Public Hearing & Meeting for Rural Development (RD) Water Application

August 26, 2026 Fire Hall 6 pm

6:05 pm-Presentation on RD Water Application by Emmett Bjorn with UPEA. Discussion about the Median Household Income for Chassell based on system users. Loan rate is at poverty level and grant eligible. The RD Water & Environmental Program (WEP) Loans are for 40 years. Community Services Loans for example Fire Hall or Fire Trucks are for 30 years.

6:33 pm-The Public Hearing was closed.

Special Meeting

Present: Andrea Aho, Lynn Gierke, Curt Judson, Dan Palosaari

Absent: Bethany Baetsen

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm with Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda-motion to approve agenda made by Curt Judson supported by Andrea Aho. M/C

- **RD Wastewater Action Items**
  - Change Order #2 for Lakeshore Dr. Lift Station Generator (MJO Contracting) -Emmett Bjorn, UPEA discussed the generator currently installed that needs to be replaced because it is not Build America, Buy America (BABA) compliant. Motion by Lynn Gierke supported by Dan Palosaari to approve Change Order #2 with Emmett reviewing CO#2-1 and CO#2-2 items to confirm that per Jeff West that UPEA would cover these costs. M/C.
  - Change Order #1 for Wastewater System Improvements (B&B Contracting)-Motion by Lynn Gierke supported by Curt Judson to approve Change Order #1 with Emmett reviewing Table 1, Item No. 5, the number of 8" Gate Valve & Box adjustments. M/C.

- **Review Assessor Contract-Office Hours/Salary**-Discussion. Motion by Andrea Aho supported by Dan Palosaari to hire Rebecca Hernandez at the rate of $15/parcel for 1747 parcels beginning 10/1/26 with office hours 1 day per week for $26,205. M/C.

- **Resignation-Water/Sewer (W/S) Clerk Position**. Motion by Dan Palosaari supported by Lynn Gierke to accept the resignation of Rebekah Aho. Andrea Aho abstained. M/C. **W/S Clerk replacement**. Motion by Lynn Gierke supported by Dan Palosaari to hire at current employee that will move to a new position at $18/hour Julie Judson. Curt Judson abstained. M/C. **Sentryx AMR Software Upgrade for Mueller equipment for W/S Utilities**-Discussion about how the current system will not be supported after this year. Good time to upgrade with new W/S clerk coming on line. Motion by Dan Palosaari supported by Andrea Aho to approve the contract with Water Works Metrology, LLC. M/C. **Update Bank Signers with SNB**-Motion by Lynn Gierke supported by Andrea Aho to remove Rebekah Aho and add Julie Judson. M/C.

- **Resolution for the Fall Par Plan Grant-Radar Speed Sign & Trailer**. Motion by Curt Judson supported by Andrea Aho to approve resolution to apply for Risk Reduction Grant through the Michigan Township Participating Plan for $5,000. M/C.

Motion by Lynn Gierke supported by Andrea Aho to adjourn at 7:28 pm. M/C.

Lynn Gierke, Supervisor _____ Bethany Baetsen, Clerk Bethany Baetsen