

**TOWN OF CHICOG**  
Town Board Meeting  
March 13, 2024

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 February 29, 2024:

**Checking Account:** Beginning balance - \$52,748.38 includes interest of \$571.26,

**Outstanding checks:-** \$1,322.91 Final working balance: \$51,425.47

**Money Market Account:** \$474,253.80, includes interest of \$1,628.44

**CD Account:** \$47,620.76

**Tax Account:** \$302.00

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

**7. Chairman's Report:**

**a.** We are sad to announce the passing of Scott A. Topper of Trego WI. He died at the age of 65 on February 5th, 2024 at home. Scott passed away surrounded by loved ones after a short battle with cancer. To honor Scott's memory, we are holding a celebration and luncheon of life on March 30th, 2024 at the Chicog Town Hall, W8499 State Hwy 77 Trego, and WI 54888 from 12-4pm. We invite anyone who knew him to attend to remember and reminisce all that we loved about him.

**b. Timber Sale:** The town timber cut is complete. Original revenue forecast was \$176K. The sale grossed \$226K. There were \$16K in administrative costs leaving a net of \$210K; this was \$34K above forecast.

**c. Financials:** Our financial position remains strong through the first quarter of the year. The mild winter coupled with improved energy and operational improvements have the town in a very good position as we head into the second quarter.

**d. Committees:** I want to take a minute to thank all of you who are participating on our committees such as ESG/Fire Board/ Lakes association/Cemetery board. We are starting to see positive results from your efforts. I know these can be thankless tasks but they will have such a positive impact to the future of our town. Again, Thank You!

**e. Grants:** We are currently working on grant applications from both the DOE, (Department of Energy) and RESP, (Rural Energy Startup Program) both were submitted for review in February. These grants focus on funding of projects that will reduce energy consumption at our facility.

## **8. Roads and Road Work – Brian Berg**

### **a. Current**

1. Scraped and sanded blacktop roads twice
2. Picked up tree damage on township roads caused from high winds.
3. Brushed the following roads: Deerfield, Rapply, Trillium, Burian Place, Bridge, Hoinville, Lower McKenzie, Miles, Rasmussen and Found.
4. Mowed Cemetery (North End)
5. Took down dangerous trees from beaver activity on Chicog Lake Landing
6. Right of Way marked on Zehm Rd. for possible clearing while loggers are in the area.
7. Culvert for Bald Eagle Drive has been delivered
8. Brush site marked and flagged off for 2024 season. Two issues already (flagging tore down and construction material full of screws already found)

### **b. Upcoming**

1. Possible ROW clearing on Zehm Rd. (Road may be closed periodically)
2. Summer work to begin
  - Grading/gravel hauling
  - Patching Potholes
  
  - Repair Signs damaged over the winter (frost out)

## **9. STR Approval – Mickelson**

Information and application presented. Motion made by Brian Berg and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the STR license for Mickelson. Motion passed.

## **10. Approve liquor license for Trinity Woods Youth Camp**

Liquor license for Trinity Woods main area and Welcome Center (Journey's Bar) presented. Motion made by Brian Berg and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve both license. Motion passed.

## **11 Opening of Annual Township contracts/bids:**

Bids were opened and discussed:

### **a. Cleaning Town Hall – bids by**

Shellie Nelson - \$75.00 per time.

Cabin Fever Cleaning (and More!!) - \$140.00 flat fee per cleaning up to 3 hours (addition \$40.00 per hour after 3 hours if needed)

Motion made by Brian Berg and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to use Shellie Nelson at \$75.00 per time.

Motion passed.

### **b. Cemetery Annual Clean-up/Cemetery mowing and Town Hall Mowing**

Bids were opened as one because both companies submitted bids as one. True North bids seem to be in order and comparable in price to last year. Kyys has a Cemetery cleaning bid then one bid for mowing of both areas. Kyys clean-up bid seems high along with a high mowing bid. Possible that Kyys bids are for both parts of the Cemetery. We are still only bidding out the established part. Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg to postpone these 3 bids till next month. Scott will contact Kyys to check with Kyys on their bids and have them a separate bid for mowing of the Cemetery and Town Hall. Motion passed.

**12. Schedule annual Road Inspection**

Annual Road Inspection scheduled for March 26, 2024 at 8 am starting at the Town Hall.

**13. RFQ review for crack fill and chip seal projects on town roads**

Looking at chip sealing and crack filling all roads that need it, maybe about 4 roads depending on cost. Request for quotes will go out after Annual Roads meeting.

**14. Schedule Special Board Meeting for Atherton Road**

Update given from the last special meeting. Letters were sent out requesting information to concerned parties with a reply date of March 15, 2024. Meeting date set for April 9, 2024 at 6 pm at the Town Hall.

**15. Review/discuss/budget line adjustment/allocation**

With the extra monies we received from a higher timber sales and additional interest from bank accounts we can increase some budget lines. Discussion follows. Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg to allocated/increase the Cemetery budget line by \$1,000 from the additional interest being received. This will be used to fix the Cemetery hill problem and repair the fence. Motion passed.

**16. Correspondence:**

- a. Scott Pahos – Emails/calls pertaining to Atherton Road, numerous calls from contractors on road bans.
- b. Brian Berg – received an email pertaining to the signage at the corner of Bald Eagle Drive and Chicog Lake Road. Request that we change the stop/yield signs. We have contacted WI DOT and have forwarded pictures of the intersection to them for their recommendation.
- c. Kathy Strohmeyer – The Town Chairman from Bashaw Township called to find out where we got such good interest rates on our accounts. Recommended he talked to Shell Lake State Bank.

**17. Committee Reports:**

**Fire Department/Fire Board** – Brad Harrison –

- 1. The air tanks are having the annual Hydro testing right now
- 2. There was one lift assist and one alarm call that was canceled
- 3. One of our previous firefighters has moved back in to the area and has rejoin us
- 4. We will be attending the upcoming required pipeline training.
- 5. Baron Electric will be hosting an electrical vehicle demonstration that we will attend to get new information on EV Fire Trucks.
- 6. The Fire Board is working on a recruitment pamphlet and still checking into grants.

**18. Public Input:**

- 1. Sue Kowarsch – Information sheet on the difference between freezing and locking your credit and how to do it.
- 2. Terri Corrie - We have several informational items on the back table that should stay out for all individuals to look at and take. We could use one of those magazine type racks or towers. Something to keep an eye out for.

**19. Date of the next Meeting:** April 10, 2024 at 6pm.

Annual Meeting: April 20, 2024 at 10 am

**20. Payment of Bills:**

Motion made by Brian Berg and seconded by Scott Pahos to approve the payment of the following bills/checks: -324 thru -424 and 12527 thru 12566. Motion passed

**21.** Motion made by Brian Berg and seconded by Scott Pahos to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

**22.** Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.