

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
January 11, 2023

1. Verify Legal Posting Notice
2. Call Meeting to order.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Roll Call: all Board members except 1st Supervisor, Steve Loiselle present.
5. Approval of the previous minutes as posted on our web site. Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Pat Wilcox to approve the posted minutes. Motion Passed

6. Treasurer's report was given as follows all balances as of December 31, 2022:

Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$17,715.50 includes interest of \$2.63, outstanding checks - \$1,346.36 Final working balance: \$16,369.14

Money Market Account: \$116,614.88, includes interest of \$145.04

MMA Equipment Replacement Account: \$18,616.96 includes interest of \$15.29

MMA Grant Account: \$24,893.86 includes interest of \$20.44

Tax Account: \$231.991.91

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

7. Chairman's Report:

a. Well it sure did pile up quickly! One storm after another has kept the road crew working diligently to maintain safe and passable roads. Almost three weeks have past now and we are still in the recovering process. Thank you Joe Norton our town's employee for your service and dedication to your position and to all the public, your service and dedication has not gone unnoticed. I personally thank you for all that you do for this town. I will have to tell you that our town's work truck has taken on damage due to all the trees that were blocking our roads. I guess better that one than our new dump truck or grader. The extended forecast looks to be a reprieve for us with temps in the 30's and the chance of precipitation is about 0 percent. This appears to be our January thaw and I am sure that it will be well received.

b. The Town Hall furnaces have been on the fritz, the inducer motor on the main furnace failed and the control board on the secondary unit failed. Both units are fixed, up and operational.

8. Correspondence:

a. Marc Johnson from Link Ford contacted me. We were looking at replacing our F450 Dump Body Work Truck earlier in 2022 and they were looking at getting us pricing and ordering dates. Well folks it's not Marcs fault but to date no pricing and the ordering date as I was told for municipal vehicle ordering ends January 18th and we are starting to have issues with ours and with no warranty left. All of the other Town's work equipment are operating fine.

b. The Washburn County Human Society sent us a very nice thank you letter for donating to their cause.

- c. A few messages on paying taxes most of which came from the Town of Trego's residence. Terri Corrie – That is google search, Google has the number wrong and I can't get it changed. I have talked to Trego's Clerk about this.
- d. Lee Norton submitted an estimate to the Town for approximately 2,000 ft. Of road work on Yellow Banks (road reconstruction). That estimate came in at \$74,200.00 not included were estimates for permits and utility moving.
- e. Northwoods Tech. College sent out a letter on upcoming open District Board positions. If you are interested the information is here at the hall.

9. Roads & Road Work:

- a. **Construction:** Season completed
- b. **Maintenance:** Take note!! Winter Maintenance is going to involve winging back the snow banks throughout our town roads, this means there will be damage to mail boxes and items encroaching the right of way which will be unavoidable no replace or no repair is the town's policy. We will try out vest to do as little damage as possible.
- c. **Purchases:** Joe Norton would like the Town to look in to purchasing a push blade for the Grader.

10. Committee Reports:

- a. **Fire Department:** Brad Harrison/Pat Wilcox – Please remember that if you have a hard wired smoke detector they also have a battery backup for when the power goes out. Please remember to change these batteries along with the ones in your thermostat (furnace temp gauge).

11. Public Input:

- Cory Darwin:** Is there anyway the Town can plow Woodburn Ave. Even a one swipe plow would be helpful. Pat Wilcox – No the Town cannot plow Woodburn Ave unless it is an emergency situation. Woodburn is a private road; if we start plowing it then the Town would have several residents on private drives wanting their "roads" plowed.

12. Date of the next meeting: February 8, 2023

13. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Pat Wilcox to approve the payment of the following bills/checks: -3422 to -3522 and 12075 thru 12108. Motion passed

14. Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Pat Wilcox to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

15. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.