

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

Approval of Minutes

Phil Lodholtz moved to approve the January 17, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded by Joyce Beach. 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 January 2023 was \$377,169.28. Income received \$43,448.27. Expenses \$7,915.92. Leaving a balance of \$412,701.63.

Library Account

Beginning balance for January 2023 was \$84,877.83 Income received \$1,123.83. Expenses \$2,694.54. Leaving a balance of \$83,307.12.

Tax Account

Beginning balance for January 2023 was \$1,018.41. Income received \$414,371.90. Expenses \$414,361.42. Leaving a balance of \$1,028.89.

Clerks Report

Bills presented for approval:

Township Bills in the amount of \$11,955.13

Library bills \$3,244.35 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 yes. Motion passed.

Brief Public Comment

Speakers/Guests:

Jeff Stein Fire Department and Rich Saladin Reed City Manager- Need the equipment to provide the services and instead of coming back to townships to try to raise money beyond the contracted amount they want to change the townships contract based fee from .75mils to 1.25mils and change the contract term from yearly to a 5 year contract term. The increase would not be on property taxes as this money comes from the general fund for the township, it is just based off property values within the township. Jeff gave a handout of current fire department apparatus list and details of each piece of equipment.

Joyce Beach made a motion to support the fire contract increase to 1.25mils and a 5 year contract term. Seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Motion passed unanimously.

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Mark Petris from Lake County Sheriff's Department- has heard the townships concerns over speed issues along US10 through Chase. He sent Supervisor Ken Pollaski an estimate for traffic trailers to monitor speed and collect data to help with enforcement. He believes it would address our problem with speeding through the township effectively. For two speed trailer units it is \$23,318.33 which includes one year of data fees, continuing data fees are \$1500.00 per year.

Joyce Beach made a motion to approve purchasing two speed trailer units. Seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Motion passed unanimously.

Library representative- Joyce Beach library president gave an update on what the board is working on. They completed the librarian review and concluded that she needs to have an increase in pay to be competitive with similar libraries. They suggested a \$5 per hour increase to meet the standard. Roxanne informed the library board at the last meeting that she is concerned with the thermostat in the library and if it is working correctly. She is also concerned with leaky windows in the fiction room, need to get consumers energy out to do an efficiency test. The library board would like to do benches and trees for the new playground equipment that is coming this year, possibly have items donated or sponsored. The library board is also working on getting the meeting minutes posted on the website. Proposed date for a library cleanout is April 14th and 15th, would like to have a dumpster of packer truck to take away the old books and other garbage that has accumulated in the library basement.

New Business:

Marijuana facility change- Property owner Corey Miller approached the board that the property he has been leasing to EPS1 will not be at his location any longer. He has an established grower that would like to lease his property going forward. He would like to be on record that he put a check forward to cash when the ordinance is changed to unspecified grows.

Old Business

Cinderblock building removal- The testing came back for the cinderblock building. It showed that there is asbestos in the windows and roofing and will have to have a certified operator to tear those parts down. The company gave quote of \$400 for air monitoring and \$5500 project fee, they would use the contractor's excavator to do their part and then the rest of the building blocks etc. would be able to done by the independent contractor who bids the job.

Amy Patterson made a motion to approve Mid-State Asbestos for removal of the roof and window material teardown. Seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Motion passed unanimously.

Library Playground- equipment was delivered. Waiting on ground to thaw and frost laws to come off to start prepping the site for installation.

Citizens Time

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting by Amy Patterson, seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Patterson
Chase Township Clerk