

Board Members

Phil Lodholtz- Supervisor Amy Patterson- Clerk Joyce Beach- Trustee

Janel Eichenberg- Treasurer Sarah Nyp- Trustee

Meeting Called To Order

Supervisor Phil Lodholtz brought the Chase Township Board meeting to order at 7:28 pm. Roll call shows Joyce Beach, Sarah Nyp, Phil Lodholtz, and Amy Patterson present. Janel Eichenberg absent.

Approval of Minutes

Joyce Beach moved to approve the April 15, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Sarah Nyp. Roll call vote shows Joyce Beach yes, Phil Lodholtz yes, Amy Patterson yes, Sarah Nyp yes. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

General Account

Beginning balance April 2025 was \$160,717.54. Income received \$771.31. Expenses \$27,623.56 leaving a balance of \$133,865.29.

Library Account

Beginning balance for April 2025 was \$67,145.33. Income received \$21.75. Expenses \$3,663.34. Leaving a balance of \$63,503.74.

Tax Account

Beginning balance for April 2025 was \$1,012.14. Income received \$907.14. Expenses \$907.00. Leaving a balance of \$1,012.28.

Clerks Report

Bills presented for approval:

Township Bills in the amount of \$17,044.34

Library bills \$2,888.73 were approved by the library board.

Sarah Nyp made a motion to pay bills. Seconded by Joyce Beach.

Joyce yes, Sarah yes, Phil yes, Amy yes. Motion passed.

Brief Public Comment

Speakers/Guests:

Library representative- Board member Joyce Beach gave an update. A/C has been installed at the library. Their fundraised event was successful and had good feedback. Gearing up for the summer reading program and they applied for a grant from the Lake County Community Foundation to cover the program.

Jeff Stein Fire Department- gave an update on call volume (222 ytd calls) the department had 5 medical, 1 carbon monoxide, and 1 disregard calls. He suggested people check their carbon monoxide detectors as they have seen an uptick in calls, especially in detectors that had long life batteries that were failing. The new fire truck is now expected in June. Fire Chiefs meeting between Lake, Mecosta, and Osceola counties to have uniform mayday call and communication.

Sheriff Martin- blessing of the bikes was a joint effort once again between outside police and fire departments but went smoothly. Ongoing homicide/open murder, cases going to trial, animal control grant that was the 2nd highest

award amount in the state, old medications can be dropped off to the sheriff's department during business hours, new chief deputy and road patrol sergeant.

Arise to Health presented that they are active in Baldwin and have community outreach for mental health, addiction, physical health, and other free programs. They hope to have a health expo in September.

New Business

Foreclosure property letter from the county listed four available properties if the township was interested. The township could not sell the properties and any money would go to the county.

Mileage policy- the board discussed that there is a need for a mileage policy. Joyce Beach made a motion that mileage is not reimbursable within the township. Seconded by Sarah Nyp. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business/Board members

Assessor- Matt Deverney, the new assessor, was present and stated he did receive a box from the old assessor Casey Guthrie, he also received access to the assessing software. He has been answering phone calls and veteran's exemptions issues. Discussed what the reappraisal should have completed, county involvement, errors, and things that were just not done, in his professional opinion the reappraisal was not completed.

Matt also brought a form that the board needs to complete for an asset test for poverty exemption, the board will have to come up with the amount it is not a number set by the state. The board will review and set the amounts at the next board meeting.

Reappraisal that was supposed to be completed by past assessor Casey Guthrie was not completed. Joyce Beach made a motion to withhold the 2nd half/final payment for reappraisal based on work not performed per contract and email that was sent on April 22, 2025 to the clerk and supervisor, also the county did not sign off on the reappraisal. Seconded by Sarah Nyp. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk- Election- Clerk Amy Patterson has completed ARPA reporting for 2025. There is an amount that will need to be returned but she doesn't know where to send the payment as no invoice or instruction has been provided. The May school election went well, costs will be submitted to the schools for reimbursement when the necessary forms are available.

Furnace repair- Eli HVAC repaired the furnace.

Speaker system- Sarah Nyp the speaker and microphone system was ordered but had a delay.

Cemetery well - waiting on electric hookup.

Citizens Time

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting by Sarah Nyp. Seconded by Joyce Beach. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Patterson
Chase Township Clerk