

**TOWN OF CHICOG**  
Town Board Meeting  
February 11, 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.

**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** all balances as of January 31, 2026:

**Checking Account:** Beginning balance - \$26,203.86 includes interest of \$204.02,

**Outstanding checks** - \$517.74 Final working balance: \$25,286.12

**Money Market Account:** \$211,736.13, includes interest of \$742.00

**CD Account:** \$72,726.80 includes interest of \$706.16

**Tax Account:** \$254,274.15

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

**7. Chairman's Report:**

**a. Financials:** We currently have three outstanding receipts of which we need to finalize our 2025 budget results. All indications are that we did very well against our budget in 2025.

**b.** We will be scheduling a meeting with Ben Garrett from the Wisconsin DNR to finalize a plan to initiate work on the Wild Land Fire Grant which was approved for 2026 in our township. More details will be released as soon as we finalize that plan. I am assuming it will mirror the work we performed last year with a similar schedule.

**c.** Road construction projects for 2026 are now approved and in our budget. They are as follows: Bald Eagle (pavement), Lower McKenzie (chip seal) and McClain Lake Road (chip seal).

**d.** I will be requesting a formal meeting with our lake associations next week to review their implementation plan for the 2026 CBCW grant. We will publish that date and time once it is set.

**e.** There is a bill currently being submitted that effects Town powers. Please see the article at the end of the minutes.

**8. Roads and Road Work** – Joe Norton

**a.** Plowed four times and sanded four times

**b.** Widening of the roads and right of ways were completed today Feb 11, 2026.

**c.** We hauled in salt/sand as we needed more. The County is out of the 5% ratio of salt/sand so we are having to use the 10% blend the rest of the season at a higher cost: \$14 vs \$21 a ton.

**Upcoming**

**a.** Winter maintenance

**1.** Plowing/Sanding

**2.** Trucks/equipment clean

**9. Public Input:**

a. **Pat Braum** – Discussed with Scott Pahos the problems with the trail on Atheron Road.

**10.** Review/Discuss request from Brian Berg to utilize town timer landing to remove timber from his property.

a. Information provided to the Board from Brian Berg.

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch to allow Brian Berg to utilize the Town's timber landing seconded by Scott Pahos. Motion passed.

**11.** Review annual town contracts for mowing and janitorial services. Post for bid

a. Contracts presented to the Board for approval.

b. Contrast to be posted in the yellow paper for one posting in zone B and on the web site.

c. Bids are due March 9, 2026 to be decided at the March Board meeting.

**12.** Review/Set date for town cleanup. Proposing 6/6/2026 (8:00 AM -2:00PM)

Discussion on date, everyone is fine with June 6, 2026 8am to 2pm.

**13.** Discuss/Approve Craft fair date of Saturday, 5/23/2026 (9:00AM-3:00PM)

Discussion on date for the Craft Fair. As long as there is no problem with the Fire Department the Craft Fair will be May 23, 2026 9am to 3pm.

**14. Correspondence:** None

**15. Committee Reports:**

a. **Fire Department** – Brian Berg – We have been doing Ice Rescue Training this past month.

**16. Date of the next Meeting:** March 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm

**17. Payment of Bills:**

Motion made by Brian Berg and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the payment of the following bills/checks: 13284 thru 13318. Motion passed

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

**19.** Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

The 2013 F450 is for sale. It is listed on town's web site. If you are interested, please contact Joe Norton at 715-939-0908.

## Is the Assembly being Misled on Local Control?

For over 50 years, local control has been a cornerstone of Wisconsin boating law. It allows our towns and villages to enact stricter protections when state minimums aren't enough to protect local lakes.

But a "stealth" aspect of Assembly Bill 1033 threatens to strip that power away from your community.

Currently, because there are no specific state laws for wake surfing, local towns are free to write their own protections on a "blank canvas". However, if AB 1033 passes, that may no longer be allowed.

The boating industry will argue that because the state has now set a standard (even a weak one like 200 feet), any stricter local ordinance is "contrary to or inconsistent with" state law. This is called Preemption, and it effectively kills a town's right to protect its own shoreline. Why the Silence in the Bill? The most alarming evidence that this is a deliberate attack on local control is what is not in the bill.

It would take only one sentence to protect your community's rights: "Nothing in this bill shall limit the existing right of local units of government to enact more stringent regulation".

**The Consequence: Years of Lawsuits.** If this bill passes as written, it will take years of expensive litigation for the courts to sort out. This is simply a bad bill, written badly.

**What You Can Do:** Call or email your Representative today and ask: "Do you intend to eliminate local control for Wisconsin towns?" Our legislators must be held accountable. No responsible Representative should vote for a bill that creates such a massive legal "gray area" for the communities they serve. Nor should they consider a bill such as AB 1033, which is clearly aimed at protecting the industry's interests over their own constituents. This is a bad bill for failing to provide true protection for our lakes and residents. Find Your Representative: <https://legis.wisconsin.gov>