

**CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**October 9, 2024**

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

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

**MINUTES:** Motion by Dan Palosaari to approve the September minutes, supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The September 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:** Sheriff Saaranen visited the meeting and updated everyone with what is going on in the county and in Chassell.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A BIG smiley face thank you from Jodie Dompier. Sinkhole 100% fixed. Very nice thank you with pictures from LBFE for the use of the pavilion for their Annual Elder Picnic.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** First Responder director Dylan Malone reported that the Fire Department had 1 call with 23 to date. The FD obtained from Coast Guard Surplus a free 20' airboat, that can run on ice with a closed cab and trailer. Discussion about where to store. FR had 6 calls with 37 to date.

**TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE:** Craig Austin reported A&S sewer force main was fixed and will be expensive. Getting parts is a problem and should update the line size to 3". Water Plant-FDS is working on replacing obsolete sensors. Warming Shack-leave as is for now with no heat. Half Moon Beach-working with supplier for electrical panel quotes. Getting the trucks ready for winter. Dave Mattson will work with DPW to put the Salt truck with a spreader up for sale.

**ZONING:** N/R

**PLANNING COMMISSION (PC):** Brian Water reported that the new sign at the Canoe/Kayak launch was installed by Industrial Graphics. Dale Peterson gave a report from the Houghton Co. Road Commission meeting he attended. For more PC details see minutes on website.

**ASSESSOR:** No date set yet for the December meeting.

**WEBSITE:** Lynn Gierke reported that she is working slowly on adding the 2 years' worth of data lost.

**UPEA:** Dave Mattson reported for Chris Holmes who was unable to attend the meeting that the 4th Street project will be in the street by Friday. Bid Opening for the SPARK grant Boardwalk will be 10/10/24. The Copper/Lead survey was submitted to the state of Michigan.

**REVIEW BUDGET:** N/R

**CHASSELL OFFICE BUILDING ISSUES:** Northern Heating and Plumbing visited the building with Dan Palosaari and DPW. Plan to fix the AC in the Spring. Add a duct booster to Mischa's office because the duct is too small. Replace thermostat in the hallway and keep both sections at the same temperature.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Street lights-Portage Entry Rd, Archambeau Rd. Discussion. Dave Mattson will contact MDOT and UPPCO to see if a different light bulb can be installed at Portage Entry Rd. Recommended everyone look at the intersection of Archambeau Rd. if there is a benefit having a light installed.
- B. Deputy Treasurer appointment, W/S clerk new hire-Kelly Holmes reported that after Audrey Viola retired in the spring. Kelly has been learning the system with temporary hire Jake Holmes. She interviewed individuals back in the spring and would now like to hire Rebekah Aho starting today at \$18/hour to be the new W/S Clerk and her Deputy Treasurer. Motion by Kelly Holmes supported by Dave Mattson to hire Rebecca Aho and to remove Audrey Viola and add Rebecca Aho as a signer on all of the accounts. M/C.
- C. Pavilion rate increase? Discussion. Increase for 2025 Resident fee from \$125 to \$300, Non-

Resident fee from \$200 to \$500. Curtain fee increased from \$125 to \$150. Remove fee for accessory lighting. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C. Any rentals in place will stay at 2024 rate.

- D. Gazebo relocation-Discussion. Needs to happen ASAP. Dan Palosaari has offered to move it.
- E. Chassell Mercantile-House Tax Increment Financing (TIF), Jack Ratcliffe, presented to the board copies of the overview. Discussion. See attached.
- F. DNR Statement for Trail-For the Operating Agreement-Dave Mattson read statement. See attached. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C.
- G. Old Dump Bids- One bid was received to burn the dump by Maki Landshaping and Contracting. Motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes to accept a bid of \$3,450 to burn trees, brush, stumps and grade site when complete. M/C.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm, per motion by Dave Mattson supported by Ryan Holmes. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Lynn Gierke, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

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