

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
September 11, 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 Kelly Holmes to approve the August minutes, supported by Dave Mattson. M/C

TREASURER'S REPORT: The August 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 supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Randy McCullen reported the Farmers Market had a good season! He also wanted to thank the DPW for the help with the water leak in his front yard. He commented that his repair costs are \$7750. He purchased an insurance policy through SEMCO for \$4.50/month and will be able to apply for reimbursement. Dale Peterson commented with the success of the Scrap Tire Collection, asked if the township could look into additional collections such as Electronics.

CORRESPONDENCE: KISMA asking for Letter of Support for projects in 2025. Thank you letter from Foster Parent Banquet for letting them use the pavilion.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Curt Judson reported they had 3 calls with 22 to date. FR that they had 7 calls with 65 to date. The fire department received a donation of DripDrop and LMNT Electrolyte powder.

TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE: Craig Austin reported K-Day was successful. He asked if the board would consider closing the boat launch at future events. If closing the park should also consider an increased rental rate for park closure. Discussion about removing 3 gardens downtown and filling with concrete to install benches. Work with the Chassell Improvement Association (CIA) to get benches. MTU Jemery Shannon's class GPR'd the cemetery. Now there are potential "new sites" available. Craig Austin needs additional credits for license and would like to attend upcoming training. Board agrees. Discussion about updating the current Water/Sewer connection fees to be in line with actual costs. Lynn Gierke will contact the lawyer. Ryan Kuntze commented that there is a sewage smell at US41 and Sturgeon River Rd. Craig Austin said that the DPW is aware of the issue and is waiting for parts.

ZONING: Dave Mattson will talk to Steve Baker.

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Brian Water reported that PC recommends Cindy Cowell for the open PC position. Dave Mattson motion to appoint Cindy Cowell to fill position that expires on 8/10/27, supported by Ryan Kuntze. M/C. Keith Meyers reported that donations can be made to the Blight Mitigation Fund held with Copper Shores. SPARK Grant-ADA sidewalk work started. Boardwalk out to bid. Bids to remove trees at the baseball field that could cause damage to fence, scoreboard and shed reviewed. Motion by Dan Palosaari supported by Kelly Holmes to accept a bid from Deschaine for \$900. M/C. Township will do cleanup. No permit is needed by MDOT for Sturgeon River Launch sign and will get 2 brown/white signs with paddlers. Veteran banners will be installed on 10 utility poles in towns. Video promoting Chassell on Visit Keweenaw-check our website to see. Dail Peterson asked at the HCRC meeting if they would be helping with any of the 4th Street project. Kevin Harju said only the permit. Chris Holmes reported on the 4th street project and the discussion with the DNR about the manhole, pipe direction and drainage. The DNR Rail Trail Agreement was discussed. The township lawyer made recommendations. The township insurance company contacted but no hard numbers yet. Dave Mattson made a motion to accept the DNR Rail Trail Agreement as long as our insurance costs will be less than \$2000 supported by Dan Palosaari. M/C. For more PC details see minutes on website.

ASSESSOR: N/R

WEBSITE: N/R

UPEA: Chris Holmes reported on the 4th Street project. HCRC will pave next year when the Mercantile

Project is done. FEMA/State Police have no more money. He will request an extension in case there are additional funds. The cost of the project is ~\$475K and the grant is \$180K. The remainder will need to come out of the Road Fund. Copper Lead Survey data was received by Danielson. Final invoice will be submitted. No report on the Centennial Park Study. SPARK-sidewalk and bathrooms progressing. Pickleball Update-fence in middle and benches.

REVIEW BUDGET: Motion by Dave Mattson to approve Cemetery Contracted Services 101-276-801 from 5000 to 8400 and Property Insurance GF 101-865-910 from 7000 to 9100, Kelly Holmes support. M/C

CHASSELL OFFICE BUILDING ISSUES: Kelly called Northern Heating and Plumbing, appt. set Sept. 27 to check the issue of duct redirection in offices.

OLD BUSINESS:

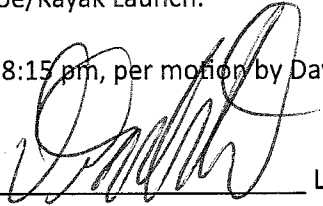
- A. Old US41 Sewer Extension-all the parts are ordered.
- B. Water Plant-need bids
- C. Old Dump Plans-2025 dump fee for contractors. Suggestion of \$30/load contractor fee. Track and implement, add sign. Get bids to burn dump this year.
- D. Ice Rink Warming Shack-Rebuild for \$43K or remove. Tabled.
- E. School Path Repair and Bridge Boards-School can't afford \$6K for repair. Table till Spring 2025.
- F. Half Moon Beach (HMB) Control Panels- need bids.
- G. Boat launch parking, additional repairs-done.
- H. Garbage Rates-analysis by Bethany Baetsen-PC recommends increasing rates. Motion by Dave Mattson to increase to \$3/bag and \$25/card supported by Ryan Kuntze. M/C.
- I. Tax bookkeeping looking for quotes. Table
- J. Storm drain repair status-completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. BOR Members- Motion by Dave Mattson to renew (2) year terms for Allan Aho, Paulette Archambeau, Christian Muehlfeld and Alt. Steve Palosaari supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C
- B. Beagle club survey-Survey completed by LeClaire for \$1500. Confirms we have access to the property from the Canoe/Kayak Launch.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm, per motion by Dave Mattson supported by Kelly Holmes. M/C

Dave Mattson, Supervisor



Lynn Gierke, Clerk

