

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2024

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 Kelly Holmes to approve the January minutes, supported by Dave Mattson. M/C

TREASURER'S REPORT: The January 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 Dan Palosaari to approve the agenda supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

CORRESPONDENCE: none

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Curt Judson reported 2 calls with 2 to date. Purchased an Ice Rescue boat inflatable 18-19' for \$2906. Now have 3 members trained for Fire 1 and Fire 2. First Responder Director Dylan Malone reported 5 calls with 10 to date. A recruiting class is planned for April.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Craig Austin reported it's that time of year to rent a pump for Main Lift Station. Cemetery-\$500 in damage was caused from a vehicle that drove into the cemetery. Reported to police. Purchase a concrete barricade to only allow foot traffic during winter hours. A transfer switch for the Lake Shore Drive lift station is ordered. The metal dumpster will be returning.

ZONING: No Report

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Keith Meyers reported that the SPARK plans will be submitted to the DNR for the boardwalk/sidewalk work at the park. Keith Meyers met with Copper Shores to develop specifications for the Blight Fund. Keith Meyers and Lynn Gierke submitted the Five-Year Rec Plan and now are working on revisions. Need to score all of the inventory with a grid score for accessibility 1-5. Keweenaw Invasive Species Management Association (KISMA) visited the park and would like to partner with the township on a Buckthorn removal project. Per ordinance a Short/Long term contact form has been drafted. Also, the PC has worked on park rules to replace the old sign. For more PC details see minutes on website.

ASSESSOR: Next BOR Meeting March 11, 9-3 pm & March 14, 3-9 pm with organizational meeting on March 6 at 5 pm.

WEBSITE: no report

UPEA: USDA Wastewater Loan-Chris Holmes is still working on it. Lead and Copper specs done and will get advertised for March 1st. 4th Street Meeting with State Police and FEMA. Working on questions to finalize. Park study-Brian Waters, Keith Meyers and Dave Mattson met at the park to discuss parking to include adding fill, more formal parking and RV parking. Spark Grant drawings were completed and included 8' ADA sidewalk along the pavilion to the ice rink and a 6' sidewalk from the front of the Pavilion to the boardwalk.

REVIEW BUDGET: Budget Hearing with Special Meeting to follow on March 26, 2024 at 6 pm Fire Hall.

CHASSELL OFFICE BUILDING ISSUES: Craig Austin reported a quote from AireCare to replace 7 soffit can lights on the building was received for \$650. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes to accept the quote and replace lights. M/C.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Water Plant-Upgrades to the computer/system-should be done by the end of February

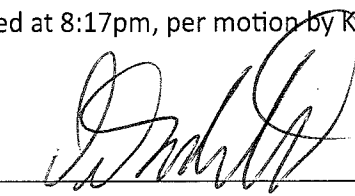
- B. Sump Pump Letter, W/S Rates-Discussion. Keep on agenda.
- C. Sale of salt truck-With no snow might need to wait till next year?
- D. USDA wastewater loan-see UPEA notes
- E. Keep an eye on MDOT excess prop 1666-Keith Meyers, Brian Water and Dave Meyers communicated with MDOT with all the restrictions it was felt to pass on the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Garbage rates-KBIC is increasing from \$110/ton to \$170/ton. Discussion. We need to look at other possible options for hauling.
- B. Generator & Maintenance Program-Quote received from Bay Electric to replace the motor for the Main Lift Station generator for \$12,400. Motion by Dan Palosaari supported by Lynn Gierke to accept quote. M/C. Currently renting a generator till the motor is replaced. Dave Mattson asked Craig Austin to research the cost of a generator maintenance program and report back.
- C. Plans for old dump-Look into circular turn around. Need gravel. Bid out burning?
- D. CD3 wash system-Grant opportunity with KIMSA to purchase a boat washing system to help control invasive species. Keith Meyers spoke with 3 communities who are currently using the system. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C.
- E. School path repair/bridge-Ask if Chassell School would be willing to take on the project of repairing the bridge? Keith Meyers will ask. Asphalt also needs repair. Look at getting bids.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm, per motion by Kelly Holmes supported by Dave Mattson. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor



Lynn Gierke, Clerk

