

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
July 13, 2022

1. Verify Legal Posting Notice

2. Call Meeting to order.

3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Roll Call: All Board members 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 June 30, 2022:

Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$42,249.27 includes interest of \$2.65, outstanding checks - \$1,757.36 Final working balance: \$40,492.01

Money Market Account: \$168,133.74, includes interest of \$113.11

Highway Equipment Maintenance Account: \$4,247.12

Includes Quarterly interest of \$1.06

MMA Equipment Replacement Account: \$28,470.09 includes interest of \$18.71

MMA Grant Account: \$12,427.81 includes interest of \$8.17

Tax Account: \$302.00

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

7. Chairman's Report:

a. It is with a very sad and heavy heart that I announce the passing of a dear resident and friend Donald Buchner 80 years young. Donald was an independent and solitary soul but we came to know him through the ESG Walkabout events and he immediately became a part of our family. He will be missed immensely. Sympathies and condolences to his family and friends. A celebration of Life is scheduled to be at the Town Hall on Sat. July 23, 2022 at 12 pm. God speed on your next journey Donald.

b. Three townships have recently this month lost sideboard member's in passing; Minong, Trego, and Casey. Chi cog's deepest sympathies and condolences to their families and friends.

c. "Progress" by definition: the forward or onward movement towards a destination/goal in space or time. What does this mean? Synonym: Advance, break through; develop to a higher-better, the evolution, growth, improvement, etc. Who do we serve? Is it to the almighty dollar and the me, me, me what do I get out of it or of the responsibility to nature and the sanctity and respect of our fellow man. With power comes great responsibility this being as a singularity or by group/committee, where is this going you ask. It is said; it takes a village to raise a child and these are profound words meaning we all have great responsibility in that development. The Town of Chicog is also worthy of that responsibility in its progress. Many moons ago the Town of Chicog adopted and approved a smart growth plan that was addressed and deliberated over by the comprehensive planning committee towards the progress of its future and to keeping the Northwood's atmosphere intact. I was part of that 5 member committee and I believe that the members used profound and common sense in their deliberations and considerations of co-

existence between environment and the growing populations. I for one want to keep true in my heart that we are following those decisions and not straying in a wrong direction. To all of you that read the Chairman's report you more than likely came to Chicog for the solitude and sanctity and for the peace that you came to find in your soul. "Progress" this should be the meaning of the word and our/your responsibility to is destination not the degradation of our community. Anything other you can find that elsewhere. Let's all be conscientious to why we hold this area so dear. A copy of the Town's comprehensive plan can be viewed via our town's web site. We should also look at getting a committee back together and meeting to address any revisions necessary to our plan. Due to the loss of several previous committee members, Steve Loiselle will sent out an email requesting names of people interested in severing on this committee.

d. The Chicog annual town clean-up went off without a hitch this year. Mother Nature supplied us with a grand day and the participation was a controlled and steady flow of activity. 59 participants which has been typical over the las few years donated numerous loads of debris. Totals included: 3 – 30 yard containers of refuse, 1 – 30 yard and 1 – 40 yard containers of scrape metal and a few appliances, electronics and tires. Thank you for all your help and participation.

e. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Town of Chicog some of you just kill me but I'm never surprised. The Town had a clean-up day that was scheduled and advertised and that should have been our opportunity to take advantage of, but some of you run your little after hours black ops runs and discard items some of which were chargeable items.

f. In looking throughout the community I see that most of our new fire number signs have been installed.

8. Correspondence:

a. Questions on the Lower McKenzie Landing Road progress: The federally endangered Karner Blue Butterfly and the feeding on the lupine plants has halted any further progress for the moment but plans are as soon as we can we will again proceed with the project.

b. Service doors on the maintenance building to be replaced starting July 18, 2022.

c. Town's F450 is back in the shop

d. Steve Loiselle received a call about ATVs tearing up the roads.

9. Roads & Road Work:

a. Construction: Bramer Road project is moving forward nicely, nearing completion with the right of way construction. Pulverizing and paving to follow.

b. Maintenance: Spring Maintenance, patching and road grading with mowing to start shortly.

c. Purchases: none

10. Kitty Wagner from the Minong Area Senior Center:

Ms. Wagner presented information to the Town on what the Minong Area Senior Center has to offer the community. She presented the problem they are having with Washburn County's Meals on Wheels program. This program required a paved parking facility for its drivers. Due to the fact the Minong Area Senior Center is not under Washburn County funding for the pavement project had to come out of the budget and mostly from private donations. WE have several residents who use the Center's programs and activities.

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Steve Loiselle that the Town donate \$100 to the Minong Area Senior Center. Motion Passed.

11. Wendy Streiff – STR information:

Ms. Streiff presented information pertaining to several Wisconsin State Statutes on what the Town's authority for the regulation of STR rentals is mostly covering the difference between 1 to 6 day and 7-29 day rentals. Questions and comments from the Board and audience.

12. ESG Co-Leaders:

Terri Corrie presented to the Board the recommendation for the ESG Board for the appointment of the following ESG Co-Leaders: Marilyn Gallman and Terri Corrie.

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Steve Loiselle to appoint the recommended individuals. Motion passed with Chairman's approval.

13. Discuss of ARPA funds:

All of the ARPA funds are now in. We have to come up with a plan for the use of these funds. Due to changes made to the grant we no longer have to use the funds in a specific way. The board will look in to using it for several areas: Employment retention, culverts and general road work, cemetery improvement.

14. Committee Reports:

a. Fire Department: Brad Harrison

1. The Fire Department will be participating in the CAFÉ Firewise Fun Day. The vehicles will be out for people to look at and there will be information of fire safety available.
2. Northwood's Technical College has requested the use of the Hover Craft for training purposes.
3. The new county radio system is up and running. The Department is still waiting on the new radios.

b. ESG - Terri Corrie – We will be having the walkabout during the summer. Here are the dates we will be meeting: July 28th, August 11th & 25th, September 8th & 22nd. Hunter's Feed planning is coming along.

c. CAFÉ – Terri Corrie – We are having our Firewise Fun Day on Jul 30, 2022 from 10 am to 2 pm. There will be firewise information, games for the children, door prizes and food. Come see us.

15. Public Input:

- a. Pat Wilcox – the Chicog Free Library needs more books.
- b. Bob Streiff – How many campers are allowed on a parcel of land? Pat Wilcox – I believe it is 2; we have contacted the County regarding several parcels with more.

16. Date of the next meeting: August 10, 2022

17. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the payment of the following bills/checks: -1722 thru -1822 and 11894 thru 11922. Motion passed

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

19. Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

