

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
April 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Dave Mattson

PRESENT: Lynn Gierke, Kelly Holmes, Ryan Kuntze and Dave Mattson

MINUTES: Motion by Kelly Holmes to approve the March minutes, supported by Dave Mattson. M/C

TREASURER'S REPORT: The March treasurer's report was approved by Dave Mattson supported by Ryan Kuntz. The treasurer's reports and the clerk's financial report are attached to the minutes. M/C

AGENDA: Motion by Kelly Holmes to approve, supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Keith Meyers said he has tickets for the VFW and Chassell Lions Benefit Pancake/French Toast/Sausage Breakfast on 4/20.

CORRESPONDENCE: Seventh Day Adventist Church letter requesting acknowledgement of their group going door to door in Chassell. ISO Rating letter for the Fire Department is now 05/5Y which will help local residents with insurance costs. Letter from UPSET looking for continued support. Motion by Dave Mattson to continue the same support as last year supported by Ryan Kuntze. M/C.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: First Responder Director Dylan Malone reported the FD had 1 call with 8 to date. He also reported FR had 7 calls with 23 to date. FD is requesting approval of new member Kyle Mattson. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Cole Smith reported another lamp post was damaged. People are requesting the following equipment at the park be replaced: basketball hoop net, volleyball court sand, beach sand, toddler swing, sign for park (wording per PC). Dave Mattson requested to get a price on all of the items to get approval.

ZONING: N/R but there will be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting soon to review 3 permits.

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Keith Meyers reported that he and Lynn Gierke have submitted the DNR Trust Fund and Passport grant to the DNR for Canoe/Kayak Launch parking (includes 1 ADA spot), ADA pit toilet for \$120K with 25% match. Grant submitted to Copper Shores for Blight Mitigation funding. Grant for Visit Keweenaw for road sign for Canoe/Kayak Launch, matching funds from Keith Meyers in memory of his father. Paperwork submitted for Senator Peters Congressional Directed Funding to fund 1.9 Million sewage lagoon project. Senator Peters' office contacted the township with additional questions. One requirement is a 20% match or ~380K. Discussion that the township will move forward. WUPPDR-Jerry Wuorenmaa reached out to the township to review the Broadband Coverage Maps. Keith Meyers reached out to Baraga Telephone Company to review the map and submit changes for Chassell. Keith has also reached out to Atlantic Engineering Group, DBA Highline to have them review the township maps but have not received a response. Lastly Sigma Rho fraternity members-Grayson Rayes & Aidan Doyle, asked if the township would consider only allowing one fraternity in the township similar to what the City of Hancock is doing. Keith Meyers reported that Mary Babcock of Hancock was not aware of any agreement to only allow one fraternity in the city. For more PC details see minutes on website.

ASSESSOR: N/R

WEBSITE: Lynn Gierke reported that the link to the show Discovering is on the scrolling message.

UPEA: Chris Holmes reported that the Copper/Lead Assessment Bid opening will be 4/17. There were 5 companies at the Pre-Bid meeting. The township received the Technical, Managerial, and Financial (TMF) Support for Lead Line Replacement Grant for approximately \$115K. He is still working on the Fourth Street Drainage RFP. The Park Study will be complete by the end of May.

REVIEW BUDGET: N/R

CHASSELL OFFICE BUILDING ISSUES: N/R

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Water Plant-Upgrades to the computer/system-complete but some issues with older flow meters.
- B. Sump Pump Letter, W/S Rates-Kelly Holmes is working with DPW.
- C. Old Dump Plans-2 bids presented for road work and turnaround, Maki Landshaping and Contracting and DP Construction. Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes to go with Maki bid for \$6,476.32
- D. Cemetery trees-2 bids presented, Deschaine Tree Service and OJP Tree Service. Motion by Dave Mattson with OJB for \$5,700 supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C
- E. Ice Rink Warming Shack-table.
- F. School Path Repair and Bridge Boards-Discussion. Getting more quotes-table.
- G. Kokkonen Sewer Extension-DPW and Chris Holmes will work on a new solution and present numbers at next month's meeting. Table.
- H. Mower arm for skid steer-working on number for next month. Table.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Boat Launch Payment-Discussion about options. Lynn Gierke and Kelly Holmes will look into PayPal options.

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

Dave Mattson, Supervisor _____ Lynn Gierke, Clerk _____