

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
January 12, 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 December 31, 2021:

Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$20,638.33 includes interest of \$1.12, outstanding checks - \$1,273.95 Final working balance: \$19,364.38

Money Market Account: \$180,415.03, includes interest of \$102.75

Highway Equipment Maintenance Account: \$7,957.58

Includes Quarterly Interest of: \$1.60

MMA Equipment Replacement Account: \$20,049.23 includes interest of \$10.65

MMA Grant Account: \$12,384.67 includes interest of \$6.83

Tax Account: \$272,618.56

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

7. Chairman's Report:

a. Welcome to the New Year!

b. I hate to start out like this! I feel like Walter Matthau in Grumpier Old Men. I have been pounding on drum for a couple of decades now. For those of you that hear the vibrations I thank you because it's not always pretty music! For those of you that these sounds fall on deaf ears I can only hope that you are able to find some kind of understanding. My understanding is that I'm not perfect but (I'm trying my hardest to the best with my abilities).

Snow Falls & plowing: We have been consistently clearing the town roads baring no break downs in approximately 13 to 14 hours. To me this is phenomenal. Nowhere else am I seeing this. Now if you're a Township that contracts plowing services from the Washburn County Highway Department you certainly can expect as much as a two day delay before you are plowed out. Several phone complaints came in of needing to get to work! Let me tell you folks and you know who you are; we all need to get to work! The State and County highways weren't even plowed yet so I honestly don't know where you think that you were getting to in that kind of a hurry and thank you for considering our jobs NOT!

Please no disrespect to the Washburn County Highway Department, they have a monumental job to do even before they can reach other communities. You can pick your poison! For the rest of you we/I thank you for your patience, understanding and respect, it makes our tasks that much more pleasant.

c. **Road Projects:** It has been brought to my attention! via the Facebook media which I have no control of and which I do not and will not be a part of and it is out there for the world to see.

Seems the effort that the Town of Chicog Board and its maintenance crew expends to maintain and make better our community is unappreciated. Do you not think that the information of displeasure posted on social media in our efforts to improve services would find its way back. Change is one of the hardest things to expect in life and it usually does not fall into our expected time frames. The other point is that it takes a mess to clean up a mess but the end results far outweighs the displeasure. You may get tired of hearing this so often from me about the clearing of right of ways but I hear it so often from you. This is an ongoing process and the plan is to address all roads in time. There are options if you don't like how we/I manage, You have the power.

8. Correspondence:

- a. The Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA) County Unit Meeting is being held on January 26, 2022. The Town of Chicog is host to this meeting so we are responsible for snacks and beverages. Discussion led by Town Clerk on who on the Board can bring what.
- b. There have been calls & emails from people about the New UDC Inspector. His information is posted on the web site.

9. Roads & Road Work:

- a. Construction: None at this time
- b. Maintenance: Winter Maintenance
- c. Purchases: We are looking at purchasing a new welder. We are looking at an AC/DC welder.

Comments from the floor about what is a better one to buy straight AC or AC/DC.

10. Fire Department Contract:

The Chicog Volunteer Fire Department presented the annual Contract with the Town for approval.

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Steve Loiselle to approve the contract. Motion passed.

11. Committee Reports:

- a. **ESG:** Terri Corrie – Due to Covid concerns Walkabout will be postponed until February 3, 2022.

12. Public Input:

Darcy Pahos – what pile of sand do the residents use? Pat Wilcox – please use the front plie.

13. Date of the next meeting: February 9, 2022

14. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the payment of the following bills/checks: -3421, -3521, -122 and 11703 thru 11737. Motion passed

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

16. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.