

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
August 12, 2026

1. Call Meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Verify Legal Posting Notice.

4. Roll Call: All Board members present. There is no Treasurer at this time.

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 given by Terri Corrie

All balances as of July 31, 2026:

Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$65,468.71 includes interest of \$370.11,

Outstanding checks:- \$4,268.75 Final working balance: \$61,199.96

Money Market Account: \$303,760.76, includes interest of \$828.61

CD Account: \$93,682.69

Tax Account: \$302.00

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

7. Chairman's Report:

a. We are sad to report that the Town of Chicog has lost two of our long-standing residents whom are Ernie Undahl and Jean Loiselle. Unfortunately, we were unable to obtain information about Ernie but have this information on Jean. Jean passed at the young age of 79. Jean married Steve Loiselle in 1966. Jean's passion was card making; she never sent of a store-bought greeting card it was always made from hand. She also loved animals and was never without a dog. Jean spent many hours in the great outdoors with her husband Steve fishing and hunting. Both Ernie and Jean will be greatly missed in our community. We offer our condolences to both of their families and friends.

b. Financials: We are currently on track with our budget Q3-2026. All of our major road projects should be completed by the end of September. The 2027 budget cycle will commence in the month of September.

c. We are nearing the end of our second CBCW DNR grant which covered (5) lakes in our community. Early indications are that this was a successful operation. All required data will be submitted in the "SWIMS" program for reimbursement from the DNR. We will apply for 2027 to cover (6) lakes in our community. Thank you to all who volunteered and managed this program for our township.

d. We completed our Wild Fire Risk Reduction plan for this year and will be filing for reimbursement in September to the Wisconsin DNR Forestry Division. We collected approximately 519 yards of material this year. Thank you to all the residents that helped make this a success.

e. On July, 22nd the board received a formal notice that Kathy Strohmeyer resigned her position of Town Treasurer for the Town of Chicog. We wish Kathy a happy retirement and thank her for her 15+ years of service to our community. Wisconsin statute 17.25 (1) (B) specifically provides

that vacancies in elective offices are filled by appointment by the Town Board. The appointee serves the remainder of the unexpired term. We will address this appointment as an agenda item tonight in our meeting.

F. Last, I hope to see many of you participate in our annual Fun Fest celebration on Saturday, 8/22/2026 from noon to 6PM. There will be many activities for all our families to enjoy. Thank you in advance to the ESG group, Fire department and all of the volunteers that make this possible for our community.

Thank you,

8. Roads and Road Work – Joe Norton

- a. Bald Eagle Drive has been ground and graveled. Blacktop ready – scheduled for the end of September for paving.
- b. All Town roads have been mowed. We will be looking at the roads for brush conditions to do a full Right of Way mowing.
- c. Patching and grading will continue on the roads that need it.
- d. The guard rail on Lower McKenzie Rd is estimated to cost \$8,000 for replacement from Washburn County Highway Department.

Upcoming

- a. We will be doing ditch work on McClain Lake Rd.
- b. Paving on Bald Eagle Dr
- c. Chip sealing on Lower McKenzie Rd and McClain Lake Rd hopefully in September.

9. Public Input: None

10. Discuss/Approve Interim Town Treasurer position (Mariann Jones)

With our current Treasurer resigning the Board is authorized to appoint an interim Treasurer to fulfill the remainder of the term. At this time Mariann Jones is willing to take the position.

- a. I, Scott Pahos, Town Chair appoint Mariann Jones as Town Treasurer for the remaining Term in accordance with State Status 17.25(1)(b).
- b. Ms. Jones shall replace Kathryn Strohmeier on all Town Accounts. All other names shall remain as is.

11. Review/Approve 2 Short Term Rental (STR) applications

The following STRs were submitted:

- a. PD Cozy Cabins LLC
- b. Eagle Landing

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

12. Approve Operator applications

- a. Operator's application for Jody Durand presented to the Board.

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

13. Approve Picnic License

- a. Picnic license application from the ESG submitted to the Board for August 22, 2026 (Fun Fest)

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

14. Set date for 2027 Budget Meeting.

Date set for Sept. 15, 2026 at 3pm at the Town Hall.

15. Correspondence

Teresa Corrie:

- a. Official Payments – this is the platform that the Town has to enable residents to pay property taxes on line. When we first started with Official Payments there was no charge for this service. Official Payments has had to make several changes this year due to the increase in cyber security. At this time, they will now be charging the Town \$195 per month for the usage. We only use this platform for 2 months a year during property tax time. The Town averages around 15 individuals using this site per year. The Town can not afford to stay with Official Payments for this service. The Town will be looking into other companies that provide this type of service.
- b. There has been a cyber-attack on Washburn County last week. Most offices are off line, not receiving emails and some phone lines are down. Please bear with the County on this. If you need to talk to them right now your best bet is to go in person, all offices are still staffed.

16. Committee Reports:

a. ESG – Sue Kowarsch –

- 1. Hunter's Feed is on track. The next meeting will be August 28, 2026 at 10am, come join us.

b. Fire Department – Brian Berg –

- 1. The Fire Department participated in the procession for the fallen Eau Claire Fire Fighter.
- 2. We participated in the Minong 1st National Night Out
- 3. We filled a swimming pool
- 4. Received a grant from Webb Lake Community Club for new Radio.
- 5. The Fire Department would like to thank the ESG for their donation for the new turn out gear.

17. Date of the next Meeting: September 9, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

18. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Brian Berg and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the payment of the following bills/checks: -1426 thru -1826, 2426 thru 3026, and 13453 thru 13479. Motion passed

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

20. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.