

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
December 13, 2023

1. Call Meeting to order at 6:00 pm
2. Verify Legal Posting Notice.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call: All Board members present.
5. Approval of the previous minutes as posted on our website. 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 November 30, 2023:

Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$36,449.04 includes interest of \$7.75,
outstanding checks - \$584.09 Final working balance: \$35,864.95

Money Market Account: \$229,114.63, includes interest of \$235.15

CD Account: \$47,000.00

Tax Account: \$302.00

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg to approve. Motion passed.

7. Chairman's Report:

a. Tri D/S Grant application was submitted this month and we received an email this past week informing the town of the rankings. We were ranked 4th out of 10 projects submitted. The TRI D/S rankings have been submitted for the next step, which is the Regional committee. After that, projects go to the State Committee for final ranking and funding. We anticipate that the selected projects will be awarded sometime in March 2024. The Governor/Secretary of Transportation typically makes that announcement.

b. The Minnesota Catholic Youth Partnership will have a representative at our town meeting in January. His name is Tim Healey. Mr. Healey will provide a high-level overview of their plans for the Heartwood facility.

c. Last, we all want to wish you and your families a safe and Happy Holiday season.

8. Roads and Road Work – Joe Norton

a. Potholes patched on Bluebird Trail (requested at October meeting)

b. Spot grading thru town

c. Sanded blacktop roads 1 time

d. Shop/equipment maintenance for winter

e. Nineman Rd. brushing complete

Upcoming:

1. Burn brush site (need snow first)

2. Brushing

3. Plowing/sanding

Reminder – It is illegal to plow snow across a town road. When you plow your driveway/Private Drive please remember this. We will be enforcing Ordinance # 04132022, Ordinance Regulating Snow Obstruction on Chicog Town Highways.

9. Correspondence:

a. Sue Kowarsch – Received an email from Bill Dubek asking how the sale of Heartwood will affect the property taxes. The Town is not sure at this point, we will have to see how they are going to be “using” the property. Once we know then we will have a better idea on the type of taxes they will be classed under.

b. Scott Pahos – Atherton Road – We have received a letter from one of the residents on Atherton Rd with several suggestions on how to fix the problem with the Trail. The Board will discuss this further down on the agenda.

10. Abandon of Roebke Road

All paperwork/notices/requirements have been met by the parties requesting the abandon of Roebke Road. This was approved at the November Board Meeting. Paperwork was presented for signing.

11. Alcohol License for Peter Bigler – Pappy’s Bar

Request presented to the Board

Motion made by Brian Berg and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the Alcohol License for Peter Bigler. Motion passed

12. Appointment of Election Officials

The Town Clerk requested the following individuals be appointed as Election Officials for 2024-2025

Theresaleen Nau, Patricia Shifferd, Patricia Sipe, Betty Harrison, Susan Kowarsch, Kathryn Pope-Strohmeyer, Wendy Strieff

Motion made by Brian Berg and seconded by Scott Pahos to appoint the requested individuals as Election Officials for 2024-2025. Motion passed.

13. Approve the 2024 Budget

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg to approve the presented 2024 Budget. Motion passed

14. Exceed the Town Hall Budget Line

Town Clerk has concerns that by the time all the 2023 bills are in we will be short. She is requesting that the Board approve a \$1,000.00 increase in this budget line.

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg to exceed the Town Hall Budget line by \$1,000.00. Motion passed.

15. Approve the Fire Department Contract for 2024

Fire Department contract was presented to the Board.

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg to approve the 2024 Fire Department Contract. Motion passed.

16. Schedule a closed session meeting for Town Board to review options/actions for Atherton Road

Town Clerk – to the Board – I am not sure if this topic meets the requirements for a closed door meeting. We need to check with the attorney. However, we can schedule a separate meeting for this. The attorney will be contacted to see if this meets the requirements for a closed door meeting.

17. Committee Reports:

a. Hunter's Feed – Sue Kowarsch – We did really well this year. We made approximately \$3,000. We would like to thank everyone for their donations and volunteer time, also those who came out to eat too.

b. ESG – Sue Kowarsch – We will be hosting a potluck Holiday luncheon on December 30, 2023 Noon till 3pm. We will be providing 2 turkeys come and join us for some holiday cheer, please bring a dish to pass.

c. Brian Berg – County Board – there is a Jail Project committee being formed due to the fact the County needs a new jail.

d. Fire Board – Requesting an increase of board members by 2. This will allow a better diversity on the Fire Board.

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg to approve increasing the Fire Board by 2 individuals. Motion passed.

18. Public Input: None

19. Date of the next Meeting: January 10, 2024 at 6:00 pm

20. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Brian Berg and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the payment of the following bills/checks: -2323 thru -2523 and 12420 thru 12454 and 2302. Motion passed

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

22. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.