

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
November 14, 2018

1. The Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Patrick Wilcox at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.
2. Pledge of allegiance was recited.
3. Roll call: All Board Officials, Town Clerk & Treasurer present, with Supervisor Johnston showing up very early along with several Town electors on previous Wednesday night.

4. Treasurer's Report was given as follows all balances as of October 31, 2018:

Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$39,483.78, outstanding checks - \$2,161.47, Final working balance - \$37,332.04 includes interest of \$9.73

Money Market Account: \$329,750.09 includes interest of \$253.22

Highway Equip. Maintenance Account - \$3,946.10

Tax Account - \$300.00

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

5. Chairman's Report:

a. It is one of the duties that I despise the most!! To inform you that another long standing resident of our community has passed. John Schutz passed away a week ago Tuesday. A Celebration of Life is to be held at our town Hall on Saturday Nov. 24th, 2018 at 10:00 am.

b. Road construction has come to an end. The Lower McKenzie projects were completed just in time. Thank you Monarch Paving for an excellent job.

c. Road maintenance on the other hand has not ended, as long as the snow holds off we will be mowing and liming.

d. Hopkin's Sand & Gravel has been rushing to beat the season, I believe they have or will shortly have stock piled the five thousand yards of gravel that we have committed to.

e. From our conception from the last town meeting a small group has formed and met. In conjunction with the ESG (Angels on Our shoulders) in its infancy is looking to address our ageing community. The needs and services that we are facing and to try to supply support when and where we can. Growing old is not or the faint of heart. January 10, 2019 at 4:00 pm will be our next meeting at the Town Hall.

6. Correspondence:

a. Regularly we receive intent to cut contracts for private and county parcels (just as information for the town), site maps, cordage and species, contractors and approximate dates. Several have come in for the upcoming year.

b. Every now and then we receive changes of ownership of managed forest lands (MFL) as tax base references. Jeff Antczak Trucking purchased 40 acres of MFL and that land remains as closed.

c. For those deer hunters and their families may you have a safe and productive hunting season.

d. For all those traveling or expecting travelers prayers of safe travels and a joyous & blessed Thanksgiving.

e. Hunter's Feed is this Saturday here at the Town Hall. A traditional Thanksgiving meal is being served. A raffle drawing is being held that night, ticket purchases are available.

7. Washburn County Zoning proposed text amendments to the Washburn County Ordinance.

After discussion with several town electors it was decided to table the vote on these changes until further information is received.

8. Minong Ambulance Contract for 2019:

Due to the Clerk forgetting to bring the contract it will be tabled until next month.

9. Approve the 2019 Budget:

The 2019 Budget was presented to the Town Electors on Monday night at the Posted Public Hearing. Changes were suggested at that time. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to approve the 2019 budget. Motion passed. If you wish information on the 2019 budget please contact the Town Clerk.

10. Appointment of ESG Leads:

The Town Chairman at this time approves the recommend appointment of Milly Thissen & Teresa Corrie as Co-Leaders of the ESG. Final approval is waiting on the return of the Fire Chief who has been busy dealing with family matters.

11. Chicog Volunteer Fire Department Annual Contract:

The Chicog Volunteer Fire Department has presented their annual contract for approval. Motion made by Bruce Johnston and seconded by Steve Loiselle to approve. Motion passed.

12. Committee Reports:

a. ESG – Milly Thissen:

1. Hunter's Feed is this Saturday come have a home cooked meal for \$8.00, carry-outs are available.
2. There will be an ESG Board Meeting in January.
3. Don't forget the Walkabout starts on Dec 6, 2018.

b. Fire Department- Brad Harrison:

1. Going food looking forward to the possible purchase of a rescue boat in the near future.
2. National standers of ageing out of individual equipment has the Fire Department looking at the replacement of some equipment this year.

13. Public Input:

a. Bruce Johnston – Ladies of the Lake was last month how did it turn out and where does the money raised go? Milly Thissen – We had a good turnout. The money raised when to the Gordon Food Pantry and Comforts in Minong. They each received \$1,360.50 this year. Chicog will be hosting Ladies of the Lake again next year.

b. Penny Sipe – What is being done to address the wash-out of the Cemetery hill? Pat Wilcox – that is actually road right of way for Country Highway F, the County will be working on F in 2019 and we will address it with them at that time.

c. Louise Columbus: The Washburn County Community Rights Alliance will have the Climate Bill of Rights done for the next meeting. I would like to present it to the Board. Pat Wilcox – We will put it on the agenda for the December meeting.

12. The next Town Board Meeting will be December 12, 2018

15. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to approve and pay bills/checks numbers -2018 thru -2118 and 10564 thru 10593. Motion passed.

15. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed

16. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.