

Chase Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 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 7:30 pm. Roll call shows Amy Patterson, Janel Eichenberg, Joyce Beach, Ken Pollaski, and Phil Lodholtz present.

Approval of Minutes

Phil Lodholtz moved to approve the October 17, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Joyce Beach. Roll call vote shows Amy Patterson yes, Janel Eichenberg yes, Joyce Beach yes, Ken Pollaski yes, Phil Lodholtz yes. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

General Account

Beginning balance October 2023 was \$340,940.65. Income received \$5,460.46. Expenses \$20,581.03 leaving a balance of \$325,820.08.

Library Account

Beginning balance for October 2023 was \$93,461.15. Income received \$847.65. Expenses \$2,898.38. Leaving a balance of \$91,410.42.

Tax Account

Beginning balance for October 2023 was \$1,009.60. Income received \$18,920.08. Expenses \$18,914.99. Leaving a balance of \$1,014.69.

Clerks Report

Bills presented for approval:

Township Bills in the amount of \$10,933.60. Final amount \$11,933.60.

Library bills \$2,252.11 were approved by the library board.

Joyce Beach made a motion to pay bills. Seconded by Phil Lodholtz.

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

Brief Public Comment

Speakers/Guests:

Jeff Stein Reed City Fire Department- responded to a bad accident that involved a head on crash, the department's response time was less than 4 minutes. The department safer grant was tabled by the Reed City council until 2025. New truck is still in progress to be delivered next July.

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Library representative- Joyce Beach library president gave an update on what the board is working on. The fall fun fest raised almost \$1200. Sarah DuBreuil will be cleaning the library. Online cataloging of library books needs progress made, the board gave the librarian a deadline of December to have a plan in place to get it completed. Light on the front of the library is not working, need Joe Shoemaker to look at it and see what can be done.

New Business:

Absentee voter ballot drop box- due to ongoing changes from the state Clerk Amy Patterson is moving forward with meeting requirements. She presented the model that would fit inside the township hall entryway. Amy Patterson made a motion to purchase an AV ballot drop box from American Security Cabinets. Seconded by Joyce Beach. Motion Passed unanimously.

Hall acoustics- Tim DuBreuil presented that the hall has bad sound acoustics because of the size and it is hard to hold functions like the square dances. The band is interested in donating time to install panels to help mitigate the echo.

Amy Patterson made a motion to reimburse the band for the cost of the panels. Seconded by Joyce Beach. Motion passed unanimously.

Hall rental- Clerk Amy Patterson presented that she is moving the hall rental and payment process to all online through the township website and key boxes can be used for a one time access code at the hall. Also having a deposit is not working with hall damages. People are still stealing supplies like toilet paper and garbage bags, and not cleaning the hall after themselves. Amy Patterson made a motion to change the hall rental fee to \$60 for residents and \$150 for non-residents, with no deposit and have the custodian clean in-between rentals and be paid for each cleaning instead of once weekly as it is currently. Seconded by Janel Eichenberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Cinderblock building- the county had their meeting to discuss approving blight projects for funding, should find out soon if they approved our application.

Library roof- waiting to see what Gerber Construction plans to do to fix the leaking.

Hall renovation- Janel went to a treasurer's conference at Dover Township and they have a newer building that is similar to the designs she was proposing. She has reached out to contractors but has not received any responses.

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Traffic enforcement- the data plan for the speed trailers will be need to be added to a line item in the townships budget as the county won't be able to pay for it. The township is having complaints from residents about excessive speed on Frank Smith Rd and 64ths Street, it was advised that individuals that see the problem need to report it to the police. The traffic enforcement along US Hwy 10 will start next week that was being paid for by a grant that the sheriff's office applied for.

Citizens Time

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting by, seconded by Amy Patterson Phil Lodholtz. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Patterson
Chase Township Clerk