

**CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**July 22, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Dave Mattson

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

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The June 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 the agenda 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:** Allan Aho wanted to make the board aware of Public Act 233. Meeting on August 20th at Houghton County at 4 pm. Please attend.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Jodi Dompier, 22115 Marinette St. Second letter to township. Discussion.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Curt Judson reported they had 2 calls with 17 to date. He reported that the Chicken BBQ went well and sold out again. Asked board to approve 2 new members Steve Tenorio and Jasper Gustafson (already a FR). Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C. Curt Judson reported for FR that they had 11 calls with 54 to date.

**TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE:** Craig Austin reported that they have been working on Miss Digs and Strawberry Festival. Also, Craig asked if the board can change to payroll being every 2 weeks instead of 2x per month. Dan Palosaari asked how the Kokkonen Property/Old US 41 is going? Craig reported that the supplies have been ordered.

**ZONING:**

**PLANNING COMMISSION (PC):** Dale Peterson reported that he attended the Houghton Co. Road Commission (HCRC) meeting. Last year's snowfall was 154.9". That is 1/3 the snow fall from 2022-23. He said that the HCRC would like to know what the top priority for the township is for road improvements in the 5 Yr. Plan submitted. Dave Mattson said a number of streets in town will be in conjunction with W/S projects. Also, Dale said he would like to continue going to the meetings when he is in town. Otherwise, he will not be running for reappointment to the PC. For more PC details see minutes on website.

**ASSESSOR:** The July Board of Review was on 18th. Issue came up about the Assessor and assistant having ID's. Dave Mattson suggested they give the township a list of properties ahead of time before visit. Then the township can send out postcards to inform homeowners.

**WEBSITE:** N/R

**UPEA:** Chris Holmes sent an email to board. 4th Street is out to bid, bids due July 30, 2024. Project to be completed this fall. Boardwalk is out to bid, bids due August 5, 2024. Centennial Park Sidewalk Project-DP would like to start in the next couple weeks. Working on getting Clay a contract for the work. Should be by tomorrow. Danielson is working on the Lead Service Line Potholing

**REVIEW BUDGET:** N/R

**CHASSELL OFFICE BUILDING ISSUES:** N/R

**OLD BUSINESS:**

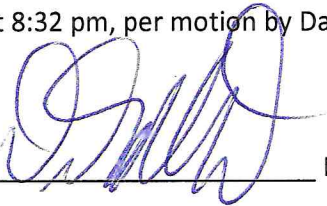
- A. Water Plant-
- B. Old Dump Plans-Road project done. Kim Maki explained that he used 6" instead of 3", NRCS dirt pile graded, road crowned, which should shed water and handle truck traffic. Issues with gate key availability. General Store and DPW have keys. This service is ONLY for Chassell Residents. Determine cost for contractors to use.

- C. Ice Rink Warming Shack-N/R
- D. School Path Repair and Bridge Boards-second bid received. Ryan Kuntze will ask the school if they will pay for Section One for \$6300? Try and get the project done before school starts. Section 2 & 3 will come out of Road and General Funds.
- E. Mower arm vs. contract mowing at lagoon-Current mowing contract is \$1750 per mow. Can we lock in the price? Discussion about purchasing equipment plus additional items: wear & tear, fuel, time.
- F. Half Moon Beach (HMB) Control Panels-Craig Austin panels ordered.
- G. Boat launch parking, additional repairs-get second bid to remove 60'x15' blacktop and replace.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Garbage disposal options-Discussion. Review budget to see Income/Expenses. Hancock didn't not renew contact with WM and will be doing it in house. KBIC will increase rates to \$200/ton with a \$225 haul fee will stay the same. Promote Four Seasons.
- B. DPW requests-grapple-Dave Mattson directed Dan Palosaari to see if he can find one at an auction. Part time DPW? Motion by Dan Palosaari to hire part time employee at \$20/hr. supported by Dave Mattson. M/C.
- C. Scrap Tire Collection 8/8 from 1-5 pm at DPW or Old Dump TBD. 500 MAX. Security? Trailer? need approximately 400 square feet to store.
- D. Need new host for website-Chassell School is using Apptegy-Thrillshare. They provide services for schools. Tom Saari, current webmaster, recommended GetFlyWheel for approximately \$240/year. Lynn Gierke contacted REMC1 they can't host but will give recommendations. Kim Maki said he will ask his son if he can help.
- E. Ally new Cemetery Road-Dave Mattson worked with the two neighbors about public right of way. One neighbor did landscaping and drainage work at own expense.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm, per motion by Dan Palosaari supported by Ryan Kuntze. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor  Lynn Gierke, Clerk 