

TOWN OF CHICOG  
Town Board Meeting  
March 18, 2020

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 but Sue Kowarsch present

4. **Treasurer's Report** was given as follows all balances as of February 28, 2020:

Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$40,495.18, outstanding checks - \$1,999.06, Final working balance - \$38,496.12 includes interest of \$11.18

Money Market Account: \$328,061.42 includes interest of \$161.78

Highway Equip. Maintenance Account - \$13,272.97

Tax Account - \$295.90

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

5. **Chairman's Report:**

a. "Coronavirus" Most all public functions have been cancelled. Avoid all possible contacts where you can this is a serious situation. You are attending this meeting tonight at your own risk.

b. The annual road restrictions have been put into action. With these early restrictions we would hope to see early improving conditions so that you may continue your normal operations. If a variance is required contact a board member as to current conditions and approvals. A signed document is required and preset in the vehicle.

c. Washburn County Highway Department is limiting and monitoring on their grounds the amount of salt and sand that you may take for driveways and sidewalks.

d. Construction materials will no longer be acceptable to dispose at the town's dump due to nails, screws and sharp foreign objects. Tires are too expensive to replace or repair on the town's equipment.

e. Hopkins Sand & Gravel will be crushing in the tubs pit this year, gravel will be crushed at a rate of \$5.35 per yard

f. you may have noticed the brushing and cutting operations on some of the town's roads this spring. We have had a couple of complaints already. Test assured all trees will be treated equally. We are making a great effort to due diligent maintenance to our roads and respective right of ways. (56.69 miles of local roads).

g. We would like a highway department tab on the Town's website for notifications of upcoming constructions, Highway hazards and information of highway regulations and State Statutes.

h. Highway projects on our radar for this summer are Christensen Road and Bramer Road. We are also looking at McClain Lake Road, right of way issues.

6. **Correspondence:**

a. It has been a busy month, Issues of short-term rentals, proposed resolutions, contact with Mr. Kohler on Lodge Road issues, and a lot of zoning questions. Most of this will be discussed in the agenda form.

b. The Washburn County Sheriff's Department is cracking down on dog licenses this year. Please get your dog(s) licensed. The cost of a license is \$5 or \$10, being caught without a license is a lot more

7. **Short Term Rentals:**

A presentation by Wendy Strieff on this topic followed by other information from Jeff Kohler, Town's Attorney. Questions and comments from the Board and elector. Mr. Kohler will look into the possibility of a resolution for short term rentals.

**8. Lodge Road Disallowance Resolution:**

Information presented by Mr. Kohler. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Pat Wilcox to approve the Resolution on disallowance. Motion passed.

**9. Annual Contract Bids:** The following bids were opened for contracts stated:

**a. Town Hall Cleaning:**

1. Kathy Duffy: \$90.00 per time
2. Gerald Werner: \$80.00 per time
3. Meier Surveying, LLC: \$95.00 per time

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Pat Wilcox to hire Kathy Duffy. Motion passed

**b. Town Hall Mowing:**

1. Lake County Cabin Services, LLC: \$140.00 per time
2. Cabin & Lawn Care Services: \$150.00 per time
3. Morgan Lawn Care: \$150.00 per time
4. Meir Surveying, LLC: \$145.00 per time
5. Gerald Werner: \$100.00 per time
6. G.D. Services: \$180.00 per time

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Pat Wilcox to hire Morgan Lawn Care. Motion passed

**c. Cemetery Annual Clean-up:**

1. Meier Surveying, LLC: \$295.00
2. Morgan Lawn Care: \$325.00
3. G.D. Services: \$25.00 per hour
4. Cabin & Lawn Care Service: \$25.00 an hour per person
5. Gerald Werner: \$200.00

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Pat Wilcox to hire Meier Surveying, LLC. Motion passed.

**d. Cemetery Mowing:**

1. Gerald Werner: \$120.00 per time
2. Lake County Cabin Services, LLC: \$140.00 per time
3. Cabin & Lawn Care Services: \$150.00 per time
4. Morgan Lawn Care: \$150.00 per time
5. G.D. Services: \$240.00 per time
6. Meier surveying, LLC:” \$150.00 per time

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Pat Wilcox to hire Morgan Lawn Care. Motion passed.

**10. Resolution of adoption to Washburn County’s Hazard Mitigation Plan:**

Motion mad by Steve Loiselle to approve and adopt the Washburn County Hazard Mitigation Plan seconded by Pat Wilcox. Motion passed.

**11. Resolution to approve the most current state equipment rates:**

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Pat Wilcox to use the most current state equipment rates. Motion passed.

**12. Minong Area Chamber of Commerce:**

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Pat Wilcox to continue as a member to the MACC. Motion passed.

**13. Committee Reports:**

**a. Fire Department – Pat Wilcox:**

The only fire this month was my pick-up truck.

**b. ESG/AOS – Terri Corrie:**

1. Walkabout for the rest of the year has been cancelled due to Corvid 19.
2. March 25, 2020 is our bus service date, please contact Namekagon Bus Transit by March 24, 2020 at 715-634-6633 option 1 to schedule a ride or find out if the service has been canceled due to Corvid 19.
3. Between ESG & AOS we are trying to get a call/email list going to check on people if you would like to be on this list please call Terri at 715-466-4129.
4. If you need anything during this Corvid 19 time please call and let us know how we can help you.

**14. Security system discussion:** Tabled to further notice.

**15. Public Input:**

- a. Wendy Strieff: Questions on AOS program that were answered by Terri Corrie. Also had more comments on short term rentals

16. The next Town Board Meeting will be April 8, 2020

17. Reminder that the Annual Meeting will be April 25, 2020 at 10 am here at the Town Hall.

18. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Pat Wilcox to approve and pay bills/checks numbers -320 thru -420 and 11048 thru 11087. Motion passed.

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

20. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.