

Chase Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 21, 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 7:27pm. Roll call shows Ken Pollaski, Phil Lodholtz, Amy Patterson, Janel Eichenberg, and Joyce Beach present.

Approval of Minutes

Joyce Beach moved to approve the February 21, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Roll call vote shows Ken Pollaski yes, Amy Patterson yes, Phil Lodholtz yes, Janel Eichenberg yes, Joyce Beach yes. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

General Account

Beginning balance February 2023 was \$412,701.63. Income received \$6,345.74. Expenses \$11,255.13. Leaving a balance of \$407,792.24.

Library Account

Beginning balance for February 2023 was \$83,307.12 Income received \$23.66. Expenses \$3,501.52. Leaving a balance of \$79,829.26.

Tax Account

Beginning balance for February 2023 was \$1,028.89. Income received \$253,648.09. Expenses \$163,549.48. Leaving a balance of \$91,127.50.

Clerks Report

Bills presented for approval:

Township Bills in the amount of \$6,250.74

Library bills \$3,036.31 were approved by the library board.

Amy Patterson made a motion to pay bills. Joyce Beach seconded.

Phil yes, Amy yes, Ken yes, Janel yes, Joyce yes. Motion passed.

Brief Public Comment

Resident Rob Creek has continually had a problem with an incorrect mailing address on his assessment notice. Ken Pollaski is going to work towards finding out why it hasn't been corrected yet and what steps need to be taken.

Speakers/Guests:

Jeff Stein Fire Department- Is seeking bids for a new fire truck. He has two new crew members. Is waiting on new truck for medical runs.

Lake County Sheriff's Department- Problems internally with prosecutors office have been negatively effecting his department. Is waiting on a bill to go through with the state concerning ATV enforcement. Would like to have an all around recreation enforcement that could go through the seasons and be certified for all. Is working with another township to store current recreation patrol equipment such as snowmobiles, boat and trailer, etc.

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Commissioner Howard Lodholtz- Gave an update on what the commissioners are currently working on.

Library representative- Joyce Beach library president gave an update on what the board is working on. They are interested in making an outdoor seating area, resident and business owner Corey Miller offered to donate cement work. Benches may be offered for purchase by business or individuals with advertisement plaques. Librarian wages will increase to \$15 per hour effective April 1st 2023.

Library cleanout is April 14th and 15th, will have a dumpster for cleanout of the library basement.

New Business:

Household Hazardous Waste- Will be held Thursday August 3rd 2023 from 4-8pm this will be held in Osceola County. The event will be alternated between Lake and Osceola counties due to the loss of a contractor and increase in costs.

Phil Lodholtz made a motion to contribute \$250.00 to Mecosta, Osceola, Lake Conservation District for the household hazardous waste program. Seconded by Joyce Beach. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Cinderblock building removal- There is asbestos in the windows and roofing and will have to have sprayed down during removal, Reed City Fire Chief Jeff Stein agreed that the fire department will be able to help with that.

Traffic Trailers- Officer Chad Hurley gave an update on the effectiveness of the traffic trailers since being installed on US10 in Chase. They show that there is a reduction in speed as well as officers have been patrolling and writing tickets to speeders.

Amy Patterson made a motion to transfer ownership of traffic trailers to Lake County Sheriffs department to help with liability, theft, and insurance purposes. Seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Motion passed unanimously.

Library playground project- Clerk Amy Patterson submitted another report to Lake County for arpa funds and project projections. Once the frost laws are off and contractors can begin dirt work and then installation of equipment. Will be looking for volunteers and contractors for additional help.

Generator at Hall- Joe Shoemaker has been waiting on Consumers to do a power disconnect and reconnection on the same day. The company has been scheduling but he didn't want to complete it during the winter months because of the cold temperatures. Should be completed soon.

Citizens Time

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting by Joyce Beach, seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Patterson
Chase Township Clerk