

TOWN OF CHICOG  
Town Board Meeting  
October 17, 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 September 28, 2018:

Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$33,884.37, outstanding checks - \$982.92, Final working balance - \$32,901.45 includes interest of \$4.42

Money Market Account: \$329,496.87 includes interest of \$225.88

Highway Equip. Maintenance Account - \$3,946.10

Includes Quarterly interest of - \$4.50

Tax Account - \$300.00

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

5. Chairman's Report:

a. Please keep Kathy & Jim Frasheski in your thoughts and prayers in the passing of Kathy's sister Patti.

Sympathies and condolences in this their time of sorrow.

b. Mary Anderson is recovering from surgery to her arm caused from a fall. She is possibly due to be released from the Hayward Hospital on Tuesday. (She has been released.) Are thoughts are with you. Get Well soon!

c. Which brings up a thought, the Town of Chicog is an aging community a fact that can't be ignored, a resource of valuable information. As an Emergency Service Member I see it every day, the call runs in our community and others. We are a town of many committees that design and act for the needs and causes that arise. There has been a thought in my head for some time now? Can we design a plan that supports our aged challenged community a work force in need! Something that helps support the dignity of those in need or unable. We are all going to need help one day. Terri Corrie – The ESG will put together a committee to address this situation. After a brief discussion the Town will fund a letter insert in the property tax bills from this committee with information. The committee will meet on Nov 7, 2018, at 10 am at the Chicog Town Hall.

d. Playing catch up on road maintenance; patching, brushing and mowing a scurry to beat old man winter. I only hope that we have an extended mild fall, it would be so appreciated. Rock through tractor window didn't slow us down!

e. Break-ins and thief's are still happening in the area. A resident reported suspicious activity on Rappley Rd. to the Sheriff's Department. After talking with the Sheriff the County thinks these break-ins may be drug money related. Please keep an eye out in your area.

f. Food for thought – Town government position's elections will be held in April 2019. Now is the time to start thinking about your next Town Board.

6. Correspondence:

a. Jeffery Kohler attorney at law status: Request to look into the legal requirements of gaining DNR approval for abandonment of the right of way Waukegan News Subdivisions. Statement from Mr. Kohler: "I never heard from our legislator regarding the status my request to look into the legal requirements of gaining DNR approval for the abandonment of the right-of-way on the plat of Waukegan News subdivision. Without the courtesy of a response do we want to: (1) proceed with the procedure to vacate the plat without including the right-of-way or (2) attempt to go through the process? Motion made by Pat Wilcox and seconded by Bruce Johnston to proceed to vacate without right away. Motion passed.

b. Lodge Road –Mr. Kohler received a call from attorney Kathy Zumbrunnen who is representing the sellers of the Lodge Rd property inquiring as to the town’s position on the status. She was told by Mr. Kohler that we would cooperate in any way since this is and remains a platted road nor was the town likely to move on any petition to vacate the road since there would be legitimate objections to such a procedure. The town is trying to stay out of it as much as possible.

c. Tom Kruse from Matthews Lake would like to store cut trees on the new cemetery property for the winter. The town doesn’t have a problem with this.

d. Monarch Paving: I have contacted them on the Bridge/Lower McKenzie projects. Monarch states that they will be done the week of Halloween.

e. I have the honor to present to Milly Thissen an award of recognition from the Office of Governor Walker and the Wisconsin Invasive Species Counsel as an Invader Crusader. For outstanding achievement and commitment in the ongoing efforts against invasive species. Mr. Walker could not be present tonight!!!... Ms. Thissen stated that it was a joint effort by the whole committee not just her, this should have been a committee award!! Thank you to the Invasive Species Committee.

7. Public Hearing for the Proposed 2019 Budget: the date will be November 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Chicog Town Hall.

8. Tax Levy Meeting: A Special Town Meeting of the Electors of the Town of Chicog will be immediately following the Public Hearing on the 2019 Budget to approve the Tax Levy.

9. Variance Request: A Variance request for David Hopp has been submitted. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to approve and allow the request variance. Motion passed.

10. Committee Reports:

a. ESG – Milly Thissen: Mark your calendars for November 17<sup>th</sup> Hunter’s Feed. Calles will be made the first week of November for donations & workers.

b. Fire Department- Brad Harrison: We have 2 new volunteers going through the training now.

11. Public Input:

a. Brad Harrison: We need to get the sweeps on the doors!!! You can feel the cold air coming right in.

b. Louise Columbus: I am a member of the Washburn County Community Rights Alliance. Our organization was formed in response to Enbridge’s proposal to double the flow of dirty corrosive tar sands oil in existing pipelines that were placed under our streams and rivers in the early 60’s. By doing so the potential for leaks would be greatly increased. They are also considering putting in a fourth pipeline through our county. We feel that our community should have a say has to whether a corporation has the right to come into our community and potentially degrade and destroy environment. We are now putting together a community rights called a Climate Bill of Rights. This bill would give us the right to self-govern and to say “no.” When it is completed I would like to present it to the Town Board for review. We’re hoping to get it passed by the Chicog Town Board and eventually by the Washburn County Board. I would like to keep the Town Board updated. Thank You

c. Mark & Roxanne La Tour – introduced them self’s to the Town. They just moved in over on Bluebird Trail.

12. The next Town Board Meeting will be November 14, 2018

15. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to approve and pay bills/checks numbers -1818 thru -1918 and 10537 thru 10563. Motion passed.

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

16. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.