

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
October 13, 2021

1. Verify Legal Posting Notice
2. The Town Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.
3. Pledge of allegiance was recited.
4. Roll call: All 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 September 30, 2021:

Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$32,140.90, outstanding checks - \$585.10, includes interest of \$0.84,
Final working balance – \$7,368.99

Money Market Account: \$225,078.93 includes interest of \$137.68

Highway Equip. Maintenance Account - \$4,215.45

Includes Quarterly interest of: \$1.06

MMA Equipment Replacement Account - \$ 15,021.65 includes interest of \$ 8.04

Tax Account - \$302.00

Grant MMA - \$ 12,364.40 includes interest of \$6.81

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

7. Chairman's Report:

a. The Town of Chicog wishes to extend our condolences and deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Karen Schutz longtime resident, fire fighter, active and supportive in our community. I believe Karen was 69 years young.

b/ Twenty years – September 11, 2001, 7:46 am a date and time that crumbled us to our knees in disbelief and tears, a date that proclaimed that we are no longer safe and secure in our own county in our own homes. A time that wounded our hearts to how precious and vulnerable our lives are and how quickly it can be taken from us all. Do you remember where you were and what you were doing on that day? A question that about everyone can answer with clarity. Each generation has had its Achilles heel and it's time to mourn and recover to learn and move forward with resolve. We are a strong county and again not without an Achilles heel but we do have resolve and endeavor to persevere. Let us remember in our hearts the events and losses not only on those days but each and every day.

c. We attended the WTA 2021 Fall Town Official's work shop. Clerks and Treasures were informed on information dealing with municipal levy's, budgeting, tax bills and collections. The board was informed on legislative updates, local broadband infrastructure, effective meeting practices and planning for the future.

d. I would like to add one more comment: I have worked with several employees and had many contacts with our electors and in many cases these have been pleasant connections. Key word: you may have caught (many).

As one of the Board I deal with many personal issues but I also deal with attitudes. Not a lot surprises me anymore but what bothers me is that our present employee has had to deal with some of the same attitudes. That all stops here and now! Unless you want me to spend my day and your increased tax dollars riding shotgun/security. Usually these contacts are confrontational and our employee shouldn't have to deal with it on

or off the job site. Sad statement when I am asked to be present during his duty because he anticipates conflict. He has been in this place several times now and so have I, Enough is enough!!!

8 Correspondences:

- a. Stuart Braem emailed on one of the subjects brought to the Board's attention; a question of who regulates Bass Fishing Tournaments and if they require permits to do so. Stuart informed me that the DNR regulates fishing tournaments and in most situations the DNR requires a permit. It was noted that most of the competitors ignored the no wake before 10 am or within 100 ft. of the shore line regulations. The lack of checking boats and trailers for debris and the power loading and unloading in the shallow landing on North Twin Lake. Stuart is planning to discuss his thoughts with tournament organizers about these problems.
- b. Frustrating report that someone has stolen the Whispering Pines Landing Road sign.
- c. Anonymous information of an STR operating in our town and would like the town to check if it is in compliance. We have spoken on this issue of not putting a John Henry to documents.
- d. Washburn County Land Records? Benton Ave. advised non- vacate due to additional properties this is a private drive. Sign, post and hardware ordered Chicog to cover expense and installation.
- e. McClain Lake Rd there was a question on maintenance and plans to upgrade.
- f. DNR repetitive Nancy Crystal on beaver control on private lands. Owner is responsible for all damages to surrounding properties and public infrastructures roads, bridges, culverts etc. In the event of beaver damage and not excluding the dams that they create and the potential of flash flooding if and when they break by any means. Property owners be aware!! Beaver control adjacent to town infrastructure is managed by the town and its Road Supervisor by the means deemed necessary.
- g. Sue received an email from Bob Strieff containing follow-up information on condition use permits pertaining to STRs. She talked with Washburn County Zoning in regards to this. Washburn County zoning states that it does not require a conditional use permit for an STR. Mr. Strieff was informed of this.

9. Roads & Road Work:

- a. Construction: the Boat Landing at Lower McKenzie Landing Road is still being worked on to remove the rise that is causing a hazard.
- b. Maintenance: We will be working on grading and repairs to gravel roads prior to freeze up. The right of way clearing is to resume on Bramer Road from County Road F to the gravel portion of the 4 rod road. .
- c. Purchases: There are no new purchases this month.

10. Warren Tuttle, Washburn County Sheriff's Candidate to address the Town.

Mr. Tuttle who is running for Washburn County Sheriff at the next election presented the Board and electors present with information on his qualifications and experience. This information is on his website:
www.warrentuttleforsheriff.com

11. Contract a New Building Inspector:

The Town Board discussed the need to hire a new building inspector. The Town clerk does not know when the contract with the current Inspector, Mr. Price ends. Pat will find out when Mr. Price's contract expires
Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch that we do not renew Mr. Price's contract when it ends.
Motion passed.
Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Steve Loiselle to hire Boss Inspection Inc. upon the ending or termination of the contract with Mr. Price. Motion passed.

12. Resolution for the redistricting of the Town of Chicog.

Terri Corrie presented a resolution from Washburn County in reference to the supervisory redistricting of the Town. Due to the Census conducted in 2020 a County wide supervisory redistricting is taking place.

The changes to the Town under the new plan are:

- a. Going from having two district #s 2 & 3 to being one district #5
- b. Going from two wards down to one ward.

Discussion followed.

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve and adopt the resolution provided by Washburn County for the redistricting of the Town of Chicog. Motion passed.

13. Minong Area Ambulance proposed contract cost

- a. The cost of the annual contract with the Minong Area Ambulance for 2022 is \$11,851.95.
- b. The Minong Area Ambulance is currently undergoing some internal changes.
- c. Contract amount is based on equalized values of the Town. Contract amounts & equalized value amounts from 2015 to present are submitted by the Clerk to the Board along with this year's information regarding the four other municipalities that contract with Minong Area Ambulance.
- d. Discussion from the Board & floor

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Steve Loiselle to approve the 2022 contract of \$11,851.95 with Minong Area Ambulance.

14. Committee Reports:

- a. ESG: Terri Corrie-The Hunter's Feed raffle tickets are available at the following places: Pappy's Bar, Heartwood, Sportsman's Headquarters, Lumberjack, Cabaret and the Shop. You may also call me at 715-466-4129 & we can make arrangements to meet somewhere.
- b. Fire Department: Brad Harrison
 1. The Fire Department finally found the way to ship older excess equipment to Mexico.
 2. There was a fire at Brad & Kay's Campground the Department responded within 10 mins
 3. With the beginning of the cold weather season please take a minute to check out all furnaces & heating sources before starting them up.
- c. AOS: Louie Columbus has emailed a request for a meeting. Meeting will be scheduled.

15. Public Input:

Scott Pahos: When is the Proposed Budget Meeting and where can I get a copy of the proposed budget? The Meeting will be November 13, 2021 at 11:00 am at the Town Hall. The budget is posted on the website. A copy can also be requested from the Town Clerk.

16. The next Town Board Meeting will be November 10, 2021

17. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve and pay bills . Check numbers 11638 thru 11659 and -2621 thru -2721. Motion passed.

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

18. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.