

CHASELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
August 9, 2023

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

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The July 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 Old Business b. Property Sale supported by Ryan Kuntze. M/C

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Paulette Archambeau commented about safety concerns at the intersection of Chassell Painesdale/Pike River Rd/Painesdale Rd.-large tree on both the north and south side of the road have visibility issues. Also at the corner of 7th Street and triangle there is a big purple bush with visibility issues. Cole Smith will talk to the owners. Dave Mattson will call the Houghton Co. Road Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from the MI Department of Transportation (MDOT) of property disposal. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Ryan Kuntze. Lynn Gierke will contact MDOT that we are interested in pursuing purchasing the property. Lynn Gierke reported that a letter was submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers to participate in a Floodplain Management Services Study.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Department (FD) Chief Curt Judson reported 4 calls with 16 to date. Request to approve 1 new member Warren Clohisy. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C. To date they have 22 members. Judson will be meeting with Eric Abbot in September for an ISO Inspection and conduct flow tests. Last inspection was done in 2016. Director Dylan Malone reported 14 calls with 80 to date.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Cole Smith reported he spoke with Jeff Kakuk about the township taking over the brushing of the sides of the rail trail? Discussion. Maybe there is a DNR grant opportunity to purchase a mower arm for John Deere? New mower is \$23,000 that could be used for the rail trail and for the lagoon banks. Calumet Sewer Authority has a water sewer line "locator" for sale. New is \$5K. Also DPW needs a flow meter tester for hydrants. UPEA said they will see if we can borrow theirs. Lead & Copper results are in "normal" range for the water. Adams/Lakeshore Dr. water sewer lines being installed. Cole will apply for a permit. Cemetery tree has been removed. Ask for an estimate to remove additional trees at the cemetery. The VFW would like to donate a tree with plaque for Suicide Awareness. Possible location at the cemetery.

ZONING: No Report

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Keith Meyers reported that the Capital Improvement Committee met with DPW. There was no quorum for the August PC meeting. But Dan Dowdy from Baraga State Park & Rail Trail was present. They discussed having the Sturgeon River designated as a State of MI permanent water trail. It was also confirmed that the snowmobile trail between Baraga and Chassell is now open. Fire Chief Curt Judson commented that the FD/FR have no way to access the trail if there is a medical issue. The Kayak/Launch was installed on 8/5. Lots of activity at the site already. Dale Peterson asked if the board knew if we will have more road millage money due to increased property assessments? Discussion. Currently paving is occurring at Klingville Rd. and 7th Street in town. Discussion about adding blacktop or concrete in front of the Fire Department garage. Dave Mattson will talk to the Road Commission. Dale asked if MDOT was contacted about painting crosswalks? Dave Mattson said he still needs to contact them. Dale Peterson will contact MDOT about the 35 and 55 mph speed signs coming in and out of town to see if additional signage can be installed. For more PC details see minutes on website.

ASSESSOR: No Report

WEBSITE: No Report

UPEA REPORT: Chris Holmes reported he has been in contact with Crystal from USDA. She is still working on the sewer project loan. Bid documents for the lead survey will be ready. DPW needs to stake lagoons for GW well work by Bjorn this fall. Adams/Bjork project. Discussion.

REVIEW BUDGET: No Report

PIKE BAY COMMITTEE: No Report

CHASSELL OFFICE BUILDING ISSUES: Lynn Gierke reported that we received 3 bids for gutters on the building. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Ryan Kuntze to accept lowest bid from Nordic Contracting. A third bid will be submitted for the parking lot. Will review next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

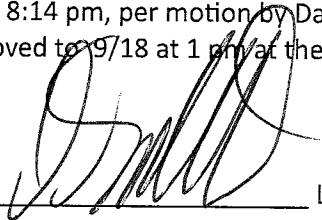
- A. Houghton County Recreation Authority re-adopt resolution-Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to adopt the Articles of Incorporation. Keith Meyers will be the interim representation. Next Meeting October 9th. The township will publish 14 notice days prior to the meeting.
- B. Township Property sale-Quit Claim Deed signed for landlocked Parcel # 003-052-009-50.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Park Cameras-Grant Application-Resolution to approve applying for grant. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke. All Ayes
- B. Close ARPA Account-Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes to close SNB account number 306050048 and transfer funds to Sewer Savings #300100088. M/C.
- C. Gutter Bid-see Chassell Office Building Issues.
- D. Online Bill Pay-tabled
- E. Pylon sign Time/Temp-Lynn Gierke reported that Koski Signs said there is no way to repair the lights in the sign. Need to discuss what we want to do next.
- F. Kokkonen Extension Sewer-N/R.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm, per motion by Dan Palosaari supported by Dave Mattson. M/C
Next Board meeting will be moved to 9/18 at 1 pm at the Fire Hall.

Dave Mattson, Supervisor



Lynn Gierke, Clerk

