

**TOWN OF CHICOG**  
Town Board Meeting  
February 8, 2017

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 January 31, 2017
  - Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$30,818.24, outstanding checks - \$5,715.20, Final working balance - \$25,103.04 includes interest of \$7.97
  - Money Market Account: \$262,287.18 includes interest of \$172.35
  - Truck Account - \$357.72
  - Highway Equip. Maintenance Account - \$19,562.20
  - Tax Account - \$466,840.66
5. **Chairman's Report:**
  - a. In reference to the Military Dump Truck, Scott McDowell has spoken with Nadeen from the Wisconsin Division of Federal Properties regarding the requirements of selling it. The information he received was that the vehicle had to be put into service within the first year of purchase and after two years of service and ownership it fulfilled the requirements and the Municipality could do what they wished with it. With any and all profits remaining with the Town. According to the Wisconsin division of Federal Properties we have met the criteria of this program. Nadeen can also direct us to areas for listing the truck as being for sale. Mac McCauley asked what/why we had brought it to begin with. Pat Wilcox – It was bought for road work. The Truck more than paid for itself during the clean-up of the 2011 storm.
  - b. There are several residences in our town fighting with serious health issues that could use our thoughts and immediate prayers at this time.
  - c. Work was being done on the one acre for town property deemed cemetery on the corner of Deerfield Road and County Road F. Debris and stumps were removed and burned to accommodate for the future design and development to the expansion of the existing Cemetery. More work will continue accordingly to finances and weather conditions.
6. **Correspondence:**
  - a. Annually the Town receives a bridge inspection report from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. This inspection covers both bridges and large diameter culverts. The report comes with inspection findings and recommendations to repairs. There are recommendations of repair to the Bridge that crosses over the Totogatic River on Bridge Road and also the four culverts & surrounding area over Little Chicog Creek on Rasmussen Road from the DOT. The recommendations for the creek are putting out markers on the road and cutting back the alders along the banks of the creek. I have called the DNR about the Navigable Waters of Little Chicog Creek before we do any cutting. The DNR would highly prefer that we did not do any cutting or trimming to the creek sides. So at this time we will not be doing any cutting.

b. WITC has District board vacancies for July 2017. If you wish to be considered as a candidate we have a candidate application here or you may call WITC.

c. We have received a letter from the Wisconsin Independent Assessing Officers Association. This organization was developed to promote professionalism and education in the assessing field and representation at legislative levels. This is a non-profit organization. They are asking if we would like to join. Dues are \$100.00 annually. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston that we table the decision until we have a chance to find out more about this organization. Motion passed.

d. The Minong Area Library and Literacy Center has request a donation. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to donate \$100.00 to them. Motion passed.

7. Town Hall replacement costs and annual insurance premiums. Holden Insurance has contacted us in regards to the replacement cost of the building. According to their figures it will now cost more to replace the Town Hall. This changes the cost of our policy by about \$200.00. What so we want to do? Discussion followed. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston that we table this till next month and “shop around” for a new policy. Motion passed.

8. Request to sponsor the Minong Chamber of Commerce. If we do this there will be a link from the Minong Chamber of Commerce’s website to our website. This is beneficially to us in that our business and actives will reach a broader population. The cost is \$100.00 per year. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Pat Wilcox to approve. Motion passed.

#### 9. Committee Reports:

##### **Fire Department** – Brad Harrison:

1. Smokey Smith’s wife passed last week there will be a Celebration of Life tomorrow Thursday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at the Minong Village Hall at 4pm – 7 pm for her.
2. The last of the paperwork is being gathered to finally decide what we will be doing with the Fire Department. We no longer have the members necessary to keep the Fire Department viable. There are Fire Department members out going door to door to see if we can’t get more members. Mac McCauley: Do you have to be a full time resident to be a member? Brad: No but you still need to complete the required certification classes to be a member and that is what seems to be the problem. I have talked to several individuals that were interested in becoming Fire Fighters but did not seem to have the time to attend the classes. Caroline Kamin: Would this be an out station under Minong with our fighters stationed here or what? Brad Harrison: that is a possible, and will be looked into during the whole process. Mac McCauley: Does all the land owners know that losing the Fire Department may change their insurance payments? Can we send out a special email about this topic to let everyone know what is going on & that we need more Fire Freighters. Brad Harrison & Steve Loiselle: This has been done before in various forms the only thing not mentioned was the possibility of insurance changes. We are not insurance people to know the changes or cost involved.

##### **ESG** – Milly Thissen –

1. The ESG board meeting on Feb. 2, 2017 to outline upcoming projects for the year. We also discussed several passed projects.

**10. Public Input:**

a. Mac McCauley: Why do we not keep the Cemetery plowed in the winter and can we plow it, it seems disrespectfully that it is not plowed. Pat Wilcox: We plow as needed in the winter. Terri Corrie: There is not a lot of people that visit the Cemetery during the winter, even if it was plowed we have no paths to the grave stones and most of the people do not want to wade through the snow.

b. Mac McCauley Is it possible to have a Saturday Board meeting once a quarter? I feel that most people don't want to come out again after work to attend these meetings. Pat Wilcox: We have tried having Saturday meetings in the past during the summer months. The first one had a good turn out and then the attendance went down from there. Most people only show up when they need or want something. How many would want to take a couple of hours out of their Saturday s to attend a meeting?

c. Mac McCauley: When does the Money Market Account mature & what is that money for? Pat Wilcox & Terri Corrie: The account does not mature. That money is part of the Town's operating expenses. We keep as little as possible in the checking account because the Money Market account draws better interest.

d. Terri Corrie: Is there a reason that we still have the savings account label Truck account? I know that at one time it was used for saving money to buy vehicles with, now we have the Highway account can we close the Truck account? Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to close the savings Account # 110014374 labeled Truck Account with the monies to be put into Account # 330007211 labeled Highway Maintenance Account. Motion passed.

11. The next Town Board Meeting will be March 8, 2017

12. The Town Audit will be March 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall.

13. Due to the age of the current highway equipment we need to look at a replacement plan to include where the money will be coming from.

14. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to approve and pay bills/checks numbers -0117 thru -0217 and 9958 thru 9979. Motion passed.

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

16. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.