

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
March 13, 2024

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

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

MINUTES: Motion by Kelly Holmes to approve the February minutes, supported by Ryan Kuntze. M/C

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

AGENDA: Motion by Kelly Holmes to approve the agenda with addition New Business e. Township Insurance Policy, supported by Ryan Kuntze. 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 VFW and Chassell Lions will be holding a Community Benefit Pancake/French Toast/Sausage Breakfast and Bake Sale on 4/20 from 7 am-11:30 am at the Chassell VFW Post 6507. Proceeds will go to the Chassell Historical Organization. Two members from Sigma Rho reported that the City of Hancock will limit the number of fraternities in the city. They asked if Chassell would also consider doing the same? Dave Mattson reported that the board will look into it. Darlene Gronevelt reported the Lindala Rd. needs grading. Dave Mattson will contact the Road Commission. Also, she asked permission to use the Chassell Logo for a gift? Board agreed as long as she won't make a profit. She requested the use of the aerial photo of the Sturgeon River on FB. Keith Meyers reported she would need to get permission from Steve Jurmu.

CORRESPONDENCE: Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly submitted request for the board to waive the pavilion rental fee for elderly picnic? Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes to waive the \$200 rental fee. M/C.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: First Responder Director Dylan Malone reported the FD had 4 calls with 6 to date. He also reported FR had 4 calls with 16 to date. FR are applying for a Par Plan Grant for Chevrons for the FD/FR vehicles and submitted a resolution. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Ryan Kuntze to approve the resolution to apply for the Par Plan grant. All Ayes. No Nays. Dan Palosaari was absent. Also, the FR received a grant from Copper Shores for new industrial washer and dryers for equipment.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Craig Austin reported that the company that makes the grinder pumps for the residential pump stations are discontinuing that model. Normally \$2500 each but selling for \$1700. Discussion. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke to purchase up to 10 pumps. M/C. Overflow pump rental for Main Lift Station-Discussion if needed because of record low snowfall. Chris Holmes will talk to MJO to see if they have a compatible pump that could be rented for emergency use. New Business c. Kokkonen sewer was discussed to get bids for sewer extension. Craig Austin reported that almost all of the cameras have been installed in the Fire Hall.

ZONING: No Report

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Brian Waters presented draft for new park rule sign. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes to approve wording. Brian Waters also presented the new Rental Property Registration form per Zoning Ordinance. Discussion. Add property number on top of form. Add explanation of short and long term rental. Keith Meyers presented a resolution for DNR Trust Fund and Recreation Passport grant application, project total \$120,000 and 25% match for Fiscal year 2025 at \$15,000 per year. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke. M/C. Report on the Holy Trinity Church Site-Keith Meyers explained that the county received funds to help with the site cleanup. Discussion. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes for the township to pay \$9,000 towards the site cleanup of \$41,000 with potential to recoup the cost from the purchaser/developer. M/C. The

PC recommends that the board approve a parking variance for Old Mercantile Site. The 2025-28 Recreation Plan was approved by the DNR! Casey Huckins from MTU would like to look at Hamar Creek for a brook trout restoration project. On March 21st at 12:30-4 pm there will be a Buckthorn Removal project at the Historic Trail area with Sigma Rho, Chassell School and MTU volunteers and the Chassell Fire Department doing a controlled burn. Engineering specs sent to DNR approval for the Spark Grant-sidewalk and boardwalk work. Copper Shores Blight Mitigation Fund-Keith explained he will apply for a small grant from Copper Shores to be used as seed money for the fund. Residents can apply for funds. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke to move forward with 501 (c)(3) Blight Mitigation Fund. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Ryan Kuntze to support the application for a Visit Keweenaw Grant for \$20K for ADA canoe kayak launch at Centennial Park. M/C. Lastly there will be a Remote Worker Event on April 4th at 6 pm prior to the Planning Commission meeting. For more PC details see minutes on website.

ASSESSOR: Last BOR meeting will be March 14, 3-9 pm.

WEBSITE: no report

UPEA: Chris Holmes reported that the Copper/Lead Assessment pre bid meeting will be 3/20 at 10 am at the Fire Hall. Bid opening will be 4/3 at 1 pm at the UPEA office with a project deadline of 10/16/24. Fourth Street Drainage RFP for construction and project fees by May. Need to determine if the township will be responsible for 100' of old pipe work. Park Study-Dave Mattson asked to wrap up the study. Chris reported that final items will include RV parking, additional parking and marina. Dave Mattson asked if property lines can be served to determine additional parking.

REVIEW BUDGET: Budget Amendments presented to board. Motion by Kelly Holmes supported by Lynn Gierke to amend the budget and attach the submitted report. M/C. Hearing with Special Meeting to follow on March 26, 2024 at 6 pm Fire Hall.

CHASSELL OFFICE BUILDING ISSUES: Craig Austin reported that the Superior Family Chiropractic sign is lit up at night. He also reported that the "can" lights on the building have been replaced.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Water Plant-Upgrades to the computer/system-should be done by the end of March they ran into some supply issues. Next month Chris Holmes will present numbers.
- B. Sump Pump Letter, W/S Rates-Lynn Gierke submitted what Adam's Twp. recently distributed. Discussion. Keep on agenda.
- C. Sale of salt truck-Due to low snow this year, advertise the sale in October.
- D. USDA wastewater loan-see UPEA notes. Next phase of the project will upgrade the 2 lift stations on Lake Shore Drive; force main to the lagoon. Lynn Gierke also brought up that Senator Peters extended appropriations grant to 3/19. Discussion to submit a grant for additional lagoon.
- E. Generator Maintenance Contract-One bid received by Bay Electric. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Lynn Gierke to accept bids of \$220/year for Lake Shore Drive and \$550-600/year for Main Lift Station. M/C. Kelly Holmes abstained.
- F. Old Dump Plans-table for next month.
- G. Cemetery trees-ask the insurance company if damage to markers are covered under policy.
- H. Ice Rink Warming Shack-get bids for next month.
- I. School Path Repair and Bridge Boards-get bids for path repair. Ask the school if they can do the work on the bridge?

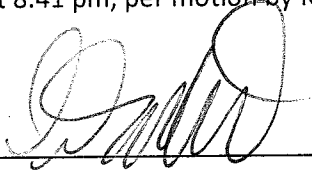
NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Old Playground Equipment Plans-equipment is currently in the ballfield. Craig Austin will talk to the neighbor to see if interested in the parts.

- B. Water Sewer Samples, USPS delivery charge-USPS truck is in the morning and not afternoon. Samples are now having to be driven to White Water in Amasa, MI instead of shipped.
- C. Kokkonen Sewer Extension-DPW will work with Chris Holmes on the best solution.
- D. Mower arm for skid steer-Cost is approx. \$21,000. Look at prices using MiDeals.
- E. Hannula Insurance-Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Ryan Kuntze to renew policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm, per motion by Kelly Holmes supported by Dave Mattson. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor



Lynn Gierke, Clerk

