

Chase Township  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
May 21, 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 Janel Eichenberg, Joyce Beach, Ken Pollaski, Phil Lodholtz, and Amy Patterson present.

**Approval of Minutes**

Joyce Beach moved to approve the April 16, 2024 regular meeting minutes and the March 21, 2023 minutes with the noted correction to wording under traffic trailers to reflect “possession”. Seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Roll call vote shows Janel Eichenberg yes, Joyce Beach yes, Ken Pollaski yes, Phil Lodholtz yes, Amy Patterson yes. Motion passed.

**Treasurers Report**

*General Account*

Beginning balance April 2024 was \$340,063.15. Income received \$2,763.39. Expenses \$24,642.25 leaving a balance of \$318,184.29.

*Library Account*

Beginning balance for April 2023 was \$72,915.61. Income received \$43.25. Expenses \$4,023.24. Leaving a balance of \$68,935.62.

*Tax Account*

Beginning balance for April 2023 was \$1,039.17. Income received \$.39. Expenses \$0. Leaving a balance of \$1,039.56.

**Clerks Report**

Bills presented for approval:

Township Bills in the amount of \$11,291.55

Library bills \$5,277.51 were approved by the library board.

Phil Lodholtz made a motion to pay bills. Seconded by Amy Patterson.

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

**Brief Public Comment**

Well at Chase Township Cemetery was repaired last year. Need to bring out a generator to hook up and see if will be worth it to turn power back on.

**Speakers/Guests:**

*Commissioner Howard Lodholtz-* update on county bills. An amendment was made to the county wide library millage per state standards. In need of a county wide library board member.

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Fire Chief Jeff Stein- New chassis is in Illinois being built with a delivery date of feb/mar next year. Loaner truck is still meeting the department's needs. Call numbers are high. Department has 17 members currently.

*Library representative-* Board member Joyce Beach gave update that the library board is tabling building improvements until the election where the county wide library millage renewal will be voted on. Will be hosting an event on August 1<sup>st</sup> more details to be decided. Next month's meeting will be a review of library hours of operation to see if the needs of the community are still being met. Librarian is working on summer reading program grant.

*Sheriff Rich Martin-* blessing of the bikes went well and pulled in a lot of help from outside departments to handle traffic control. Unrelated to the blessing there was a fatal orv crash involving a youth. Update on officer involved shooting, it was not fatal. First ever ORV academy was done in Lake county. Sheriff Martin worked with representative Vanderwall to pass legislation to get this academy going. Hired a new deputy, new drivers training vouchers to help defray the cost for youth is coming out of the charity fund.

### **New Business**

*Assessor filling vacancy-* the township received applications from Casey Guthrie and Greg Barnett for the assessor position. The board compared the pricing, contracts, and services offered. Casey Guthrie was present at the meeting and has been looking at the database, he believes a re-appraisal of properties would be necessary to be able to fulfill future AMAR standards and keep the township current. He suggested to look at residential, property transfers of ownership, buildings that did not pull permits. A complete re-appraisal was noted in his contract, it was also noted in Greg Barnett's contract, and suggested by previous assessor Molly Whetstone who made it through the agriculture properties.

\*Janel Eichenberg made a motion to accept Casey Guthrie as the township assessor starting June 1st, 2024 for a term of three years, with a salary of \$13,935, salary is based off from \$15 per parcel with an estimated 929 parcels, additional fee of \$26,425.00 for a residential re-appraisal based off from a parcel count of 755 at \$35 per parcel. Seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Motion passed unanimously.

*Township hall-* it was brought up to look at the township hall generator to see when it needs to be serviced.

Janel mentioned that a couple ballasts were out at the hall and need to be repaired. She was also contacted by the group that rents the hall for square dances and received great feedback on the sound mitigation panels. Also the Chase Fellowship Church would like to rent the library pavilion for vacation bible school June 24-27.

The old building site needs to be raked down and seeded to grass to make it smooth enough for mowing.

### **Seeking BIDS**

Cemetery trees- there are a couple trees in the cemetery that pose a danger and need to be removed. The township will accept bids on the trees and have received one so far.

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**The old garage doors that were on the cinderblock building that was torn down will be available for inspection 30 minutes (7-7:30pm) prior to the June 18, 2024 regular monthly meeting, sealed bids must be placed with the township board during this time. Doors are as is and may be missing hardware etc.**

**Old Business**

*Workers compensation audit-* Clerk Amy Patterson is still working on getting the audit adjusted. The corrected bill was never sent to the township but was sent to collections. Amy has still been in contact with the insurance agency but will be looking for different quotes.

Legal update- Attorney Russ Lewis sent a bill for the Pioneer cemetery deed transfer work and for the work on the title search for the 40acre parcel that belongs to the township per records but the reed city school district has tried to claim. He will be filing the suit in the Lake County Courthouse. Amy Patterson made a motion to proceed with filing. Seconded by Janel Eichenberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Rob Creek was not present with road funding update but it was conveyed by email to Ken that he has been emailing and trying to get into contact with people.

*Sound system-* the sound system that was volunteered was not brought to the meeting to try.

*BOR-* Rob Creek and Howard Lodholtz volunteered for the open BOR positions. Amy Patterson made a motion to pay for the required BOR training through MTA. Seconded by Janel Eichenberg. Motion passed unanimously.

*Election-* Clerk Amy Patterson reiterated again that she needs election workers for early voting and Election Day for the August and November elections. Interested people need to fill out an application and attend training at the Chase Township Hall on July 11, 2024 at 1pm.

*Natural gas expansion-* DTE completed viability studies and determined while the natural gas would reach 153 customers, it is not enough to drop the cost where it is affordable. The township would have to contribute around \$300,000 to get natural gas to residents. Jody at the lake county courthouse is still pursuing if there are any funds to help with this cost.

Road signs on Hawkins Rd for farm equipment were installed.

Road Brine- Phil Lodholtz moved to accept the proposal for road brine by Lake County Road Commission. Seconded by Joyce Beach. Roll call vote: Janel yes, Joyce yes, Ken yes, Phil yes, Amy no. Motion passed.

Egle Radar Scan-Scan was completed and the entire site was deemed clear. There was no charge to the township for this service.

**Citizens Time**

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**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Amy Patterson. Seconded by Janel Eichenberg. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Patterson  
Chase Township Clerk