

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
June 9, 2021

1. The Town Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.
2. Pledge of allegiance was recited.
3. Roll call: All Present
4. Treasurer's Report was given as follows all balances as of May 31, 2021:
 - Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$22,242.06, outstanding checks - \$2,085.20, includes interest of \$1.05, Final working balance – \$20,156.86
 - Money Market Account: \$298,711.48 includes interest of \$169.52
 - Highway Equip. Maintenance Account - \$8,926.27
 - MMA Equipment Replacement Account - \$ 8,336.22 includes interest of \$ 1.18
 - Tax Account - \$302.00

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

5. Chairman's Report:

- a. I hate starting out a report like this but I am sad to report the Richard (Dick) Shultz passed away on May 26, 2021. A burial service will be held on June 10, 2021 at 1 pm at the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery. Dick was 83 years young. Our deepest sympathies and condolences to the families and friends. Thank You Dick for the many years of memories that you allowed us to share with you.
- b. "Sorry to beat the same dead horse" Pictures continue to pile up even after numerous warnings of potential closures to ATV/UTV travel to all of our graveled town roads. Damages are being documented throughout the local areas regularly by surrounding town boards and in adjoining Counties. Contact has been made to these town officials who are concerned first for public safety which there have been recently many a severe and fatal injury with ATV/UTV crashes, second to damages and expenditures of local tax dollars for repairs to our roads. We the officials contacted will be trying to set up a meeting to discuss our options. A rumbling of mass closures may finally catch your attentions. If this takes place "you can thank all the IDIOTS" who lack respect to all of us. Yu who are "IDIOTS" have clearly made your stand. It is a unanimous consensus that we don't want to have to go this route and that it will greatly affect the majority but until you can control yourselves and police your own actions you limit choices. ATV/UTV recreations can be an enjoyable, safe and friendly activity. If you choose to drop the hammer down on that 1, 0000 cc machine go do it where it isn't affecting the rest of the responsible public.
- c. Footnote: "State verbiage" – all ATV riders in Wisconsin should wear an approved helmet at all times while operating their ATV. When operating on areas open to the public it is mandatory for all operators and riders under the age of 18 to wear approved helmets. There are (EXCEPTIONS).
Two up ATV riding: "State verbiage" – ATV operators cannot have a passenger riding in or on a part of an ATV "that is not designed or intended to be used by a passenger"
- d. WE are far from perfect and always looking at improvements, but is you have issues with conditions of our roads, I invite you to take a little road excursion and look at other town roads and their right of ways. I won't point fingers but I am darn proud of what we have accomplished and regularly maintain.
- e. Computer purchase: The computers from the Town & Fire Department have been purchased. They should be up and running soon.

6. Correspondence:

- a. May a question from the public, Washburn County tourism and the Washburn County Highway Commissioner. Quote" what's up this the emergency evacuation route signs posted in the Town of Chicog" Can someone write up a litter/email explaining this; this comes from one of the CWPP grants. Town Clerk will take care of it.
- b. Minong Area Comber of commerce will be featuring the Town in its next spot light segment on Facebook.
- c. Steve Loiselle had a call about the sign on the corner of Bald Eagle Dr. & Bluebird Trail. The sign pointed the wrong way. We have a problem here because the sign IS NOT positioned wrong. Bluebird Trail goes to the left while Bald Eagle Dr. Curves to the right.

7. STR License: See attached list

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve all the submitted STR Licenses.

Motion passed

8. Liquor licenses: See attached list

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve all the submitted Liquor Licenses.

Motion passed

9. Server's Licenses: See attached list

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve all the submitted Server's Licenses.

Motion passed

10. Broadband expansion grant:

Information provided by Sue Kowarsch on the grant for Broadband expansion. This is a county wide effort. The grant will be brought up at the County meeting on June 15, 2021. Will provided more information at the next Town meeting.

11. Town Hall Rental agreement:

After verifying with the insurance company about alcohol beverages on the premises and the effect on the Town's policy Sue Kowarsch made a motion to change #5 & #6 of the Town Hall rental agreement to read:

- 5. All Federal, State and local laws pertaining to the consumption of alcoholic Beverages shall be adhered to by the renter and all present at the event. If the renter wished to allow alcoholic beverages outside of the building they the renters will provide a total of two individuals to comply with #4 above, one for each area.

Motion seconded by Steve Loiselle. Motion approved.

12. Paser Rating service:

Paser Rating is the rating system that the State used for highways. We have contracted with Washburn County Highway Department in the past to complete this for us. Washburn County has been slow in taking care of it in the past. Motion made by Pat Wilcox to have Northwest Regional Planning due the Paser rating for \$600.00, seconded by Steve Loiselle. Motion passed.

13. Extended warranty on the dump truck:

The warranty expires next year on the dump truck; most repairs right now are covered. Do we want to extent the warranty if possible. The Chicog Highway Department will have warrant amounts & figures ready for September's meeting for a decision.

14. Chip Sealing of Zehm Rd. and portions of Lower McKenzie Rd.

Newspaper notice will be posted for the bidding on this project. Bids to be opened at the July meeting.

15. Committee Reports:

a. ESG – Terri Corrie: We will be holding the Annual ESG Meeting on June 17, 2021 at 10 am at the Town Hall followed by a walkabout event. We will not be serving food but will provide coffee, hot tea and bottled water. Please come and bring your own picnic lunch.

b. Brad Harrison: more information on the computers for the Fire Department and Town.

16. Public Input:

a. Bob Streiff: On Short term Rentals. Please see attached email he submitted & read at the meeting he did make.

17. The next Town Board Meeting will be July 14, 2021

18. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve and pay bills 11525 thru 11551 and -1321 thru -1521. Motion passed.

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

20. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Dates to remember:

June 12, 2021 – Town Clean-up 8 am to 4 pm

June 19, 2021 – Board of Review – 10 am to 12 pm