

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
February 9, 2022

1. Verify Legal Posting Notice
2. Call Meeting to order.
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 January 31, 2022:

Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$80,742.81 includes interest of \$3.99, outstanding checks - \$9,428.73 Final working balance: \$71,314.08
Money Market Account: \$100,494.68, includes interest of \$79.65
Highway Equipment Maintenance Account: \$7,957.58
MMA Equipment Replacement Account: \$21727.56 includes interest of \$11.66
MMA Grant Account: \$12,391.51 includes interest of \$6.84
Tax Account: \$547,350.18

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

7. **Chairman's Report:**

One of the kindest gentlest souls that I have ever had the pleasure to meet has passed from our presence. Dale (Spike) Neil passed away January 18th at the young age of 80 yrs. Lovingly known as Spike to most that knew him, I have yet to hear how he acquired his nickname. As many of you are aware 15 years ago Spike lent his name to the well-known ice fishing tournament on McClain Lake that has entertained hundreds. Our heartfelt sympathies and condolences go out to all of the families and friends that Spike had touched while he was with us. God speed to where ever your next journey leads you Spike, our hearts are with you. There are no planned services at this time.

8. **Correspondence:**

a. Washburn County Highway Department has updated their damage to mail boxes due to snow plowing policies. Please be advised to of the policies of placement of boxes and damage replacement parameters.

b. Nathan Nelson – Washburn County Land Information Officer has advised the Town that the Address sign replacement project will be done this year. Contractors have been hired through state grant monies and will be doing the installation. They will be following Wisconsin guide lines on where to place the sign(s) PLEASE do not move or alert them.

c. North McClain Lake Boat Landing: Correspondence was received asking if this boat landing can be vacated and or maintained? Sue Kowarsch is working with the DNR on this landing and one on Matthews Lake. As far as the landings being maintained they were original put in for the

public to use to walk into the lake, there is no special guidance on maintaining them. She will keep this person updated.

d. Benjamin Garret – DNR: Infrastructure Bill/Community Wildfire defense grant funding. This bill allows mitigating funding for certain projects. Please contact Ben Garret at 715-416-4754 with questions.

e. Carol Buck-Washburn County Emergency Management: Has sent out the 2022 Washburn County construction schedule. This schedule will affect EMS services.

f. BOR class: WTA has put out the BOR training Class schedule for 2022. Town Clerk brought up the change to BOR requirement of 1 BOR Board Member being trained every 2 years to having to be trained every year. Does the Board want to set up a rotating schedule for training? The board discussed it and decided that they will send 2 people each year on a rotation schedule.

g. Sue Kowarsch commented on Steve Loiselle leaving the Chicog News column.

9. Roads & Road Work:

a. Construction: None at this time

b. Maintenance: Winter Maintenance

c. Purchases: We have purchased a new AC/DC welder.

10. McCoy Skid-Steer lease:

The lease matures on 4/15/2022 for the Skid-Steer discussion on whether we want to trade it in for a new one, continue leasing or buy it out right. Decision tabled till next month when we can have a McCoy representative at the meeting.

11. Posting of Annual Maintenance Contracts:

Discussion on how many papers and how long we want to post them for. Motion made by Pat Wilcox and seconded by Steve Loiselle to post in both the Spooner Advocate and Wild Rivers North papers for 2 weeks. Motion passed

12. Snow Plowing discussion:

We are having problems with individuals plowing snow into or across Town roads. This is a safety hazard and also violated Wis Status 86.01. Motion made by Pat Wilcox and seconded by Steve Loiselle to pass an ordinance on this topic with penalties being set. Town Clerk to prepare one and send it through the Town's attorney.

13. Set date for Annual audit:

The Annual Audit will be March 19, 2022 at 10 am at the Chicog Town Hall.

14. Committee Reports:

a. ESG: Terri Corrie – The Walkabout has started please come join us every Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm.

b. Ladies of the Lake: We received a thank you card from the COMFORTS Food Pantry for our donation.

15. Public Input:

Joe Norton – My neighbor would like to know when Town Clean-up is this year? We will be having it one of the first two weeks in June.

16. Date of the next meeting: March 9, 2022

17. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the payment of the following bills/checks: -222, -322 and 11738 thru 11771. Motion passed

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

19. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.