

**TOWN OF CHICOG**  
Town Board Meeting  
March 9, 2022

1. Verify Legal Posting Notice
2. Call Meeting to order.
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 February 28, 2022:

**Checking Account:** Beginning balance - \$79,399.15 includes interest of \$6.27, outstanding checks - \$3,535.78 Final working balance: \$66,863.37

**Money Market Account:** \$327,806.76, includes interest of \$54.55

**Highway Equipment Maintenance Account:** \$4,244.48

**MMA Equipment Replacement Account:** \$23,405.60 includes interest of \$11.37

**MMA Grant Account:** \$12,397.69 includes interest of \$6.18

**Tax Account:** \$332.00

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

7. **Chairman's Report:**

**a.** Pucker factor of TEN! 3-5-22 rain and ice storm made for very interesting and strenuous sanding of roads if you could stay on them. I wish to thank the Fire Department for the use of their vehicle and sander to aid in our battle. A line in a western stated "just hope that I ain't rode all the rough off of her". It's not over until the lad of large stature sings! It's been an interesting winter season for sure with all its ups and downs. Seems we just couldn't get acclimated to a certain temp, but an end is in sight if we can just get through the typical snowiest month of the season.

**b.** The month of March is typically the start of all our projects. Keep in mind Mid-March is also the start of weight limit restrictions on town and county roads. These restrictions could last into the month of May depending on conditions so please plan accordingly. Dates of these restrictions will be posted via the town's web site.

8. **Correspondence:**

**a.** Contact with Washburn County Forestry, Mike Peterson, on Large Diameter Culvert Replacement Grants availability. I will be in further contact with Mr. Peterson as we do not want to miss this opportunity, These are costly projects.

**b.** Jason Prochnow: a mediation attempt of Lodge Road dispute is being scheduled for May 10 thru 12<sup>th</sup> 2022. He would like a board member present during these meetings. These meeting will take place at the Polk County Justice Center, Balsam Lake. Steve & Pat will attend the meetings.

- c. I emailed Tim Kessler, AG Committee President, on the CAFOs ordinance and the introduction of the Great Lakes Bill of Rights A3604. The next Ag Committee Meeting is being held on March 17, 2022 at 8:30 am in Shell Lake.
- d. There have been several requests for driveway sanding.
- e. There were several more unjust complaints that we will disallow
- f. Sue Kowarsch gave an update from the DNR on the landings on Mathews Lake & McClain Lake.

**9. Roads & Road Work:**

- a. Construction: None at this time
- b. Maintenance: Winter Maintenance as normal. We took down several trees after the ice storm but there are several that we didn't remove at this time. If they do not spring back we will take them down at a later date.
- c. Purchases: No new purchases
- d. Joe Norton on the possible of pre-buying vehicle fuel for the rest of the year. Prices are going up, do we want to pre-buy or take our chances? No decision made at this time.

**10. McCoy Skid-Steer lease:**

Clint Amman presented information and options on the lease for the Skid-Steer. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to buy the Skid-Steer with the financing being decided between John Deer and Shell Lake State Bank whichever holds the best rates. Motion passed.

**11. Conditional Use Request:**

A Conditional Use Request for Elliott Jacobson was presented. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the conditional use request. Motion passed.

**12. Snow Plowing Ordinance:**

Ordinance was prepared and sent to the Town's Attorney. Mr. Kohler sent back his comments on the ordinance. One main one is that we may not have the support of the Washburn County Sheriff's Department; do we still want to go forward with this ordinance? Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Steve Loiselle to move forward with this ordinance. Motion passed.

**13. Annual Contract Bids:**

**a. Town Hall Cleaning:**

Bid submitted by Cabin Fever Cleaning (and More!!) for \$100 each time. Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Steve Loiselle to contract Cabin Fever Cleaning. Motion passed

**b. Cemetery Spring Clean-up:**

Bid submitted by Brothers Lawncare LLC for a one-time fee of \$450.00. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to contract with Brothers Lawncare LLC. Motion passed.

**c. Town Hall Mowing:**

Bid submitted by Morgan Lawn Care for \$160.00 per time. Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Steve Loiselle to contract with Morgan Lawn Care. Motion passed.

**e. Cemetery Mowing:**

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**14. Set date for Town Clean-up:**

The Date for Town Clean-up will be June 18, 2022 starting at 8 am.

**15. Request for Short Term Rental (STR) committee to reconvene:**

Will forwarded all new information to Pat Shifferd to check with committee members

**16. Doors for Highway Maintenance Building:**

The Maintenance Building doors need to be made bigger due to equipment sizes. Discussion follows. The decision to improve the doors is tabled till next meeting.

**17. Committee Reports:**

**a. Fire Department:** Pat Wilcox – there were a couple of fire calls these past weeks. We have found that the driveways to these properties were just about non accessible. Please remember that if we cannot get the Fire Department vehicles to the fire we cannot fight it. This is the call of the Fire Department.

**b. AOS:** Pat Wilcox - we need to have a meeting to address welfare checks. Should we have some sort of system in place if the Sheriff's Department needs to make a welfare check. We had one this passed month that resulted in the individual's house being broken into. Thank goodness the individual was not home at the time.

**18. Public Input:**

Pat Wilcox – Victor Hushcha is here to night and is now the individual writing the Chicog News in the Spooner Advocate. Please contact him with any news.

**19. Date of the next meeting:** April 13, 2022

**20. Payment of Bills:**

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the payment of the following bills/checks: -422, -722 and 11772 thru 11803. Motion passed

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

**22.** Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.