

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
May 11, 2022

1. Verify Legal Posting Notice

2. Call Meeting to order.

3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Roll Call: All Board members present except Pat Wilcox, Town Chairman

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 April 29, 2022:

Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$33,271.78 includes interest of \$2.03, outstanding checks - \$773.84 Final working balance: \$32,497.94

Money Market Account: \$278,865.02, includes interest of \$147.28

Highway Equipment Maintenance Account: \$4,246.06

MMA Equipment Replacement Account: \$25,098.83 includes interest of \$12.96

MMA Grant Account: \$12,410.94 includes interest of \$6.41

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: Pat Wilcox left as read by Steve Loiselle

a. "Ladies and gentlemen of the town of Chicog" Last month's town meeting was a disgrace to me and the conversations that ensued should not have been allowed. I greatly apologize for the outbreak! I will inform you this day any and all upcoming meetings in the future will be highly controlled. If you are not on the agenda to be heard you will refrain from "any" conversations unless recognized and asked to speak. If asked you will be civil and be limited to exactly two minutes and no more. Be very aware speaking in a town meeting is not a right but rather a privilege. These meetings can be closed due to disruptions and the offender/offenders will be asked to leave or escorted from the premises. The public comment portion of the agenda will be managed in this same process from now on.

b. All of Chicog's road restrictions have been lifted and our roads have fared pretty well, let the construction season begin. I know many of you are anxious to get your projects started so thank you for your patience annually through these times.

c. The annual road tour/inspections were conducted 5-2-22. We will be addressing the issues that we have found in a timely manner and adjust our 5 year road plan in accordance.

d. Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires! We are just entering our fire season here and a small debris burn got out of control on May 6th in our township. Quick action averted potential danger. Information that was relayed to me was that there was no burning permit involved. We all think that we have things under control but it can happen that quickly and we are at the highest risk in Northwestern Wisconsin for a major fire event.

8. Correspondence:

- a. Mike Peterson, Washburn County Forestry: trails and culvert grants are available for submission annually by April 15th. With the information received from the DNR delays to the Lower McKenzie culvert project would be addressed in the 2023 application process and possible construction in 2024 upon acceptance of the project grant.
- b. The Cedar Corporation sent out a public information letter of a meeting being held on May 10th to invite public participation regarding improvements to County Highway K. The project if chosen will start in the summer of 2023 and will encompass the area from the easterly portion of County Highway F extending northerly and terminating at State Highway 77. No right of ways are anticipated to be impacted. Project contact information is available.
- c. Sue Kowarsch received an email from Eric Lindberg, Matthews Lake Association asking for the Town to assist the association with the handling of grant funds for the paying of workers to monitor the Matthews Lake boat landing. Email attached. This will be tabled till next month so that the Clerk can look into what the cost will be with our Workman's Comp policy.
- d. A letter from the county that there is a parcel of land being sold on an Online Land Auction. The parcel will be listed on auctioned on www.wisconsin surplus.com and will run potentially as early as June 1, 2022.
- e. The Conditional Use permit for Elliott Jacobson has been approved by Washburn County.
- f. A list from the County on approved vendors for town clean-up was presented.

9. Roads & Road Work:

- a. Construction: Bramer Road project to being shortly.
- b. Maintenance: Spring Maintenance, patching and road grading.
- c. Purchases: No new information on the replacement of the maintenance truck.
- d. Steve Loiselle: The Road Inspection tour was conducted on May 2 with all 55 miles of town roads covered. That included checking the right of ways, ditches and road surfaces for need repairs.

10. STR information presented by Bill Dubeck

Mr. Dubeck provided information from several Wisconsin agencies on how STRs affect local areas, with local economy being the biggest. Questions and comments from the Board and audience.

11. Committee Reports:

- a. Cemetery Board – Terri Corrie- the Cemetery board met the other day to discuss the plans for the new part of the Cemetery. We came up with several possible changes we would like to see. Will be getting with Mr. Short to make sure they are possible.
- b. Fire Department: Brad Harrison –
 - 1. Wildfires are on the rise, Be Careful when burning!!!!
 - 2. Fire Department is having issues with one of the Fire Trucks. Looking at the possibility of buying the Town's truck depending on what all it needs.
- c. ESG - Terri Corrie – ESG Annual meeting was held on April 28th. There will be a special meeting held on Jun 16, 2022 at 10am at the Town Hall for the purpose of electing Officers. There is a job description on the Town's Web site.

12. Public Input: None

13. Date of the next meeting: June 8, 2022

14. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the payment of the following bills/checks: -1122 thru -1422 and 11840 thru 11863. Motion passed

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

16. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.