

TOWN OF CHICOG

Town Board Meeting

March 14, 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 Board Officials, Town Clerk & Treasurer present.
4. Treasurer's Report was given as follows all balances as of February 28, 2018.

Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$90,799.55, outstanding checks - \$3,048.99, Final working balance - \$87,750.56 includes interest of \$15.5

Money Market Account: \$309,405.87 includes interest of \$177.91

Highway Equip. Maintenance Account - \$3,129.53

Tax Account - \$153,159.18

5. Chairman's Report:

a. The Town of Chicog is sad to report "We have lost a resident", Walter Reglin, who resided on Brancel Road. We extend our sympathies & condolences to all of the Reglin family & friends.

b. As discussed in last month's report once again our fire Department had two false alarm pages from the Heartwood Conference Center which is furthering the need to adopt a false alarm policy!

c. I have had several calls from the last two snow storms (complaints of mail box damage) I am Sorry!!! If you watch you will notice in other communities many signs & mail boxes have been damaged this season. Following the Washburn County Highway Department Chicog has in place a no repair, no replace policy. Sorry for the inconveniences.

d. Road restrictions will be enacted starting March 19, 2018 and typically extends into late April early May, please plan accordingly. Variances can be obtained according to conditions from a Town Board Member.

6. Correspondence

a. Hopkins Sand & Gravel is asking if we will need gravel crushed this year. If they can get enough municipalities needing gravel they will come up here. We will take a look at the gravel situation

b. Jeffery Kohler, town attorney – Resolution to vacate portions of plat of the Waukegan Subdivision: All concerned parties on board (except) snafu with the DNR. Mr. Kohler would have liked to be here tonight to explain but at this time he's not sure how to explain it.

c. Linda Featherly would like a moment of your time at next month's meeting to introduce herself as the District #2 county Board Representative taking over for Skip Fiedler.

d. Minong Area Chamber of Commerce is putting together a Minong Visitor's Guide would like to know if we want to advertise.

7. Annual Bids:

a. Hall cleaning: Bid submitted by Cabin Fever cleaning (and More!!) Bid Price: \$75.00 flat fee per cleaning up to 3 hours (additional \$25.00 per hour after that). No other bids. Motion by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to accept this bid. Motion passed.

b. For the following contracts Morgan Lawn Care was the only bid submitted:

1. Mowing of the Town Hall: \$145.00 per time.
2. Mowing of the Cemetery: \$145.00 per time.
3. Annual cleaning of the Cemetery: \$315.00

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to approve above bids: Motion passed.

8. Bobcat Attachment:

Howard Ulom has an attachment for the bobcat for \$2,500.00 would we like to buy it? Tabled until further date to find out more information on the cost of a new one & if we really need this attachment or not.

9. Fire Department Brush Truck replacement:

a. Fire Department Truck #40 is falling apart, the bed is rusted top & supports, transmission issues and problems with the plow the cost to fix the truck up would be a waste of money. The bed alone would be around \$5,000.00 to fix. This is a 1998 truck.

b. the Fire Department is asking the Town to approve the purchase and financing of a new vehicle. Here are bids we have received on a Ford F350 truck with snow plow package:

1. Link Ford - \$39,331.00
2. Don Johnson - \$37,892.00

c. This is for the exact same vehicle and package.

d. The Fire Department has \$25,000.00 to put towards a vehicle and is asking the Town for monetary help.

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e. There is \$5,000.00 dollars in the Fire Department budget category that we can allocate for this.

f. Motion made by Steve Loiselle to buy the truck from Don Johnson with the possible add-ons of a bed liner & undercoating and to allocate the \$5,000.00 from the Fire Department budget category for this with the town looking in to a loan for the rest of the amount, seconded by Bruce Johnston. Motion approved.

10. False Alarm Ordinance:

a. Town Chairman has a copy of the Washburn County False Alarm Ordinance that he would like to modify for the Town to use.

b. Discussion followed

c. The modifications to the Washburn County Ordinance will be giving to the town's attorney to be drawn up into an ordinance and approved at a later date.

11. Committee Reports:

Fire Department – Jim Frasheski:

- a. We have gotten in all the new turn-out gear. This new gear is much lighter than the old ones.
- b. We now have 2 new members with the possibility of 3 more joining next month.
- c. The fire department will be having CPR/AED/1st Aid training on April 15, 2018.
- d. The class instructor is willing to hold the same class at a later date for the residents of Chicog free of charge. If you are interested in attending please let us know.

12. Public Input:

- a. Betty Harrison: Steve Loiselle wrote a very nice insert for Milly Thissen's Advocate article about ATVs & road damage. Can we put it on the web site and place it in other places the ATVers will see it? Pat Wilcox: Yes
- b. Pat Wilcox: Our condolences & sympathies go out to Milly Thissen on the loss of a family member.

13. The next Town Board Meeting will be April 11, 2018

14. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to approve and pay bills/checks numbers -418 thru -518 and 10347 thru 10377. Motion passed.

15. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed

16. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.