

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
August 16, 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 present.

4. Treasurer's Report was given as follows all balances as of July 31, 2017

Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$24,012.90, outstanding checks - \$3,981.80, Final working balance - \$20,031.10 includes interest of \$3.25

Money Market Account: \$315,010.21 includes interest of \$200.53

Highway Equip. Maintenance Account - \$4,801.17

Tax Account - \$511.43

5. **Chairman's Report:**

- a. Sorry to say that summer is quickly drawing to an end and the signs of change are starting to show themselves.
- b. The Lower McKenzie jobs are complete and paving will be addressed for next year's budget.
- c. The patching of pot holes and areas of settling of the asphalt roads is near complete and the moving of the right of ways has started.
- d. The chassis of our new International plow/dump truck is waiting for the body parts from Monroe. No word yet as to when the pre-build inspection meeting for the truck will take place with Town.
- e. We still need to consider the request from Brad & Kay's Campground to address event permitting. This will be a Town wide permit for functions and will be completed and implemented by next summer.
- f. I thought we had a good turnout for the July Saturday meeting. A discussion was held on if and when we would schedule another Saturday meeting. We will have a Saturday meeting on September 16, 2017 at 10:00 am here at the Town Hall.
- g. The Highway crew sis maintenance on the grader today. Projected highway jobs are mowing the right of ways in good weather and grading of the town Roads in Moist conditions.

6. **Correspondence:**

1. Washburn County Humane Society has sent a request for support from the Washburn County Towns and Villages. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Darcee McCauley to make a donation of \$100.00 dollars. Motion passed

2. Request from Dan Wojdyla to read the following email at the next Town Board Meeting:

Subject: Overnight of boats

For Pat Wilcox

Pat, looking at July 8 Town board meeting minutes, it looked like there was some misunderstanding on whether boats could overnite in the Hatchery area of McClain Lk.

From my last correspondence with you on July 5th, I sent pics of watercraft, and someone cutting a swath of tall grass down to the waters edge. According to the minutes from July 8, Ron Pendzimas asked if people can beach their boast over night?

You replied, you didn't know but would look into.

The minutes from last Sept. 14, 2016, under 12e, Sue Kowansch asked "if it is public land what about boats pulling ashore?" You replied, "Boats can use the shoreline but have to be removed each night." When I took those pictures on July 5, 2017, I was understanding that no boats could over night in the hatchery, but yet this boat spent 3 -4 nights pulled up on shore. From the July 8 minutes, the correspondence email reply, mentioned it could be several reasons for why the brush was cut, but didn't mention a boat. It was my understanding that between Chicog Township and Town's attorney, that over night of any watercraft was prohibited, much less docks, steps. Could this email be read at the next Town board meeting. Respectfully, Dan Wojdyla

A discussion followed between Board members & Clerk. The Clerk did not have the official minutes from last year at the meeting. The board will review all minutes listed to make sure that they are being properly recorded. At this point the Town feels that if it concerns water and boats it is a DNR ruling.

3. Tower Point Capital sent us a complimentary tower site evaluation and information to learn how to extract maximum value from our site lease. In other words they wish to buy the lease from us at this point. After a discussion it was decided that we would not sell.

7. Bid opening for Bridge & Brancel Road Projects:

There was only one bid submitted by Monarch Paving:

Bridge Road: \$93,565.00

Brancel Road: \$40,655.00

Both project to start around Oct 1st.

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Darcee McCauley to accepted Monarch Paving's bid. Motion passed.

8. Destination Tourism Assessment Project:

a. An update was presented by Milly Thissen, Minong Area Chamber of Commerce, on a survey they are doing to apply for possible grants. Milly has provided the survey to all individuals present and asked that we fill them out & return them to her by Dec 31st. If we know of any other people who are visiting the area please feel free to give them a copy of the survey to fill out. There is no personal information asked for or needed except your zip code.

b. I would like the Town's approval to use the email address list to send out an email containing the survey.

c. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Darcee McCauley to allow Milly Thissen the use of the Town's email addresses to send out this survey. Motion passed.

9. Picnic License:

The ESG & the Chicog Volunteer Fire Department has submitted an application for a Picnic License for the retirement party of the former Fire Chief Brad Harrison. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Darcee McCauley to approve. Motion passed.

10. Operator's License:

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Darcee McCauley to approve the following License applications:

Scott McDowell, Kent Jones and Hollie Witte.

Motion passed

11. Washburn County on Highway F:

- a. Per instructions from County we the Town Board are bringing up the planed road work for the intersection of Bramer Road & County Highway F.
- b. Discussion followed by the Board & town residents. The intersection of Christianson road & Cty Hwy F was also brought up by resident Jim Davidson.
- c. There have been no plans submitted to the Town as this time. Since there is no clear plans or changes the town request that the county provides the Town with site plans for both changes on County Highway F for Bramer Rd and Christianson Rd.

12. Committee Reports:

a. ESG – Milly Thissen

1. We will be having a meeting on August 24, 2017 at 10:00 am to discuss the Hunter's Feed & Brad's Retirement party. There will be a potluck lunch, cake & games after the meeting.

b. Chicog AIS Committee – Milly Thissen

1. The plates that were dropped into Big & Lower McKenzie Lakes have shown definite zebra muzzle presents. We have not seen any activity on our plates so far.
2. The next meeting will be Sep 28, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

c. Fire Department – Pat Wilcox

There was a fire & a rollover this week. We had good turn out for both. With the fire municipal aid was need from Minong.

d. CAFC – Terri Corrie:

I would like to thank everyone who showed up for the Fun Days, hopefully we can continue this every year.

13. Public Input:

a. Town Clerk: The resolution for Blackhawk & Iroquois needs to be done. Pat Wilcox: There needs to be a public hearing first before this can happen. Teresa Corrie: this resolution is to start the process to have a public hearing on this.

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Darcee McCauley to approve Resolution # 8162017. Motion passed.

b. Jim Blair: there is a problem with keeping the road sign on Tattoo Drive; can the name of the road be changed so the road sign will stay up? Pat Wilcox: You need to start the process by contacting every landowner on that road to approve a name change. When this has been done then the Board will take it before the county.

c. Penny Sipe: What is the status of the gravel section on Bald Eagle Drive. Pat Wilcox: Discussed at last month's meeting, will be done by Snowfall.

14. The next Town Board Meeting will be September 16, 2017 at 10:00 am.

13. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Darcee McCauley to approve and pay bills/checks numbers: -1717 thru -1817 and 10138 thru 10161. Motion passed.

20. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Darcee McCauley to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed

21. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.