

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
February 8, 2023

1. Verify Legal Posting Notice
2. Call Meeting to order at 7:40 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 January 31, 2022:
 - Checking Account:** Beginning balance - \$23,613.95 includes interest of \$9.48, outstanding checks - \$4,137.61 Final working balance: \$19,613.34
 - Money Market Account:** \$116,727.34, includes interest of \$112.46
 - MMA Equipment Replacement Account:** \$18,634.91 includes interest of \$17.95
 - MMA Grant Account:** \$24,917.87 includes interest of \$24.01
 - Tax Account:** \$858,388.59

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

7. Chairman's Report:

a. This is the part of my job that is very unpleasant for me.

1. Many of you are already aware of the passing of Larry McDowell on Thursday morning, 1-12-23. Larry McDowell and his family have been long time residence and contributors to and for the Town of Chicog. I don't know a lot about Larry's past history but what I do know is that Larry was one of the ten original volunteer fire fighters in our newly developed department in 1980. He served for many many years in this department and alongside him throughout his career his family joined him as members. Pretty much everyone knew Larry and his family for serving in their capacity in our every town's event and in helping those around him. The Town of Chicog along with Larry's many many friends extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the families of Larry McDowell, "never forgotten". To date there is no information of services for Larry.
2. Robert (Bob) Hodell: a 25 year resident of Chicog has also departed from us at the young age of 87. Many of you may have seen Bob and his wife Judy over the years exercising/hiking along county Road F keeping themselves fit. Bob was enlisted in the US Navy, a grave side service with military honors will be held in the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery at a later date. Thank you for your service to our country Bob. The Town of Chicog extends our deepest sympathies and condolences to the friends and families of Robert Hodell.
3. Phyllis Kamin: a long standing and dedicated resident of this community has passed also. She was one of many volunteer extraordinaire's that helped serve and build our community to what it is today. I'm sorry that I don't know Phyllis other than she was a CNA for many years. She will be missed by all. Once again we the Town of Chicog

extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the friends and families of Phyllis Kamin.

- b. With many of us retiring here we are rapidly aging communities which will be/should be consideration in our comprehensive plan.
- c. With all this snow accumulating it's getting harder and harder for the emergency services to see your fire numbers. Please make them visible to help the services and for your own personal safety. Time can be very critical. The other item that is crucial are your driveways. I've noticed several though out the communities that are questionable to access and egress. The last thing that the services needs is to have a vehicle stuck or can't turn around when that could affect the welfare of others.

8. Correspondence:

- a. The Town work truck is in need of more repairs. This repair deals with a plugged exhaust system. There are two options;
 - 1. Replacing the system with a new one which will run approximately \$6,000 dollars
 - 2. Repair/clean the system and reinstall at a cost of approximately \$2,500 dollars worst case scenario.
- b. Bell Timber contacted us on the purchase of red pine poles for telephone poles. The market right now is high so I contacted Groeschl foetry Consulting. Their management ideas have steered us in the right direction in our past sales. They will look into this prospect and determine the best route of action for us.
- c. Our security system is in need of repair/upgrade and we will be looking into the alternatives.
- d. Spooner Memorial Library's Bibliodragon Books & Bread Bookmobile will be at the Town Hall the 1st Thursday of the month from 11:05 am -12:05 pm. Come see what they offer and check out some fine reading material.
- e. Spooner Area School District is willing to attend an upcoming meeting to present information on their referendum that will be on the ballot in April. Do we want to schedule them for your next Town Meeting? Board is for having them come and talk.

9. Roads & Road Work:

- a. Construction: None
- b. Maintenance: Normal winter maintenance.
- c. Purchases:
 - 1. The Town's work truck. As stated in correspondence it needs fixing. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to Repair/clean the system and reinstall at a cost of approximately \$2,500 dollars. Motion passed.
 - 2. There is a proposal at looking to outfit our grander with a front lift and dozier blade attachment. As estimate of cost of \$14,760.00 has been looked at and will be addressed by this board and/or the new upcoming board.

10. Yellow Bank Road final resolution.

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch to approve the resolution to Highway Order Discontinuing Yellow Bank Road Pursuant to 82.10 *et seq*, Stats. seconded by Steve Loiselle. All Board members approve, motion passed.

11. Variance Request Jim Wiltzius

Variance request put before the Board. Sue Kowarsch received a call from a couple on Mathews Lake that would like to see the variance denied. Comments from Jill Lipski requesting denial.

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to deny the request for variance. Pat Wilcox in agreement. Motion passed.

12. Variance Request Crosby:

First off this is a rezoning request not a variance request, Town Clerk informed the Town Chairman wrong. Request for rezoning presented to the Board.

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Steve Loiselle to approve the rezoning request for Crosby. Pat Wilcox in agreement. Motion passed.

13. Annual Maintenance Contracts

Terri Corrie: It is that time again. How do we want to advertise: one paper, two papers, and how many weeks?

Motion made by Pat Wilcox and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to advertise in both papers for two weeks with bids due in by March 7, 2023. Motion passed.

14. Set date for Audit:

Audit date is set for March 27, 2023, 10 am at the Chicog Town Hall.

15. Committee Reports: None

16. Public Input:

Cassy Lemke – We would like to request a warning sign be posted on both ends of Bridge Road. My niece walks the road quite frequently, she is legally blind. The traffic goes fast down the road. We hope a sign stating Blind Person Walking will at least slow them down and hopefully pay attention to what is on the roads.

Pat Wilcox – The Town will get a signs ordered and up.

17. Date of the next meeting: March 8, 2023

18. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the payment of the following bills/checks: -123 to -223 and 12109 thru 12137. Motion passed

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

20. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.