

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
May 10, 2023

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 Brian Berg to approve the posted minutes. Motion Passed
6. **Treasurer's report** was given as follows all balances as of April 30, 2023:
 - Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$57,809.64 includes interest of \$9.90, outstanding checks - \$1,476.31 Final working balance: \$56,333.33
 - Money Market Account: \$235,465.63, includes interest of \$218.98
 - MMA Equipment Replacement Account: \$23,694.37 includes interest of \$22.70
 - MMA Grant Account: \$24,986.14 includes interest of \$23.94
 - Tax Account: \$753.56Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed
7. **Correspondence:**
 - a. Letter from Stars & Seeds Farm, there will be a Flea Market from June 15 – September 14, 2023 every Thursday 8am to Noon. They are looking for vendors. Also wanted the word to get out for anyone who would like to come out and shop.
 - b. Dale Kes called Brian Berg in reference to the ATV Trail on Atherton Rd.
8. **Approve Building Inspector's Contract.**

Mr. Boss presented his contract to the Board.

Motion by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg to approve. Motion passed.
9. **Roads & Road Work:**
 - a. **Construction:** Currently working on Lower McKenzie Landing, just about done
 - b. **Maintenance:** Patching of roads has started.
 - c. **Road Inspection** Meeting was held on May 9th. Based on the results roads will be prioritized by ratings.
 - d **Purchases:** We will be using the APAR Grant money to purchase the previously approved piece of equipment.
10. **Annual Town Clean-up:**

We need to change the date from June 3rd to June 17th due to a prior commitment that has come up.

11. Cemetery improvement work:

The Town bought blocks to set retaining walls in the Cemetery several years ago. The walls haven't been put up yet. Walls will go up this year, date to be set after rounding up volunteers.

12. Discuss proposed time change from 7pm to 6 pm for town meetings.

Discussion followed on the pros and cons.

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg to change the start time to 6pm starting in June 2023. Motion passed.

13. Grounds Maintenance Town Hall.

The fence out front needs to be replaced. Estimate for materials is \$2K for cedar fence posts. Discussion follows.

Motion made by Brian Berg and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to purchase the material for the fence from the upcoming town timber sales. This is to include material to fix two of the fence post in the Cemetery. Motion passed.

14. Discuss proposed new office in the Road/Maintenance building.

Discussion on making the one room into an office by adding windows and an exterior door. Terri Corrie brought up that that room was set up as a records retention room, hence the air conditioning and heat. Outside door is fine but no windows. No prices have been given for door or windows. Tabled until quotes can be gotten for the work.

15. Discuss path forward for security upgrades in the town buildings.

Sue Kowarsch provided a quote for upgrading the system to include the Maintenance Building with an annual contract for services. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Scott Pahos and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the work and new contract and to be paid for with the Town timber Sales. Motion passed.

16. Discuss path forward for hiring and LTE. (pay/hours/posting)

The Town has budgeted for a LTE position this year. Town Clerk will inform the Board how much was budgeted so we can go forward with the hiring.

17. Matthews Lake Association request to handle payroll of lake monitors.

Matthews Lake Association is asking for the Town to handle the payroll of lake monitors. Have had Manpower do it in the past. The Town Clerk has given a breakdown on cost and has no problem with doing the payroll. Discussion from the board and Lake Association. Tabled until the Association can let the Town know who would be responsible for paying on a Workman's Comp claim if there would be one.

18. Set Board of Review (BOR) and Open Book dates

- a. The first BOR meeting will on May 25, 2023 at 8am. This meeting is just to meet the State requirements. We will be adjourning that meeting till a later date.
- b. Open Book – June 10, 2023 at 10am at the Town Hall. ***
- c. BOR – July 8, 2023 at 10 am at the Town Hall.

19. Date of next meeting – June 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

20. Committee Reports:

a. **ESG** - Terri Corrie – We will be having a Special Meeting on May 18, 2023 to elect a new Treasurer and following that will be the first Hunter’s Feed Meeting. Come join us.

21. Public Input: -

a. Penny Sipe – Why do we have so much in the Checking account when the MMA draws interest? Kathy Strohmeyer – The Checking account draws interest too, just not as much also what is there is to pay the monthly bills.

b. Dale Kes – ATV Trail on Atherton Road. The Board is aware of this problem and will be looking into the possibility of changing the route

22. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg to approve the payment of the following bills/checks: -923 to -1023 and 12211 thru 12238. Motion passed

23. Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

24. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

****change made to the Open book date based on Assessor’s availability. Open Book will now be by June 24, 2023.**