

Chase Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 17, 2023

Board Members

Ken Pollaski- Supervisor Amy Patterson- Clerk Phil Lodholtz- Trustee
Janel Eichenberg- Treasurer Joyce Beach- Trustee

Meeting Called To Order

Supervisor Ken Pollaski brought the Chase Township Board meeting to order at 7:30pm. Roll call shows Ken Pollaski, Phil Lodholtz present, and Amy Patterson present. Janel Eichenberg available by telephone conference call. Joyce Beach absent.

Approval of Minutes

Phil Lodholtz moved to approve the December 20, 2022 meeting minutes. Seconded by Amy Patterson. Roll call vote shows Ken Pollaski yes, Amy Patterson yes, Phil Lodholtz yes. Janel Eichenberg and Joyce Beach Absent. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

General Account

Beginning balance December 2022 was \$394,972.11. Income received \$5,734.52. Expenses \$23,537.35. Leaving a balance of \$377,169.28.

Library Account

Beginning balance for December 2022 was \$87,780.20 Income received \$51.44. Expenses \$2,953.81. Leaving a balance of \$84,877.83.

Tax Account

Beginning balance for December 2022 was \$1,012.88. Income received \$195,823.13. Expenses \$195,817.60. Leaving a balance of \$1,018.41.

Clerks Report

Bills presented for approval:

Township Bills in the amount of \$7,915.92.

Library bills \$2,694.54 were approved by the library board.

Amy Patterson made a motion to pay bills. Phil Lodholtz seconded.

Phil Yes, Amy Yes, Ken Yes. Janel Yes. Joyce absent. Motion passed.

Brief Public Comment

Ellen Finkbeiner would like to see a radar sign in Chase to help deter drivers from excessive speeds through town on US10. There was another very bad wreck in front of the hall on US10 and something needs to be done to deter people from speeding.

Greg Mick brought up excessive speed on 56th street which is dangerous with the mixed horse and ORV traffic.

Speakers/Guests:

Howard Lodholtz Commissioner- gave an update on what the commissioners are working on currently. Have two new commissioners. Set a limit for sheriff officers taking vehicles home to 25 mile limit. There is an ORV meeting in January and complaints and changes can be brought to them.

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Jeff Stein Fire Department- waiting on proposals to come back to re-chassis truck or a comparable new truck. Waiting on a new truck to replace the one that burnt, hopefully should have one by grass fire season. New turnout gear should also be coming in the spring. Lake county road commission helped tremendously with the bad accident on US10. Due to the accident the fire department had to land two aero med helicopters at Fair Salvage yard.

New Business:

BOR poverty exemption- addressed updated guidelines

Amy Patterson made a motion to approve updated poverty guidelines with increased exemptions. Seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Roll call vote: Ken yes, Phil yes, Amy yes, Janel no. Motion passed.

Amy Patterson made a motion to set an alternate date for March BOR first taxpayer appeal. Seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Motion passed unanimously.

Phil Lodholtz made a motion to send Ken Pollaski and Doug Worrall to training for BOR. Seconded by Amy Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

PO Box for library- Amy Patterson did some research on why the library has to pay for the PO Box and other residents do not. She found that the library had a larger sized PO Box and could go to a smaller box for free. Amy made a motion to switch the library PO Box to the free size. Seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Motion passed unanimously.

Road brine- Phil Lodholtz made a motion to have the lake county road commission brine the roads within the township. Seconded by Amy Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Hall rental deposits- after checking with other townships on hall rental prices they are quite diverse. Phil Lodholtz made a motion to change to hall rental price for residents to \$100 with \$75 returned if no damage and non-residents stay the same. Seconded by Ken Pollaski. Motion passed unanimously.

Marijuana ordinance- Greg Mick wants the township to change their ordinances to just unspecified grows and not labeled as medical or recreational as discussed at a previous meeting. Greg would like this wrapped up by May so he can change his license with the state.

Amy Patterson brought up that if we did 4 unspecified grow licenses we would have to determine if we would allow 4 growers. She mentioned that there has been multiple complaints with an outdoor grow in the township already. Will have to ask our township attorney if we are within our window to edit the ordinances and if we can eliminate or go to 3 licenses.

Cinderblock building removal- The samples were taken for testing the board is awaiting results.

Town hall updates- Amy Patterson brought information and quotes for new paper towel dispensers for the bathrooms and the kitchen. Janel Eichenberg made a motion to have Amy order three paper towel dispensers and a case of paper towels for the town hall. Seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Motion passed unanimously.

Recycle- Larry Neiderhyde offered to help get the township established with recycling. Township could ask different groups in the township to help volunteer.

Citizens Time

Adjournment:

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Motion to adjourn meeting by Amy Patterson, seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Patterson
Chase Township Clerk