

TOWN OF CHICOG
Town Board Meeting
March 8, 2023

1. Verify Legal Posting Notice
2. Call Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Roll Call: all Board members present.
5. Approval of the previous minutes as posted on our web site. Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Steve Loiselle to approve the posted minutes with the correction of cost for truck exhaust repair in #8 a to \$6,000. Motion Passed

6. Treasurer's report was given as follows all balances as of February 28, 2023:

Checking Account: Beginning balance - \$23,214.30 includes interest of \$8.81, outstanding checks - \$2,332.07 Final working balance: \$20,882.23

Money Market Account: \$289,871.84, includes interest of \$114.12

MMA Equipment Replacement Account: \$18,650.63 includes interest of \$15.72

MMA Grant Account: \$24,938.90 includes interest of \$21.03

Tax Account: \$1,383.56

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

Motion passed

Reminder by Town Clerk that checks the Town issues are only good for 1 year. We have several coming up that are close to being void.

7. Chairman's Report:

a. Does the phrase (This is getting old) ring a bell to you and I'm not speaking of my age. Winter can end any time now!!! Topic of conversation in my world with the public is 99.9% of you are so ready for spring to arrive. It is that time of the year for the ominous road restrictions once again. Once they are enacted it is required to obtain a variance request to these restrictions and if obtained you the requisite are ultimately responsible for any and all damages to that infrastructure. Variances can be obtained through the Town's Board Members and in accordance to appropriate conditions. This is an annual restriction and you as the public should be considering in advance this time frame. Schedule accordingly.

b. Town employee; This person is employed by the Town but not a servant to you the public, he is guided in his duties by the Town board in accordance to highway supervision. With that being said! His job is not guided by bar-stool antics. His job is not guided by social media/particular Facebook. His phone is his phone and he has the right to extend his number to who he wishes and the choice to answer any call he chooses/ You may be able to reach him during town hours ONLY! Between 6:30 am – 4:30 pm Mondays thru Thursdays via the Town's phone which is 715-466-4525. "AFTER HOUR TIMES HE IS NOT TO BE BOTHERED'. If you have an emergency, a request or looking to convey or acknowledged information then your board members are to be your contact!!! No Excuses.

c. In closing I wish to acknowledge the passing of Thomas Mackie. Tom was the Chairman for many years in the Town of Casey and also the Chairman of the Washburn County Board. I honor

him in recognition for his character and of his services throughout the many levels of his career in government and my sympathies and condolences in his passing to the friends and families of the Mackie's. BIG! shoes to fill.

8. Correspondence:

- a. This is Child Abuse Awareness Month
- b. The County has sent out the Road restriction dates this afternoon. Road restrictions start on March 16, 2023 at noon.

9. Roads & Road Work:

- a. Construction: None
- b. Maintenance: WE have used up a lot of salt/sand mixture this season
- c. Purchases: See agenda item 14.

10. Spooner School District referendum Presentation

Mr. David Aslyn, Superintendent, Spooner School District gave a presentation on the reason for the referendum on the April Ballot. Q&A followed. Referendum information may be found on the School District's web page www.spooner.k12.wi.us.

11. Conditional Use Permit request for Heartwood resort to open a 140 site camp grounds on existing property

- a. Pat Wilcox excused himself from this portion of the meeting due to conflict of interest, turned the meeting over to 1st Supervisor Steve Loiselle.
- b. A presentation was given by North County Surveying Inc. a company hired by Heartwood to furnish a survey for the permit.
- c. Comments taken from the floor. Most individuals have concerns about the increase of traffic on Burian Place Rd causing safety issues, increase of traffic on all the lakes causing an increase of the possibility of invasive species, environmental impact concerns, increase of taxes to pay for road improvements due to traffic and on gravel roads due to ATVs and general noise.
- d. Motion made by Sue Kowarsch to Deny the Conditional use permit seconded by Steve Loiselle.
- e. The Public Hearing at the County level is scheduled for March 28, 2023 at 4pm at the County Court House.

***Before publishing the minutes the date for the County meeting has been changed to April 11, 2023.**

12. Future proposed timber sale

- a. We have a quote back from Groeschl Forestry Consulting, INC. They are estimating we have timber sales of \$150,000. Their fee is based on a percent of total sales with a maximum fee of \$15,000.
- b. Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to hire Groeschl Forestry Consulting, Inc. to sell the Town's timber.

13. Opening of Maintenance Bids

a. Town Hall Cleaning:

Bid submitted by:

Brighter Days Cleaning Services, Shellie Nelson, for \$75 per month
J & M Industries LLC for \$100 per month

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to contract with Brighter Days Cleaning.
Motion passed

b. Cemetery Mowing:

Bid submitted by:

Morgan Lawn Care for \$160.00 per time.

J & M Industries LLC for \$70 per hour

Brothers Lawncare LLC for \$165 per time

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to contract with Morgan Lawn Care.

Motion passed.

c. Town Hall Mowing:

Bid submitted by:

Morgan Lawn Care for \$160.00 per time.

J & M Industries LLC for \$70 per hour

Brothers Lawncare LLC for \$165 per time

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Steve Loiselle to contract with Morgan Lawn Care.

Motion passed.

d. Cemetery Spring Clean-up:

Bid submitted by:

Brothers Lawncare LLC for a one-time fee of \$475

J & M Industries LLC for \$70 per hour estimated time 6 hours for \$420

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Steve Loiselle to contract with Brothers Lawncare LLC.

Motion passed.

14. Grader attachments

Pat presented the type and cost of attachment for the grader, reminded the Board that with the timber sales coming in we will have the money.

Motion made by Sue Kowarsch and seconded by Steve Loiselle to buy the blade & lift attachment for the Grader. Motion passed.

15. Committee Reports: None

16. Public Input: - None

17. Date of the next meeting: April 12, 2023

18. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Steve Loiselle and seconded by Sue Kowarsch to approve the payment of the following bills/checks: -323 to -623 and 12140 thru 12177. Motion passed

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

20. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.