

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
December 14, 2022

1. Verify Legal Posting Notice
2. Call Meeting to order at 8:20 pm
3. Roll Call: All Board members present except Sue Kowarsch, 2nd Supervisor.
4. Approval of the previous minutes as posted on our web site. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Pat Wilcox to approve the posted minutes. Motion Passed

5. **Treasurer's report** was given as follows all balances as of November 20, 2022:

Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$37,187.23 includes interest of \$3.82, outstanding checks - \$1,812.78 Final working balance: \$35,374.45

Money Market Account: \$216,469.84, includes interest of \$183.30

MMA Equipment Replacement Account: \$18,601.67 includes interest of \$29.69

MMA Grant Account: \$24,873.42 includes interest of \$20.43

Tax Account: \$302.00

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

6. **Chairman's Report:**

a. November 29th our first significant snow fall with accumulations of approximately 12 inches and our maiden voyage with our new truck. Our crew stated their day on the 30th at 2:30 am. At approximately 6:30 am a call came in complaining the "she" had to get to work and why Pash and McClain Lake roads weren't plowed yet. She did not leave her name or number. Let me tell you folks I'm not happy with you when you are sleeping in a warm bed while we are out doing our best to accommodate you all in a timely manner. Thank you for your considerations of our efforts, 58 miles times 2 that's a total of 116 miles and we completed our task; that's 2 men; in between 10 & 11 hours. I'm sorry that we can't accommodate your schedules any quicker. Maybe you need to address your schedule and drop the complaints it's not appreciated.

b. Plowing across town roads the worst I have seen. For those of you that had reservations or disapproval of the town owning its own equipment let's see how it works out when contracted towns are waiting two days after a storm for their roads to be plowed. Now that I have that off my chest!!

c. The debris dump has been burned off there will be plenty of room for next season now.

d. I would like to wish you all a joyous Christmas and a safe New Years. I wish you all safe travels and again please remember all those that are less fortunate than ourselves. We get caught up in our own hustle and bustle, it can be a time of great joy but it can also sadly be a time of complete loneliness and depression. Be kind to whoever, whenever, and where ever you are because you don't know the troubles that they may be facing.

7. **Correspondence:**

a. Issues with plowing snow across town roads or easement roads. First let me state: Easement Roads are private roads and are not under the jurisdiction of the town and we will not get involved in these civil matters. I wish you could all get along and solve your own disputes. Here

I go again; Did we not enact an ordinance prohibiting of plowing snow across town roads, have we not had this same conversation over and over again but you! Whether you personally or by contractor choose to continue this activity. We shouldn't have to start issuing citations' I have instructed the Road Supervisor to start taking fire numbers of offenders and letters will be addressed to you the property owner.

b. Washburn County Campground Committee meeting Thursday December 15, 2022 @ 2:00 pm
Is a member of the Planning Committee going to attend?

8. Roads & Road Work:

a. Construction: Season completed

b. Maintenance: Winter maintenances is now on. Time and weather permitting we will be brushing the roads.

c. Purchases: none

9. Yellow Banks Rd. Final resolution:

On the advice of the Town's attorney, based on the possibility of further legal action, Steve Loiselle made a motion to adjoin the resolution for Yellow Bank Roads until February 8, 2023. Motion seconded by Pat Wilcox. Motion passed.

10. Set date for the January Caucus: Date is set for January 7, 2023 at 10 am at the Town Hall.

11. Approve the Fire Department 2023 contract

Fire Chief Jim Frasheski presented the 2023 Fire Department Contract. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Pat Wilcox to approve the Fire Department 2023 contract. Motion passed.

12. Approve the budget for 2023

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Pat Wilcox to approve the 2023 budget. Motion passed.

13. Committee Reports:

a. Fire Department – Jim Frasheski –

1. We have a new member.

2. All the radios have been updated to the new digital requirements. Pat Wilcox – What is the Fire Department planning to do with the old radios? If it is possible could the Town have them for in our highway equipment? Jim – yes that is possible.

b. Hunter's Feed – Terri Corrie –

1. We had a good Hunter's Feed turn out this year. We served around 173 people and sold all but 2 books of tickets. After all bills but one (Trash) are in the ESG made \$1,402.48 this year.

2. There was one individual who didn't wish to claim their prize. The Town Chairman will now draw for a new winner. Name drawn is Irma Gesche.

3. The ESG Board would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out and the individuals who donated food, money or time to make this a great event. Thank you very much!

4. We would also like to thank all the people who came in to eat & support us.

14. Public Input:

Steve Jonas– 1. Where can I find the Plowing across town roads ordinance? Terri Corrie – it is on the website. 2. The tree on McClain Lake Rd. we had discussed previously is leaning further out on the road.

15. Date of the next meeting: January 11, 2023

16. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Pat Wilcox to approve the payment of the following bills/checks: -3222 thru -3322, 422 and 12039 thru 12074. Motion passed

17. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Pat Wilcox to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

18. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.