

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
April 12, 2023

Before we start our meeting I would like us all to take a moment of silence in remembering the two Cameron and Chetek Officers that lost their lives in the line of duty this last weekend.

1. Verify Legal Posting Notice
2. Call Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Roll Call: all Board members present.
5. Approval of the previous minutes as posted on our web site. Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Steve Loiselle to approve the posted minutes. Motion Passed

6. Treasurer's report was given as follows all balances as of March 31, 2023:

Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$38,253.02 includes interest of \$3.78, outstanding checks - \$2,954.39 Final working balance: \$35,298.63

Money Market Account: \$225,099.25, includes interest of \$227.41

MMA Equipment Replacement Account: \$23,671.67 includes interest of \$21.04

MMA Grant Account: \$24,962.20 includes interest of \$23.30

Tax Account: \$753.56

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the Treasurer's Report.
Motion passed

7. Chairman's Report:

Ladies and gentlemen of the Town of Chicog: This will be my final Chairman's report as an official of this great community.

My years here with you have been an interesting ride and the greatest education that I ever could have possibly imagined or received. As a younger man I despised politics and wanted nothing ever to do with it. I came into this political life in a trial by fire and have fought many a battle in the welfare of this town over many a year. As I depart you all in my political carrier my last battle has me going out in the burning of a comet which isn't all bad, I go out knowing that I still care about your welfare. It pleases me to see how we have grown individually and as a community. Nothing comes easy that isn't accomplished without hard work. I have felt it a privilege to have served you all for these many years and an honor that you continued to put your confidence in me. I have considered myself as a leader and not a boss. A boss points fingers and says I need this done, a leader by description gets in front and helps pull the same weight.

I leave you with my head held high for two reasons:

(1) Just look at what we have accomplished

(2) Just look at what **WE** have accomplished

The most important thing is you see that I have placed we in these descriptions, if not for you the accomplishments couldn't have happened!!! I have experienced a lot of travel in my life as a young man and have always returned calling this my home and proud of my heritage in this

community. Looking back through the archives of the town's minutes I find that my family has continually served in government and development of and for the Town of Chicog. I took this wisdom from a billboard alongside of MN 135: **In a world where each one of us can strive to be anything we want to be, the most profound would be: (To be kind) you have that ability.** I would like to say that I won't miss all this, but there will be many an aspect that I will look back upon in great fondness. I wish you all a healthy and prosperous future. Thank you all!! God speed and smooth sailing. I leave you now in the philosophical words of Red Green: **"We are all in this together so keep your stick on the ice"**.

8. Correspondence:

- a. Washburn County Emergency Management has a class on training sky warn observers, this will take place April 19, 2023 from 6pm-8pm at the Spooner Fire Administration building. If you are interested it is open to the public with no registration and it is free.
- b. Draft of a campground ordinance.
- c. Polk Burnett Power will be plowing a portion of Atherton Road for setting a power cable; approximate start date 5-1-2023 thru 12-15-2023.

9. Roads & Road Work:

- a. Construction: None
- b. Maintenance: Preparing vehicles for spring and summer work.
- c. Purchases: None

10. Set date for Annual road inspection

Date set for May 9, 2023 at 8 am

11. Set date for Annual Town Clean-up

Date set for June 3, 2023

12. ARPA Grant:

The annual filing of paperwork for this grant is due by the end of the month, last year we had not pick a use for any of the money. Town Clerk recommends that instead of using Town Timber Sales for the new piece of highway equipment we use the grant money.

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to use the ARAP Grant for the new piece of equipment. Motion passed

13. New Town Officials:

Town Clerk presented the following officials:

Town Chair – Scott Pahos
1st Supervisor – Brian Berg
2nd Supervisor – Sue Kowarsch
Treasurer – Kathy Strohmeyer
Clerk – Terri Corrie

14. Signature changes to the bank accounts

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to make the following changes to the bank accounts.

Account # 8002 - Remove Patrick Wilcox and Steven Loiselle add Scott J Pahos and Brian Berg

Account # 82524 - Remove Patrick Wilcox and Steven Loiselle add Scott J Pahos and Brian Berg

Account # 1219 - Remove Patrick Wilcox and Steven Loiselle add Scott J Pahos and Brian Berg

Account # 0786 – Remove Patrick Wilcox add Scott J Pahos

Account # 0727 - Remove Patrick Wilcox add Scott J Pahos

Motion passed.

15. Committee Reports:

a. ESG - Terri Corrie

1. I would like to apologize for the text message in reference to Heartwood campground that went out on the ESG emergency text system. This message should not have been sent out. As Co-Leader I will be taking steps to make sure that any and all numbers will only be used for emergency situations.

2. We have the Annual ESG meeting on April 27, 20223 at 9am at the Town Hall. Everyone is welcomed please come we will be discussing possible upcoming trips this summer.

b. Fire Department – Brad Harrison

1. All the radio equipment have been installed and updated to meet the State’s requirements.

2. Wildfires season is upon us. There have already been some Red Flag times down in the southern part of the state. Please make sure that if you see a red flag post you follow the red flag procedures.

3. Burn permits are required you make get through the DNR’s Website.

16. Public Input:

a. Steve Loiselle – I have been handling the town email system for the past several years, who would like to be responsible for this now? Brian Berg volunteered.

b. Sue Kowarsch – I would like to thank Pat & Steve for all their time and dedication to the Town during their terms in office.

c. When will the website be updated with the new officials contact information?

Clerk: Will be done by April 18, 2023 when their term officially starts

17. Date of the next meeting: May 10, 2023

18. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the payment of the following bills/checks: -723 to -823 and 12178 thru 12210. Motion passed

19. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

20. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Teresa L. Corrie
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Town of Chicog
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