

**CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**September 18, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Dave Mattson

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

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The August 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 Dan Palosaari. M/C

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Cary Bjork, cottage on north of Lake Shore Dr. wants sewer line and Clayton Adams sewer and water. What is the status of the project? Discussion. Grinder pumps will cost residents \$9-10K. Dale Peterson asked if the Creamery Rd. residents, will be part of the next sewer project? Dave Mattson said no. Question: Will online bill payment include water and sewer payments and tax payments? Kelly Holmes said yes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank you letter from Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly for the use of the Pavilion for picnic. Letter from Western UP Planning & Development Region about Emerge Municipal Measurement Program (eMMP) state program for "materials management". Lynn Gierke reported the township is already participating. MERS Rep Tammy Marier is available to discuss pensions in person or virtually. Contact Lynn Gierke for more information. Millie Pyorala gave the township information on Misslitz Field electricity and water lines.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Department (FD) Chief Curt Judson reported 0 calls with 16 to date. ISO inspection was completed with Eric Abbot. Current ISO is 6 and 6Y. Depending on results might get to ISO 5. The FD received a \$10,000 MI Fire Equipment Grant from the state for new helmets, gloves, and hoods. Request to hold Halloween Open House at the Pavilion on Tuesday 10/31. Motion by Dave Mattson let FD and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church use the pavilion for free for Halloween supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C. Last meeting the PC reported that the snowmobile trail between Baraga and Chassell is now open. Search and rescue was able to purchase a 2018 Polaris with tracks to allow for emergency response on trail. Director Dylan Malone reported 11 calls with 91 to date. Malone inquired that the BACCO blacktop and drainage in front of FD garage was not done properly. Dave Mattson will talk to HCRC about the drainage poor blacktop work.

**TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE:** Cole Smith reported lots of water leaks. Sig Rho fire hydrant leaking, it is shut off for now till they get the parts. Striker's old house has a bad leak. Owner has hired someone to fix it. Truck needs serious work-front end work and alignment, tires and ? Need a plow mount for the new Dodge. Dave Mattson said get quotes for both trucks. The old dump needs to be burned. It hasn't been done for 2 years. Kevin Suomis quit. Start advertising for a part time position.

**ZONING:** No Report

**PLANNING COMMISSION (PC):** Brian Waters reported the terms have expired for Keith Meyers, Doug Hamar, Danial Niemela. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to approve renewal of their terms to 8/10/26. M/C. The Recreation Survey has had 160 responses. The survey will close at the end of the month. New Recreation Plan will need to be completed by 12/31. Copper Shores Community Health Foundation (old Portage Health Foundation) will be here on Friday to film the new launch. Pike Bay Committee-Jennifer Jones will give a presentation and answer questions at the October PC meeting. 5 Year Road Plan-is being updated. SPARK Grant-announcement this Friday. Dale Peterson reported no answer from MDOT on speed limit signs. Discussion about a reduced speed sign followed by a 35 mph sign. Deep concern that drivers are not seeing the 35 mph sign and not slowing down before entering

the town. HCRC budget is based on anticipated gains of grants. Lynn Gierke asked about the status of the purchase of the old church property. No changes. The Capital Improvement Committee will meet this week.

**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. Park Study-they are waiting for the Recreation Survey results to see if anything else should be added to report. The ground water well work will be done by Bjorn this fall.

**REVIEW BUDGET:** Lynn Gierke reviewed the following budget amendments: Cemetery 101-276-801 from 3,000 to 6,000; Property Insurance 101-865-910 from 6,500 to 7,000; Fire Fund 206-340-991 from 0 to 21,414; Park and recreation Fund 208-756-975 from 0 to 42,462. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes to amend the budget. M/C.

**PIKE BAY COMMITTEE:** 2023 Survey Presentation Oct. 5th PC meeting 7 pm.

**CHASSELL OFFICE BUILDING ISSUES:** Lynn Gierke reported that the contract for lowest bid from Nordic Contracting was a different price than quoted. Dan Palosaari will contact the contractor to see what can be done.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

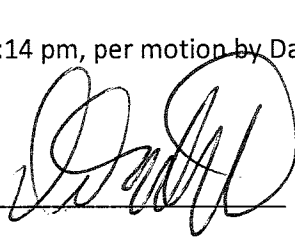
- A. Status of online bill pay-Tabled

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Scrap Tire Grant 2024-Move forward to apply for scrap tire grant for only Chassell Residents. Motion by Dave Mattson application for tire grant Dan Palosaari M/C. All Ayes
- B. Milfoil Funds Resolution-check refund. Dave Mattson to Kelly Holmes to approve the resolution. Roll Call. Approved. Contact the auditor if the Milfoil account should remain open or closed or the best place to record the township refund for future purposes.
- C. ATT- Metro Act Permit-Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke to renew METRO Act Permit with ATT that expires 2/28/24. New term will extend to 2/28/29. M/C.
- D. Early Voter Center Resolution-Motion by Dan Palosaari supported by Dave Mattson to establish an early voter center at Houghton City Center, 616 Shelden Ave. Houghton for only Federal and State elections as required per MI Constitution Sec. 4 and Public Act 81 (2023). M/C
- E. 2023 Tax Rate Request-Motion by Dave Mattson to approve L-4029 form supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C.
- F. Cemetery Tree Removal Quote Spring 2024-Tabled

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm, per motion by Dan Palosaari supported by Dave Mattson. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor



Lynn Gierke, Clerk

