

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
March 8, 2017

1. The Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Patrick Wilcox at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.
2. Pledge of allegiance was recited.
3. Roll call: All Officers presented.
4. **Treasurer's Report** was given as follows all balances as of February 28, 2017
 - Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$11,637.25, outstanding checks - \$2,161.420, Final working balance - \$9,475.83 includes interest of \$7.93
 - Money Market Account: \$247,435.93 includes interest of \$148.75
 - Highway Equip. Maintenance Account - \$19,562.20
 - Tax Account - \$151,002.85
5. **Chairman's Report:**
 - a. It is with deep sadness that I bare news of the passing of two long time residents, Donald Land & Lee King. Don & his wife Rosemarie and Lee & his wife Millie were both cornerstones and contributors to our town. Dedicated to serving this town in many forms, fundraising, community planning, community event services and the women's auxiliary. We the board and Community salute Donald & Less as service men to the United States and dedicated public servants and wish to extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to both the Lang & King Families. Information from the residents present that one of Donald's sons has also just passed at the age of 51 from a heart attack.
 - b. Road weight limit restrictions have been enacted early this year, 2-20-17 due to the extended period of warm weather. Variances can be obtained according to conditions by a town board member. These variances will be by either single or multiple trip time and date usage.
6. **Correspondence:**
 - a. A lighting strike took out the security lights on the Maintenance building exterior, 5 wall packs. Jay Coon's submitted a replacement quote for two styles of LED lighting packs. One style for \$1,565.00 the other style for \$1,350.00. Our insurance deductible is for \$1,000.00. The garage door opener will also have to be checked before we submit he claim to the Insurance Company. A motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to buy the \$1,565.00 lights. Motion passed.
 - b. The 2017 Municipal clean-up funds instructions were mailed out from Washburn County. There is up to \$2,000.00 available. These funds are intendent to cover actual costs of appliances, computers, televisions and tires properly recycled. Advertising is now being covered as eligible/approved Vendors contact list.
 - c. Spoke with Robert Irwin about the Independent Assessing Officers Association. He is not a part of this nor does he see a need to be his recommendation is that we ignore the membership request. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and Seconded by Bruce Johnston not to join the Wisconsin Independent Assessing Officers Association. Motion passed.

d. Town Audit was conducted on Mar 7, 2017 at 6pm and found to be correct and approved.

e. Nortrax: We currently carry a JD Link program that sends pertinent information about the front loader to us & Nortrax, (kind of like OnStar). The cost to continue this program is \$1,110.00 for two years. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to approve. Motion passed.

7. Town Annual contracts:

a. Hall cleaning: Bid submitted by Cabin Fever cleaning (and More!!) Bid Price: \$75.00 flat fee per cleaning up to 3 hours (additional \$25.00 per hour after that). Do other bids. Motion by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to accept this bid. Motion passed.

b. For the following contracts Morgan Lawn Care was the only bid submitted:

1. Mowing of the Town Hall: \$145.00 per time.
2. Mowing of the Cemetery: \$145.00 per time
3. Annual cleaning of the Cemetery: \$312.00

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to approve above bids: Motion passed.

8. Renewal of the Assessor's Contract: Robert Irwin our current assessor has submitted his contract for 2017 thru 2019 at \$8,000.00 per year for approval. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to approve. Motion passed.

9. Appointment of Emergency Coordinator: In accordance with the Town of Chicog emergency Operations Plan an Emergency Coordinator needs to be appointed. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to appoint Martin (Doc) Corrie. Motion passed.

10. Discussed looking into a new dump/plow truck: the current dump/plow truck is starting to cost the town a lot in maintenance. We need to start looking a replacing it. We could go with a used vehicle verse a new one but will be running into the same problems within a couple of years. Have been talking with Monroe Trucking, they can build us a new one to our needs for between \$180,000.00 & \$190,000.00. Monroe will take our current one in on trade. Steve Loiselle is in favor of this but how are we going to pay for it, loan, allocated money or what? Discussion followed. Based on the discussing and comments from Mac McCauley we will be contacting several companies for quotes and the clerk and treasurer will look into Municipality loans. The Town will be putting the military dump truck on the market.

11. Sam's Club membership: The Town's membership is due for renewal at a cost of \$45.00 per year. Discussion followed. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to not renew the membership. Motion passed.

12. The Annual Meeting will be April 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm

13. Road Inspection Meeting will be May 13, 2017 at 8:00 am.

14. Town Clean-up will be June 10, 2017 at 8am – 4 pm at the Town Hall.

15. Committee Reports:

Fire Department – Brad Harrison:

1. We are in to wild fire season the ground is drying out quickly so please be careful. Burning permits are now needed.
2. HIZ'z are continuing.
3. I have furnished the Town Board with are report on the Fire Department.
4. I will be stepping down as Fire Chief in April 2017, but will stay on the Department at least through the summer.
5. There will be no fund raiser this year. We will have a fun day with food, drinks, games & hopefully a band.

ESG – Milly Thissen –

1. Updated list for all the ESG phone callers will be out by April 1st.
2. The ESG is working on baskets for the upcoming Ryley Holden Benefit. If you wish to donate items please contact Milly Thissen or Terri Corrie.

16. Public Input:

a. Milly Thissen –there are now zebra mussels in the McKenzie Lake chain, do we post anything at our lakes & waterways to let people know. No the Town doesn't but the DNR usually does.

b. Mac McCauley: 1. Would like a Meet & Greet of the candidates. 2. Would like to see the Town board Meeting be held on a Saturday once a quarter. I have been talking with people and they don't like to come out a night when it is dark or after working all day.

17. We will hold a Meet & Greet of the candidates on April 1, 2017 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Town Hall. Will request that the Fire Department put it out on the marquee.

18. The next Town Board Meeting will be April 12, 2017

19. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to approve and pay bills/checks numbers -0317 thru -0517 and 9980 thru 10018. Motion passed.

20. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Bruce Johnston to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed

21. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.