

Chase Township  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
January 16, 2024

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**

Joyce Beach moved to approve the December 19, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Phil Lodholtz. 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 December 2023 was \$338,210.76. Income received \$17,027.05. Expenses \$24,129.37 leaving a balance of \$331,108.44.

*Library Account*

Beginning balance for December 2023 was \$89,462.79. Income received \$22.44. Expenses \$7,290.13. Leaving a balance of \$82,195.10.

*Tax Account*

Beginning balance for December 2023 was \$1,016.85. Income received \$189,827.43. Expenses \$189,823.57. Leaving a balance of \$1,020.71.

**Clerks Report**

Bills presented for approval:

Township Bills in the amount of \$54,225.95

Library bills \$2,830.47 were approved by the library board.

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

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

**Brief Public Comment**

Curt Libey asked about the speed trailers and how they came to be, why the data charge, and about personal property tax. The board answered his questions, the speed trailers were purchased with ARPA grant money and put into use to help control the high rates of speed through the township and the amount of deadly accidents, the data charge is because the trailers have a feature that can send traffic data in real time to the sheriff's department for

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monitoring, personal property tax was explained that it is the state that enforces that and our assessor would answer and help him with any questions.

**Speakers/Guests:**

*Library representative-* Joyce Beach library president gave an update on what the board is working on. Roxane has started state aid paperwork. The library is going with the Biblionix book catalog system, waiting to be finalized until they are given more information on if there is a yearly fee or a cap on the number of books. Melinda Meese works at juvenile probation in Lake County and arranged to have two youth and volunteer Cathy Kerns to supervise, come in on Thursday evenings. No activity on the roof repair by Gerber, the buckets are still collecting water. Need a light in the parking area because it is very dark.

*Representative Tom Kunse-* came to speak to the board and public about what he has been working on. Submitted a bill last March concerning FOIA to make state legislators and the governor applicable to FOIA requests, still has not been able to talk on the bill.

**New Business**

*Natural gas expansion-* Meeting on natural gas expansion will be Jan 24<sup>th</sup> at the Chase Township hall. Representative from DTE and Jodi Nichols from Lake County courthouse will be there to discuss options. This will be the first site meeting hopeful that this is the right timing to get this expansion, Ken Pollaski has been attending economic development meetings and this would be a key factor.

*Updated poverty guidelines-* Amy Patterson made a motion to approve the updated poverty guidelines set forth by the state. Seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Motion passed unanimously. Board of review will be held at Pinora Township for the 2 year cycle per the joint contract.

**Old Business**

*Cinderblock building-* building has been completely torn down and the site leveled. Got a call from DEQ regarding possibility of old tanks on the site. They sent down paperwork that they would use sonar to locate any old tanks and if there were they have funds to remove them at no cost to the township. Amy Patterson made a motion to approve DEQ to scan for and remove tanks if found. Seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Motion passed unanimously.

*Library roof-* Gerber has a lift that has been sitting in the parking area but have not fixed the roof leaks. Roxane still has buckets that she has to empty regularly.

Hall improvements- the hall will be painted by Joyce Beach from Jan 20-31. Jen at Brooks's elite will block off those dates on the website.

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*Road signs*- Road signs for farm equipment on Hawkins and 80<sup>th</sup>. Ken Pollaski contacted the county road commission and the signs will be paid for by the township. Amy Patterson made a motion to purchase the needed signage. Seconded by Janel Eichenberg. Motion passed unanimously.

*Clerk*- Av voting drop box arrived and it needs to be installed.

Election Commission- Election inspectors that will be working for the February presidential primary election are: Amanda Davis -R, Regina Dekam - D, Lynda Thornbro - D, Linda Huff -D, Amy Patterson -R, Janel Eichenberg - R, and Julie Satterlee -R. All will have completed the county training and will fill in at the county to help with the 9 days early voting as needed. List approved unanimously.

**Citizens Time**

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Amy Patterson. Seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Patterson  
Chase Township Clerk