

Chase Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 19, 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 November 21, 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 November 2023 was \$325,820.08. Income received \$24,324.28. Expenses \$11,933.60 leaving a balance of \$338,210.76.

Library Account

Beginning balance for November 2023 was \$91,410.42. Income received \$304.48. Expenses \$2,252.11. Leaving a balance of \$89,462.79.

Tax Account

Beginning balance for November 2023 was \$1,014.69. Income received \$4,452.53. Expenses \$4,450.37. Leaving a balance of \$1,016.85.

Clerks Report

Bills presented for approval:

Township Bills in the amount of \$24,054.37

Library bills \$7,183.27 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- gave update on calls for service and what is being worked on. 2023 F250 truck was outfitted through the department's donation fund. There was a vehicle accident on 3 mile and 220th Ave that had fatalities, the department brought in a crisis

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response person for sessions with the responders. There was also an evergreen parade that the department was able to participate in with the 1946 truck.

Library representative- Joyce Beach library president gave an update on what the board is working on. Roxane is emptying buckets of water twice a day from the roof leaking. The ceiling tiles and insulation are going to need to be replaced. Received a 96 gal cart from independent rural waste for garbage services, hope this helps keep the library cleaner. New library board member Sarah Nyp has filled the vacancy and the board is now full. Looking into the book cataloging system called Biblionics, Roxane was given until January to get it going. Board will be looking at the budget for next fiscal year at their next meeting.

Sheriff Rich Martin- addressing issues they are having with expunged crimes and that they can't be included in background checks. Luther village will host a toy give away for the whole county from 1-3 on Christmas Eve. Put a proposal in for a jail k-9 could be used for the school and if there was a fugitive on the run. The bank robbery /school threat had the jury tabled and the offender is out on bail.

New Business

Natural gas expansion- Ken Pollaski was in contact with DTE and Jodi Nichols at Lake County. There is a meeting Jan 24th to use economic development to promote the expansion of natural gas to the US10 corridor. Would benefit many businesses such as the Tiki Hut, Chase Creek Smokehouse, Chase Public Library, Dollar General and many residential homes. It may be possible to get economic development funds to help with the upfront cost.

Old Business

Cinderblock building- building is being torn down then the township can expand the parking area.

Library roof- Gerber Construction is scheduled to come out to assess roof leaking.

Traffic enforcement- other townships have followed Chase's lead and purchased traffic trailers for enforcement. The trailers are currently being stored in Baldwin because there was a close call with a snow plow. Will be returned to service once inclement weather has passed.

Treasurer- Janel has had a smoother process this time with taxes.

Clerk- Election training for election inspectors will be in January and February at the Lake County Courthouse.

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Citizens Time

Issues with traffic from log trucks by Hawkins rd. and 80th street, traffic is going too fast there is a lot of mixed traffic including farm tractors, Amish on bikes and in horse and buggy. Sheriff Martin addressed that if there is an issue they need to call dispatch so it can be taken care of.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting by Joyce Beach. Seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Patterson
Chase Township Clerk