

**TOWN OF CHICOG**  
Town Board Meeting  
September 11, 2024

1. Call Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Verify Legal Posting Notice
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 Brian Berg to approve the posted minutes. Motion Passed

**6. Treasurer's report** was given as follows all balances as of August 30, 2024:

**Checking Account:** Beginning balance - \$52,199.16 includes interest of \$114.60, outstanding checks - \$3,145.52 Final working balance: \$49,053.64

**Money Market Account:** \$439,154.66, includes interest of \$1,640.86

**CD:** \$48,242.88

**Tax Account:** \$302.00

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

**7. Chairman's Report:**

- a. On this date 9/11/2001 tragically thousands of our American citizens lost their lives. Please take a moment to remember this event and honor all the fallen heroes and families who were involved in this attack.
- b. Town Budget: As of this month we remain on track to meet or be under budget for the year.
- c. The Town of Scott will be holding a Special Town Board Meeting regarding a proposed wake boat ordinance. I will be attending that meeting which will be held on 9/23.
- d. Bald Eagle Road project: As of this week the Town of Chicog in conjunction with Washburn County completed our construction work on Bald Eagle Road. Total project cost came in at approximately \$50K of which \$25K will be covered by the county under a grant we received this year.

**8. Roads & Road Work:** Joe Norton

a. Bald Eagle: Road work complete, culverts, patches, blacktop. (Shouldering of blacktop yet)

b. Grading roads with gravel hauling

c. Beaver issues fixed on Bramer Rd., Martin Rd., and Christenson Rd.

d. Hand Patching left on Bluebird Rd

**Upcoming**

a. Chip seal Lower McKenzie Rd. Next week?

b. Road name signs – more theft, they are now even taking the poles.

c. Fall maintenance – Mowing selected roads back to Right of Way, Final Grade on roads,

Grade patches on a few large sink areas

**9. Public Input:**

**a.** Kent Shifferd: The CCLC is not a board function. This is a self-standing committee. We are doing by-laws to be approved soon.

**b.** Patrick Braun: Has there been any word from the County in reference to the policing of Atherton Road?

Scott Pahos: Yes they have told me that there have been 9 tickets issued.

Mr. Braun presented information to the Board on the amount of vehicle activity and speed on Atherton Road over Labor Day weekend. There was no sign of Law enforcement during this weekend. We still have a major problem with the trail being on Atherton Road when is something going to be done about it!

Discussion followed

Scott Pahos: the Town will get with Mike Peterson about changing the trail route.

**10. Discuss/review current board members on the (CWPP) Community Wildfire Protection Plan**

Current board members on the CWPP are: Brad Harrison, Pat Wilcox, Terri Corrie and Jim Frasheski. All are willing to stay on this Board.

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg to leave the Board the same.

Motion passed. Anyone else interested can attend the next meeting.

**11. Discuss/Review potential submission for DNR grant. (Terri Corrie)**

Terri Corrie as Chicog Area Firewise community (CAFC) leader we are requesting the Town allow the CAFC to have several brush/debris pick-up dates next summer. This grant will pay the Town for employee labor, vehicle and equipment use. There is a separate grant that the Town itself qualifies for. Discussion follows.

The board has decided to look further into the DNR Grants available. The decision is tabled till October's meeting.

**12. Review/communicate action for (CBCW) Clean Boat Clean Water DNR grant program**

The CCLC has requested that the Town apply for the grant for all of the boat landings in the Town instead of each landing having to submit their own.

Scott Pahos – I have submitted the pre-qualifying paperwork to the DNR. If we pass that step and are qualified for this grant the Town will be submitting for the actual grant.

**13. Discuss and set date for Town of Chicog 2025 budget meeting**

The Board discussed date and has set the 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 budget Meeting for Oct. 2 at 4pm at the Chicog Town Hall.

**14. Review/Discuss RFQ's on replacement of (1) of our air handling units that has failed.**

The unit that has failed is an older unit that we could replace with the same model, but the cost is comparable to getting a newer model. I have received quotes from two different companies for replacing this unit with a newer model.

Namekagon HVAC - Guardian, 3 ton A/C 13.4 Seer model including installation - \$3,700

Dirks Heating & Cooling Inc. – Daikin 13.4 Seer2, 3 ton model including installation - \$6,939

Motion made by Brian Berg and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to accept Namekagon HVAC's quote. Motion passed.

#### **15. Correspondence**

- a. We received a Letter of Resignation from our Attorney, Jeffery Kohler. He is retiring to enjoy his life. We will be looking into finding a new attorney.
- b. New assessments are out causing plenty of calls. Open Book was Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> with a good turnout. Board of Review is Sep. 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.
- c. Numerous calls over Labor Day weekend on ATV/UTVs problems.

#### **16. Committee Reports:**

- a. **ESG** - Terri Corrie – the Fun Fest Day was well attended. We made \$1,008. There will be a meeting scheduled to discuss if we want to have a Fun Fest next year.
- b. Hunter's Feed – Sue Kowarsch – We are on track. The winter clothes drive that we are partnering with Washburn County on should be ready for donations by the end of the month. We are just waiting on the containers and posters from Washburn County. There will be containers at the following locations: Chicog Town Hall, Calvary Lutheran Church, Jack Link's Aquic Center.
- c. Fire Department – Brian Berg – There is a Gun Bingo at Shangri-La this Saturday 9/14/24 for the Fire Department come buy a board and have fun! We will be having the annual Pancake Breakfast on Oct. 12, 2024 from 8 am to 12pm. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children 12 and under.

**17.** Date of the next meeting: October 9, 2024

#### **18. Payment of Bills:**

Motion made by Brian Berg and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the payment of the following bills/checks: -1824 to -1924 and 12737 thru 12761. Motion passed

**19** Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Brian Berg to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

**20.** Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm