will meet at 6:15 pm on 8/9 prior to the board meeting to inventory other dead trees at the cemetery. The fish cleaning station is working so well this year that Jim's Septic is requesting to pump at least 3x per summer! The fish scales are clogging Jim's Septic tank. Also, the vault toilet at the boat launch needs to be replaced. For now, the board wants to rent a porta potty instead of replacing the vault. Miller Pipeline is busy installing new gas mains and services. Request to add more sand at the Volleyball court. It was approved last year and didn't happen. Residents are using it. Main Lift Station (MLS) has enough power to run the pumps. Recent issue was due to UPPCO. No backups occurred. Request to extend sewer line past Kokkonen's with septic tank. Cole Smith asked that the Old Dump be pushed back before the cutting of the cemetery tree. DP Construction will provide service. Congratulations to Craig Austin who now has his L1 Lagoon Wastewater License!

ZONING: No Report

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Keith Meyers reported that the SPARK Grant was submitted. Selected grants will be announced in September. Kayak/Launch will be installed on Saturday. Dave Mattson said a Kayak Tour group contacted him about leaving vehicles for up to 1 week. Discussion. Upcoming grant

applications MI Trust Fund for future parking at launch. Houghton County Land Bank-Jeff Radcliff has been in contact with an interested contractor. Lynn Gierke will update the website with information about land bank property. They are recommending to accept the first best acceptable offer for redeveloping the site. The Historical Interpretive Trail is working with Keweenaw Time Travel, a digital storybook. Additional direction signs have been installed. For more PC details see minutes on website.

ASSESSOR: Board of Review is July 20th at 5 pm.

WEBSITE: Send any updates to Lynn.

UPEA REPORT: Chris Holmes reported he has one quote for 2 GW monitoring wells from Eric Bojorn. Will need additional well after the water flow is determined. Clayton Adams/Bjork project. Discussion of size of lines and costs. UPEA will provide drawings and quotes to HCRC to determine the extent of work. Chris Holmes will email resident and have quotes for the August meeting.

REVIEW BUDGET: Lynn Gierke still work with Rukkila Negro on 2022 Audit. After the audit will start the review of the state mandated update of the Chart of Accounts.

PIKE BAY COMMITTEE: Dave Mattson made a motion supported by Lynn Gierke to accept the proposal from Restorative Lake Sciences for Pike Bay Aquatic Vegetation Evaluation.

CHASSELL OFFICE BUILDING ISSUES: Dave Mattson will get a bid for gutters on building to compare.

OLD BUSINESS:

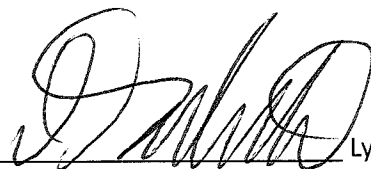
- A. Houghton County Recreation Authority re-adopt resolution-tabled.
- B. Water System Lead/Copper Survey bids-UPEA will send out-UPEA will get bid to DPW.
- C. Office parking lot quotes-table

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 20 acres adjacent to Craig Aittama-Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes to accept bid of \$5000 for parcel # 003-052-009-50, landlocked (20 acre) parcel, township owned on Chassell Painesdale. M/C.
- B. Septage Rates-Lynn Gierke reviewed local rates from Calumet, L'Anse and Portage Lake Water & Sewage Authority. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to increase the rates to 8 cents/gallon for Chassell Residents and 13 cents/gallon for all others. Cole Smith will contact local septage haulers. Discussion about Portage Lake Water and Sewer Authority biosolids and application in Township.
- C. Park cams-Discussion about needs. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke not to exceed \$5,000 for wired security cameras. M/C. Dave Mattson told the FD Chief Judson to purchase cameras for the Fire Hall.
- D. Force main to Lagoons-Chris Holmes has been in communication with Rural Development and needs to send them more information.
- E. Beach Signs-2024-Update Rules-No Lifeguard present, etc. Discussion about other needs-new life rings, rope off swimming area.
- F. Floodplain Management Services Study-Motion by Dave Mattson, supported by Dan Palosaari to send a letter to Army Corps of Engineers to participate in a study to investigate existing hydrological and hydraulic conditions along with modeling future impacts from flood events and design improvements implemented. M/C.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm, per motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C
Field Trip-August 9th at 6:15 pm, Chassell Cemetery-inventory dead trees.

Dave Mattson, Supervisor



Lynn Gierke, Clerk

