

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
October 11, 2023

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

PRESENT: Lynn Gierke, Dave Mattson and Dan Palosaari.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The September 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 Dave Mattson to approve agenda with addition Old Business f. Milfoil Account supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Julie Melchorie reported on the curtain repair at the park. She said It takes about a day to repair one curtain panel. She found that Jeff Markham has a source for additional fabric. She will finish in the spring. We have 24 curtains total and there should be 19 done by this fall.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Department (FD) Chief Curt Judson reported 2 calls with 18 to date. Director Dylan Malone reported 8 calls with 98 to date.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Craig Austin reported the truck has an appointment on 10/26/23 to diagnose front end issues and fix. Then, will get new tires and front end alignment in town. Equipment for sale: watering trailer, salt truck purchased from Finlandia. Send pictures to Dave Mattson to post on Craigs List. Brass Irts-from old water meters-need to see if can scrap for money.

ZONING: No Report

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Keith Meyers reported the township was awarded \$495K for the DNR SPARK grant. Discussion. Pike Bay Committee-Jennifer Jones gave a presentation at the October PC meeting. Capital Improvements Committee met-Key element required by Redevelopment Community is a 6 year improvement plan. The Recreation Committee will meet on Thursday. Almost 200 responses were received. Houghton County Recreation Authority approved Chassell joining the group. Discussion. Dale Peterson reported that the Road Committee met and the 5 Year Road Plan will only have minor changes. Because of utility work on 5th & 6th streets, new black top was not done this year. The recommended report will be presented to the PC committee for approval. Approved report will be submitted to the township board at the November meeting.

ASSESSOR: Keith Meyers reported that the assessor did provide an evaluation of the old cemetery church to the county.

WEBSITE: No Report

UPEA REPORT: Chris Holmes reported they will submit bid specs for copper lead shortly. Still waiting to file extension for FEMA State Police Hazard Grant for 4th St. Two Groundwater (GW) test wells installed today by Bjorn. Quarterly samples can now be done as required by the state. Craig Austin asked about the Lakeshore Drive lift station.

REVIEW BUDGET: no report

CHASSELL OFFICE BUILDING ISSUES: Dan Palosaari reported that the gutters will be installed by Nordic Contracting Company.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. SPARK Grant-see PC comments
- B. Lakeshore Drive north water sewer service line work, what portion to charge new customers?
Adams, Bjork-Discussion. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to use 3" sewer

line (if not substantially more) and the 2 property owners would be charged \$5000 each. And get a new quote for 2" waterline and Adams and Township would each pay ½ plus the homeowner is responsible for their own grinder pump and expenses from property line to house.

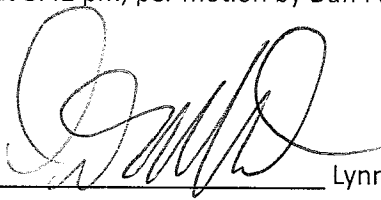
- C. Lagoon test wells-see UPEA report.
 - D. Scrap tire update-Letter of support was submitted to partner with the Superior Watershed Partnership and Land Conservancy. Grant was submitted.
 - E. HCRC paving quality issues-DPW talked to them and could not come to a resolution to repair.
 - F. Milfoil Account-Lynn Gierke reported she spoke with the auditor about our options. Also after the last bill there will be less than \$5000 in the SNB account and there will be a monthly \$5 fee.
- Motion by Dan Palosarri to close the account supported by Dave Mattson. M/C

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Water Plant-new software and computer? The DPW will work on more quotes. REMC1 has retrieved information from the hard drive to keep the plant running for now Chris Holmes will see if we can apply for the Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Grant due November 6.
- B. Rates for cemetery, water, sewer-table to November
- C. Part time worker new hire? Three applications. Board reviewed. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari to hire Kim Badke at \$15 hour.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm, per motion by Dan Palosaari supported by Dave Mattson. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor



Lynn Gierke, Clerk

