

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
November 9, 2022

1. Verify Legal Posting Notice
2. Call Meeting to order at 7 pm.
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 October 31, 2022:

Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$43,362.86 includes interest of \$4.29, outstanding checks - \$2,206.40 Final working balance: \$41,156.46

Money Market Account: \$237,036.41, includes interest of \$201.15

Highway Equipment Maintenance Account: \$4,248.73

MMA Equipment Replacement Account: \$36,905.31 includes interest of \$30.82

MMA Grant Account: \$24,852.99 includes interest of \$21.09

Tax Account: \$302.00

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

7. Chairman's Report:

a. It has been reported to me sadly that long time resident Max Wiltzius passed away during our last town's meeting October 12, 2022. The Town of Chicog extends our deepest sympathies and condolences to both family and friends of the Wiltzius family.

b. Construction projects are pretty much done for this season. There is some minor finish work that needs to be done and then on to assembling our equipment for the oncoming of snow.

c. Here it is November all ready with December soon to follow, like many of you I'm left in awe as to where this year has gone. How many of you follow and believe in the Farmer's Almanac? Then prepare for a colder and snowier winter. I for one watch the size of the firewood piles in everyone's yards hence you must believe in the Farmer's Almanac.

d. I would like to wish you all safe travels and a joyous Thanksgiving. Please keep in your prayers those that aren't as fortunate and that don't have families to share with and those that are confined to their homes. Everyone needs some kind of caring and in Tim McGraw's lyrics: "Always be humble and kind"

e. To all those that share in the traditions of hunting and the adventures of the outdoors, please be safe and understand that it's not always the harvest that is important but your experience with nature. Many hunters have returned home without game and have delighted spiritually in his or her season.

8. Correspondence:

- a. I wish you all to know of the appreciation to the Town of Chicog from the parties that had the privilege of borrowing our picnic tables. The Village of Minong for their Summer's Day events and Erickson Logging Inc., for a youth event that they put on.
- b. Mid-State Truck Service: the town's new truck is in its final stages of assembly and could be here as early as Thanksgiving.
- c. Twin Lakes Landing NO WAKE sign seems someone took it down and heard it has been put back up again.
- d. Short Term Rentals
- e. Calls on information about Absentee Ballots.

9. Roads & Road Work:

- a. Construction: Lower McKenzie Landing Road project is in the process of being repaired. Bramer Road project is done and has been inspected. There is several bad spots that have been confirmed with Monarch who will fix them in the spring.
- b. Maintenance: Shouldering, preparing shortly for winter maintenances.
- c. **Purchases:** 2023 International tandem Axle Dump & Plow Truck.

10. Salt sanding of Driveways:

It is that time of year again. Does the Town want to keep salting & sanding driveways for a fee and how much salt/sand should we get for this? Salt/sand cost the following: Washburn County - \$15.16 ton, Hopkins - \$28.30 per ton.

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to buy one load of Salt/sand for driveways with adjusting the price accordingly. Motion passed.

11. Approve Brush Site ordinance: the Town Brush Site ordinance was presented to the Board. Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Steve Loiselle to approve the ordinance. Motion passed.

12. Approve amended Discontinuance of Yellow Banks Rd. resolution:

Travis Barnes from Heartwood was recognized. Mr. Barnes present information to the Town on why they should not pass this resolution. Heartwood would like to see this road be brought up to standards so they may have another access to their property.

Motion made by Steve Loiselle to table the resolution until later. No seconded.

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch to approve the resolution seconded by Pat Wilcox. Resolution passed.

13. Approval of Ambulance contract:

The Minong Ambulance contract for 2023 was presented to the Board. Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Steve Loiselle to approve. Motion passed.

14. Robert Irwin:

Mr. Irwin informed the Board that he is retiring after December 2022 as our assessor. He has been with the Town for over 20 years. We will be sad to see him go. He has put forward his daughter's company, Tamarack Springs Assessing for our next Assessor.

Contract for Tamarack Springs Assessing presented to the Board. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve. Motion passed.

15. Committee Reports:

- a. Hunter's Feed – Terri Corrie – Hunter's Feed is Nov 19th please come and join us for a great meal. Thank You

b. Comprehensive Planning Committee – Scott Pahos – We have our meetings every other Wednesday night, the next one is Nov 30, 2022. Come and join us.

16. Public Input:

Dale Kes – the ATV Club is not responding to my calls or efforts to change the ATV Trail on Atherton Rd. Not sure where to go now.

17. Date of the next meeting: December 14, 2022

18. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the payment of the following bills/checks: -2922 thru -3122 and 12010 thru 12038. Motion passed

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

20. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.