

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
July 8, 2017

1. The Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Patrick Wilcox at 10:00 am at the Town Hall.
2. Pledge of allegiance was recited.
3. Roll call: All Officers present.
4. **Treasurer's Report** was given as follows all balances as of June 30, 2017
 - Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$20,844.34, outstanding checks - \$4,761.13, Final working balance - \$16,083.21 includes interest of \$2.31
 - Money Market Account: \$314,809.68 includes interest of \$201.13
 - Highway Equip. Maintenance Account - \$4,801.17
 - Includes quarterly interest of: \$4.57
 - Tax Account - \$511.43
 - Includes quarterly interest of: \$0.15
5. **Chairman's Report:**
 - a. Welcome to our Saturday meeting. We hold these meetings every so often by request from the community, this gives property owners from outside the area that may not have the opportunity to be present on our normal second Wednesday of each month to be present, address and discuss concerns and ideas. I ask that you reserve your comments or questions to be addressed in our Public Input forum. If you have an immediate question or comment please raise your hand to be recognized and state your full name for the records. I ask that one person speak at a time.
 - b. We have been waiting on the state and FEMA reimbursements from the July rains of 2016 that damaged a large portion of our road system. There were some adjustments to our submitted obligation package by FEMA which required resubmittal. Now it's hurry up and wait again.
 - c. Town roads/beyond maintenance and repairs. We address annually projects of improvements with consideration to priority of severity, us, and population and of course the Budget. Lower McKenzie Road, Brancel Road, and Bridge Road have our attention for the next round of repairs.
 - d. State Wide (a company) surfacing proposal for the patch to Bald Eagle Drive is \$3,946.00 and the driveway repair on Byrkit road is \$700.
 - e. The Town in its efforts to be an active fore runner in community involvement has developed the Chicog Aquatic Invasive Species Community (CAIS) which is educating the public and actively monitoring our lakes and the progress of the Zebra Mussels that have been discovered in Washburn county. We have a new free library for the public located on the west side of the Town Hall building.

- f. Once again thank you for all that participated in our annual town clean-up day event.
- g. Has the Board taken into consideration the request from Brad 7 Kay's Campground event permitting from last month's meeting? Town's attorney Mr. Kohler being present at this meeting recommends the Town implement a conditional use permit to exceed the noise restrictions. The Town will follow his advice.

6. Correspondence:

There was a request last year to address docks, boats and stairways on McClain Lake in what is known as the Fish Hatchery. The problem was addressed and resolved. I received an email of someone cutting brush to the water's edge in said area again. There could be several reasons why the brush was been cut, let's all work together to resolve these types of issues.

7. Operator's License:

License application was not turned in.

8. Vacating of Liberty Trail & Blackhawk

a. Jeffery Kohler, Town's attorney, explained what vacating roads was and how it can be done.

b. Duane Nelson: We have 3 lots on McClain Lake and are having problems with the other landowners. We are trying to resolve this with them but have not here back. Is the Town planning on vacating Grant Ave? Pat Wilcox: We have the worst subdivisions in Washburn County and are doing what we can.

c. Robert Turnbull: Will the 10 ft. section on McClain Lake be vacated also? Pat Wilcox: We are trying to do as many as possible but there are Wis. Statutes & Regulations that limit how are to do this. We are taking it one road at a time.

d. Darrick Windburn: what is the benefit to the Town with all this vacating? Pat Wilcox: The Town gets has been getting calls about property lines & who owns what not just from current owners but from people looking to buy some property. The Town would also get a clean updated plats. There are no real benefits to the Town.

e. Dave Risinger: 1. About the survey that was propose before with the grant money, why couldn't people pay the same amount? Jeff Kohler: Wisconsin law is that it is based on acreage not total amount & since this was part of a state grant we would have had to follow the state guidelines. 2. Will the road be split down the middle? Pat Wilcox: yes with equal amounts going to each owner. 3. What happens if we agree & the road gets vacated is there an advantage to having a certified survey map done? Discussion follows on this topic.

f. Ed Rhodes: A Certified survey map does not show the lots on a survey how does this affect the assessment? Bob Irwin: we use the Certify survey as far as acreage is concerned only.

g. In reference to Blackhawk Steve Poucher has gotten the paperwork together on this and is in contact with the Town Chairman & Attorney.

h. Iroquois Ave: this is one of the roads has water access. There is plenty of water access in other places so we would not be cutting off any access to the water. We will be starting the vacating process on this road. Steve Poucher: according to my paperwork from my father this road was partly vacated in 1950.

i. Chris Hahn: What are the next steps to this process? Jeff Kohler: A public hearing is next than a Town Board Meeting.

j. Duane Nelson: What & where is the process on Liberty at? Jeff Kohler: You will be getting a letter on when the Public Hearing will be, then after that meeting it will be placed on the next Town boards Meeting agenda.

k. Mary Berg: If the property lines change due to vacating does the Town do a survey and what are the different types of surveys? Pat Wilcox; the Town does not have a survey done, that is up to the property owners. The County has a list of Surveyors.

l. Ron Pendzimas: I have a question on vacating another road beside Liberty, how do I start this process? Pat Wilcox: Show this road to Jeff Kohler. Jeff Kohler: Will look into this road.

m. Becky Turnbull: Can I contact the DNR directly to find out about vacating a road shared with them? Pat Wilcox: Yes just keep the Town informed.

n. Ron Pendzimas:

1. On the Fish Hatchery can people beach their boats over night? Pat Wilcox: I don't know will look into it.
2. The FEMA grant from the 2016 rain fall can that go towards shore erosion? Pat Wilcox: No, it has to go back into the budget category it came out of.

9. Committee Reports:

a. **Fire Department** – Brad Harrison

1. We are still short people even after the increase of 3 new volunteers. Please apply if you are interested.
2. Family Fun day on July 29, 2017. There will be food, games and a band. We are also selling raffle tickets you can pick them up at Chicog Pub.
3. We had a good spring there was no wildfires.
4. There are still issues with fireworks. Please remember that ANY type of fireworks that leaves the ground is illegal in Wisconsin.

b. **ESG** – Milly Thissen

1. We are still looking for the best phone numbers and email addresses for people.
2. We will be helping out with the Fun Days.

c. **Chicog AIS Committee** – Milly Thissen

1. We have 16 plates dropped throughout the area in 5 lakes. This will help our cause with the DNR if we find something.
2. The signs will be going up at the landings soon.

d. **CAFC** – Terri Corrie:

1. The CAFC will be having their Fun day at the same time as the Fire Department, please come over & see us too.

2. One of our grant projects will be cleaning up of several places in our area. We will need volunteers for this please contact myself or Dave Thorsen at 1-612-437-0753 if you wish to help.

10. Public Input:

a. Steve Jonas: Will the town fund a clean-up station at the landings? Pat Wilcox: No the town does not have a budget for this.

b. Several individuals have questions and concerns about the Town's plans for McClain Lake Road where the water is at or on the road and what is the condition of the road bed is. Pat Wilcox: As of right now there is no water flow coming from the road bed. The town will keep an eye on this and address any problems as they arise.

11. The next Town Board Meeting will be August 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

13. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Darcee McCauley to approve and pay bills/checks numbers: -1517 thru -1617 and 10116 thru 10132. Motion passed.

20. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Darcee McCauley to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed

21. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 am.