

TOWN OF CHICOG  
Town Board Meeting  
March 10, 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 February 28, 2021:

Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$56,852.75, outstanding checks - \$8,122.33, includes interest of \$6.99,  
Final working balance – \$48,730.42  
Money Market Account: \$383,129.46 includes interest of \$139.15  
Highway Equip. Maintenance Account - \$8,924.07  
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. Annually you receive your tax notices and included is letter from the town: informational notes from different departments of our governing body to you the Chicog Town land owners. Let's skip to the note from the Chicog Highway Department. The last couple of paragraphs read: In Wisconsin it is illegal to plow snow across the road from your driveway. Even if you hire someone to plow; you are still the responsible party. Warnings and fines will be issued. Well seems this letter has little impact! or ignored! At the starting on March 4, 2021 a violation letter was formatted to include the following: 1. Warning of violation to WI Statute 86.01 2. Fines that can be levied to the property owner. 3. A request in curtailing this activity. Several of these letters recently have been delivered to parties actively engaging in this unsafe activity and a paragraph that states that these actions will be monitored and filed for repeated activities and subsequent to citations.

b. As of March 4, 2021 the annual weight restrictions on our town roads went into effect along with Washburn County's on March 8, 2021. The early onset of warm weather hastened the restrictions and until most of the frost has left the roads which could be through April and into May they will remain. Please make appropriate arrangements with your contractors or deliverers to delay activity or if absolutely necessary a variance can be requested from a member of the Town Board. Each request will require a form to be filled out and signed by the town authority on approval and to be present with each driver as verification.

c. This is the time of year when we start looking at setting a date for the Town cleanup. With Covid so prevalent last year we still managed to pull it off while staying safe and a plus for our community. Let's pull it off again this year. Date will be tabled till April's meeting due to elections.

d. I would also like to start addressing how we will go about managing the town dump this year.

6. **Correspondence:**

a. Received an email from Carol Buck, Washburn County Emergency Management in reference to Famers to Families Free Food Box Distribution. This will be March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> estimated start time between 10 & 11 am at the Washburn County Highway Department on County Highway H, Spooner, WI. There are 1,232 food boxes to be distributed until all are gone. One box per family, two boxes per vehicle if carpooling, any questions can be referred to the Washburn County Unity of Aging (715-635-4460). The Town will be picking up boxes on March 24<sup>th</sup> for distribution at the Town Hall for families that have signed up with us. Please contact Terri Corrie, 715-466-4129 or T Nau, 715-466-4349 to request one.

- b. Several contacts requesting information on CAFO's (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) Referendum on the April's ballot.
- c. Steven Maricle, property owner in Pear Lake's sub-division would like us to look at vacating a portion of a plated undeveloped road. Once again due to neighbor relations
- d. Sue Kowarsch has been talking with Ed Rhodes, (Town's Website person) & Mark Wallskog (Heartwood) about pictures for the new website. Any one that has an appropriate picture for the web site can send it to Sue at [suektownofchicog@gmail.com](mailto:suektownofchicog@gmail.com) to be considered for the website.

#### **7. Insurance Quotes:**

Both Alan Schiefelbein, Rural Mutual Insurance Company and Marc Strapon, Holden Insurance presented the Board with Insurance overviews and quotes. Questions were as at this time and answered. The Board having no more questions at this time will review and discuss the policies at a later date to make a decision

#### **8. ATV/UTV Ordinance Review:**

Discussion by the Town Board on amending this ordinance was conducted with comments from the electors. Motion made by Pat Wilcox to amend the ordinance restricting the roads used by ATV/UTVs to paved roads only with the exception of Webb Creek Road. Motion was not seconded. This ordinance will not be amended at this time.

#### **9. MACC Renewal:**

The Town of Chicog belongs to the Minong Area Chamber of Commerce (MACC). There is an annual membership due of \$100. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to renew our membership. Motion passed.

#### **10. Annual Maintenance Contracts**

##### **a. Town Hall Cleaning:** Bids submitted as follows

1. Yvonne Clements - \$28.00 per hour
2. Cabin Fever Cleaning (and More) - \$100.00 flat fee per cleaning, up to 3 hours (additional \$35.00 per hour after 3 hours if needed.)

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Steve Loiselle to hire Cabin Fever Cleaning for cleaning the Town Hall. Motion passed

##### **b. Cemetery Spring Clean Up:** bids submitted as follows

1. Brothers Lawncare LLC - \$250.00

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to hire Brothers Lawncare LLC for the Cemetery Spring Clean-up. Motion passed.

##### **c. Cemetery Mowing:** bids submitted as follows:

1. Brothers Lawncare LLC - \$150.00 per time
2. Morgan Lawn Care - \$150.00 per time.

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to hire Morgan Lawn Care for the Cemetery mowing. Motion passed.

**d. Town Hall Grounds Maintenance:** bids submitted as follows:

1. Brothers Lawncare LLC - \$150.00 per time
2. Morgan Lawn Care - \$150.00 per time.

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to hire Morgan Lawn Care for the Town Hall Grounds Maintenance. Motion passed

**11. Clerk on Election Day procedures:**

Once the polls open Candidates can come to vote but they are not allowed to linger inside the building or within 100 feet of the door per Sate Statues. This would be concerned politicking. When the polls close at 8 pm any one including the candidates are welcome in to sit quietly and watch the votes being counted. You will be notified of the results either that night if requested or by 9 am the following day.

**12. Committee Reports:** None

**13. Public Input:** None

14. The next Town Board Meeting will be April 14, 2021

15. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve and pay bills 11425 thru 11465 and -0321 thru -0621. Motion passed.

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

17. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.