

**TOWN OF CHICOG**  
Town Board Meeting  
January 17, 2018

1. The Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Patrick Wilcox at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.
2. Pledge of allegiance was recited.
3. Roll call: All Officers presented
4. **Treasurer's Report** was given as follows all balances as of December 29, 2107:
  - Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$49,465.37, outstanding checks - \$2,733.71, Final working balance - \$46,731.66 includes interest of \$2.78
  - Money Market Account: \$309,018.42 includes interest of \$200.05
  - Highway Equip. Maintenance Account - \$3,129.53
  - Includes Quarterly Interest of: \$1.58
  - Tax Account - \$328,024.64
5. **Chairman's Report:**
  - a. We welcome you to a new year and may it be a good one for all.
  - b. I received a call from the town's employee in regards to a driver that was deliberately obstructing his duties of snow removal from a town road. The sheriff was contacted with that driver's license plate number. It is unknown if hat driver was sited with a citation. Please people when at all possible give town equipment and emergency services a wide berth, this is a public safety service don't make it harder than it already is!!
  - c. The Town's International plow truck was towed back to Mid-State on Monday with minor engine issues that couldn't be resolved here. Thank you Rob and staff for the personal attention you delivered.
  - d. Also the Ford F450 was brought back to Monroe for an ongoing tail gate latch issue.
  - e. Beware of freezing pipes tis the season and from numerous reports it can be very costly.
  - f. With the amount of equipment we now have in the Maintenance building we need to look into security for this building.
6. **Correspondence:**
  - a. I have received several calls and letters on the cell site lease. The cell business is changing with new developments and progress. 5G is now deploying 24" mast antennas that can be attached to power poles approx. every 6 blocks. Several businesses would like to "buy out" our contract. After discussion at this time we will leave the contract as is., just because 5G is out doesn't mean it will be here anytime soon.
  - b. Jeffery Kohler is still working on the vacating of Liberty Lane. We will continue to address the plated undeveloped roads in our subdivisions.
  - c. Robert Irwin prepared and submitted the Mass appraisal report at the conclusion of the 2017 assessment year. It is the summary of the work done and results achieved for the year.

7. Our annual maintenance contracts are now open for bids. Bids are due to the Town by March 14, 2018. If you have any questions please contact a Board Member.

8. ATV/UTV issues: Based on an article in the Spooner Advocate the liability issues of having Town roads open to ATV/UTV use was brought up. I have contacted Mr. Kohler, Town's Attorney; here is his response via email:

There was this county board member a few years ago who hated snowmobiles and every time highway put a resolution before the board to create a new snowmobile or ATV route, he would argue that it opened up the county for liability for accidents. Then I would have to address the issue – every time – that the county was no more liable for vehicles designed for off-road activity being on county highways than they already are for straight-forward vehicular accidents. That was even though I despised ATVs and the like perhaps more than the county board member.

Municipalities enjoy immunity from all personal and property injury with the exception of municipal actions deemed malicious or reckless. The county once suffered a lawsuit regarding car versus motorcycle because of gravel on the pavement on a curve. Like find me an inside curve that doesn't have gravel splashed up on the roadway. The county was dismissed out of the lawsuit at once.

If you passed the town highway use ordinance following the guidelines, you would have submitted the ordinance to the DNR in Madison. I don't think they review it. DNR simply wants to know where ordinances lie since they are in charge of enforcement. It wouldn't hurt to also send a copy to your insurance company and see if they have any heartburn over the thing. They've been good to Chicog in the past.

The Board discussed several ways to educate riders to the problems facing the Town when the roads get tore up.

9. **Maintenance** Building Lighting and Power issues:

There is an issue with lighting and the power in the Maintenance Building. After contacting Coon's Electric it is a possibility that it is the light bulbs or ballast failing. Coon's Electric has giving us some information on LED Lights and cost to possible replace the current lights with. Question from the floor about when we had to put things out for bids. The Town has to do bids for anything over \$2,500.00. Since we are thinking about putting the Maintenance Building on its own separate service this will be tabled till after we contact Dahlberg Light & Power to find out what we would be responsible for having done with putting in a separate service to have only one electrician's bill.

10. **Fire Numbers:**

Steve Loiselle received an email about the fire number at N11892 Flicker Drive. The email was resulting from a Firewise Assessment done on this property. The driveway has 4 properties on it with the fire numbers not in good places and/or needs replace due to weathering. How and where do they need to go to get new fire number signs and where would be a good place to put them?

The Town Chairman & Firewise assessment Inspector will look in to this.

11. **Brancel Road LRIP Bids:**

a. Two bids received:

1. Monarch Paving, Tom Gangon present - \$40,655.00
2. Taylor Paving - \$69,600.00

b. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Darcee McCauley to accept Monarch Paving bid. Motion passed.

## 12. Committee Reports:

### **Fire Department** – Jim Frasheski:

1. We are down to 8 members now even after several new ones joined us.
2. We have purchased up to date turn out equipment since yours was outdated.
3. The Fire Department is working with WITC mandatory CPR training. We are looking at adding ADD & 1<sup>st</sup> Aid training to that. Depending on the coast we would like to open this up to the public.

### **ESG** – Milly Thissen –

1. There will be an ESG board meeting on Jan 18, 2018 at 3:00 pm at the Town Hall to summarize what we have done & what is still ongoing.
2. We took 50 Valentine's kits to Comforts Food Pantry last week. We are still collecting for the Spooner Food Pantry's kits till the end of the month.

### **CASIC** – Milly Thissen-

I have asked the Town Board to look in to the coast of putting a separated tab/page on the town's website for CASIC. Steve – looked in to this it looks like it is a one-time fee of \$125.00 for a new tab/page. I will double check the cost.

Motion made by Darcee McCauley and seconded by Steve Loiselle that the Town adds a CASIC tab/page to our web site. Motion passed.

## 13. Public Input:

Pat Shifferd: I noticed that my road Pash Drive has not been plowed regularly, what is the plowing totals and is there any reasons we were not done?

Pat Wilcox: Part of the problem was the breakdown of the plow. Also we start plowing a one end of the Town one time and then reverse the order the next time so that some areas are not waiting till last for plowing on a regular basis. Please remember that we have to plow out school bus routes first. We plow at 2 inches or more.

12. The next Town Board Meeting will be February 14, 2018

13. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Darcee McCauley to approve and pay bills/checks numbers -2717 thru -2817 and 10269 thru 10308. Motion passed.

13. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Darcee McCauley to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed

14. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.