

**TOWN OF CHICOG**  
Town Board Meeting  
June 14, 2023

1. Verify Legal Posting Notice
2. Call Meeting to order at 6:00 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 Brian Berg to approve the posted minutes. Motion Passed
6. **Treasurer's report** was given as follows all balances as of May 31, 2023:
  - Checking Account:** Beginning balance - \$31,473.65 includes interest of \$8.08, outstanding checks - \$4,341.60 Final working balance: \$27,132.05
  - Money Market Account:** \$235,731.74, includes interest of \$266.11
  - MMA Equipment Replacement Account:** \$23,721.15 includes interest of \$26.78
  - MMA Grant Account:** \$25,014.38 includes interest of \$28.24
  - Tax Account:** \$753.56

No motion made

**7. Chairman's Report:**

- a. It's been a very quick learning curve for his board over the past 8 weeks, Town training, open book, and Board of Review training during this time. We have attended both town & county meeting also.
- b. We have a very diversified and talented community of which we will rely on for input on many upcoming projects. Your ideas and input are valued by this board, and we look forward to working with you.
- c. Accomplishments to date:
  1. The new office is approximately 50% complete. We have purchased 2 new desks and chairs along with a new printer at no cost to the town. This was a donation from Darcie and I to the town. We also now have internet and ability to hook our new security system to this internet.
  2. We have also built a new "Natural Flowers of Wisconsin" garden to feed the bees and butterflies in the front lawn of the town hall. A huge "Thank You" to Shannon Berg for purchasing/planting and donating the flowers in this garden. A thank-you also to Darcie Pahos for also adding additional wildflowers in this garden. A new underground water line was also installed to ensure we have the capability to keep these plants healthy. The only cost of this garden to the town was the purchase of the timbers.
  3. We have removed the old cedar fencing and have installed approximately 70% of the new materials as of this week, should be completed next week.
  4. Our new updated security system is about 90% complete. We should have this fully functional by month's end. Thank you Sue for arranging this.
  5. Our helicopter pad lighting is now repaired as of this past week. Thank you Brain Berg and Jim Frasheski for completing this.

**d. Upcoming**

1. Complete the new office installation.
2. Install the retaining wall at the cemetery
3. Build the new records storage room for the Clerk
4. File numerous grant applications in the next 2 weeks

**8. Correspondence:**

- a. Scott received several calls regarding Short Term Rentals.
- b. All Board members have received calls regarding Town Clean-up
- c. Brian: Brushing of the roads

**9. Roads & Road Work:**

- a. **Construction:** None in the works at the moment
- b. **Maintenance:** Graveling of Hoinville Rd.

**10. Alcohol Licenses:**

The attached list of alcohol licenses was presented to the Board. Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg to approval all licenses. Motion passed.

**11. Operator Licenses:**

The attached list of operator's license was presented to the board. Motion made by Brian Berg and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve all licenses. Motion passed.

**12. STR Licenses:**

The attached list of Short Term Rental Licensees was presented to the board. Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg to approve all licenses. Motion passed.

**13. STR Ordinance extension:**

The STR Committee presented a request to the board to extend the sunset date of the STR Ordinance till the July 2023 meeting. A new ordinance will be ready to present to the Board by then. Motion made by Brian Berg and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to extend the STR ordinance with a resolution. Motion passed.

**14. Kent Shifferd to present results/recommendations from Comp planning committee.**

Kent presented and explained the recommendations to the board and electors. Questions and answers period followed. The Board will check in to what needs to be done to update the current plan. A thank you to the committee for their time and efforts in this.

**15. 2024 50/50 Bridge petition from Washburn County Highway commissioner.**

The board discussed this grant.

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg to petition/apply to Washburn County for the 2024 bridge Grant to be used on Bald Eagle Drive. Motion passed.

**16. Proceed with the LTE hiring.**

Discussion on pay, where to publish/post the information.

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg for the pay to be \$18 per hour for 500 hrs. to comply with the 2023 budget amount. Motion passed.

Job listing will be in all the “Free” papers, Town’s website, and Job Services Minong Area Chamber of Commerce website.

**17. Review request to abandon Kimmes Road:**

The town has received a request to vacate a portion of Kimmes Rd. This part is no longer maintained by the Town due to the altering of Highway 77.

Motion made by Brian Berg and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to vacate the stated portion of Kimmes Road. Motion passed

**18. Review Town’s mobile equipment status and review potential tractor purchase.**

The mobile equipment being discussed is the Highway vehicles & assorted attachments.

We need to replace the 2019 John Deere 333G. There is also a 2001 New Holland TS110 Brush Hog Boom Mower that needs to be replaced. The following are quotes for attachments:

John Deere		New Holland	
6120M Cab Tractor	\$119,900	NH T6.155 T4B Tractor	\$169,677
Side Boom Mower	\$ 65,000	Flail Mower	\$ 18,500
Rear Flail Mower	<u>\$ 19,900</u>	22’ Rear Cradle Mower	<u>\$ 96,128</u>
Total	\$204,800	Total	\$284,305
Trade in value	\$ 82,500	Trade-in value	\$ 87,500
Less Municipal Discounts	\$ 0	Municipal Discounts	\$ 95,265
Total Cost	\$122,300	Total Cost	\$101,540

Motion made by Brian Berg and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to purchase the New Holland Tractor in 2024. Town Clerk will check with Shell Lake State Bank once the 2024 Budget is approved.

Motion passed.

**19. Review Bids for Town timber Sales and approve a contractor.**

Groeschl forestry Consulting, INC provided the board with 4 bids.

1. Northwoods Management \$176,088
2. Krizak Forest Products \$160,160
3. Lawrence Laogging, LLC \$147,400
4. RM Bay Logging, Inc. \$136,400

Motion made by Brian Berg and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the bid from Northwoods Management. Motion passed.

**20. Committee Reports:**

a. ESG - Terri Corrie – We are still having the Walkabout on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month come join us.

b. STR Committee – Terri Corrie – We will be ready with a new ordinance to present to the board before the next meeting.

c. Hunter’s Feed committee – Sue Kowarsch - We are in the process of getting prizes for the raffle. If you have any ideas or possible place to ask for a donation please contact Sue Kowarsch.

**21. Public Input:** None

**22. Date of the next Meeting:** July 12, 2023

**23. Payment of Bills:**

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg to approve the payment of the following bills/checks: -1123 to -1223 and 12239 thru 12264. Motion passed

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

**25.** Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.