

Town of Chippewa: Minutes

Town Board Proceedings

March 16, 2022

Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chippewa was called to order on March 16, 2022 @ 5:37pm. At roll call the following were present: Town Supervisors–Bill Ernst, John Bruch, Chairperson–Dan Koch, Clerk–Cindy Pritzl, Treasurer–Barb Koch, Town Employee–Roger Eder, Eric Sitte, Chuck Miesbauer and Town Residents - Dave Meindl & John Artin, Business Owner - Steve Wartgow.

Motion by Ernst, second by Bruch to approve Agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Bruch, second by Ernst to approve February 16, 2022, Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Ernst, second by Bruch to approve payment of Checks (14964-14992) and Electronic Vouchers to WDOR & IRS (C20220301 – C20220303) Northern State Bank in the total of \$25,423.97.

Old Business:

1. Discuss Options for Gravel Pit: Only one bid came in for gravel crushing. Granberg Brothers, Inc. 10,000 yards, ¾” road gravel to be stockpiled in Bear Lake pit @ \$3.93/yard for a total of \$39,300.00. Motion by Ernst, second by Bruch to approve Granberg Brothers, bid for \$39,300.00 Motion carried. Board agreed to table Radlinger Pit options until May.
2. Discuss Wording of Snowplow Contracts: Clerk received the Town of Lake’s snowplow contract so the board could compare our to theirs. Board would like to add two items to towns current snowplow contract: All wells, septic tanks, and any other objects lying within fifteen (15) feet of driveways or turn-around spaces must be clearly marked by the property owner with a 5-foot reflective marker; The Town of Chippewa has the sole discretion to determine the time for snow removal from any particular driveway, the order in which driveways are to be opened, and the type of equipment to be used in the snow removal. Board would like to wait until May to decided if they will up the price of snowplowing.
3. Discuss Follow Up on Federal Grant Program: Board last month wanted to put the bridge on Cut-Off Rd on the grant program and it will not qualify. Clerk was informed that joint projects were a big item that the Federal was going to be looking at for funding of the project. Board would like to check in to see when the Town of Lake is planning on doing County Line Rd and we could do Chippewa Lake Rd. Table until next month.

New Business:

1. Discuss Issues with Selling of Gravel: Steve Wartgow made a formal request that the Town of Chippewa stop selling gravel to private landowners. Clerk contacted the towns lawyer and he said, in short, I do not believe that a municipality can sell gravel directly to individuals, particularly if there are others in the area able and willing to do so. Motion by Ernst, second by Bruch to stop the selling of gavel to residents. Motion carried.
2. Discuss Lawn Mower: Miesbauer informed the board that the current lawn mower is wore out. Board gave directive to the road crew to check prices locally first and then go outside of our area, not to exceed \$2,500.00. Motion by Ernst, second by Bruch to shop around for a new rider not to exceed \$2,500.00. Motion carried.
3. Discuss Wages for Mowing: Miesbauer uses his own truck and trailer when mowing. Motion by Bruch, second by Ernst to pay Miesbauer mileage at the state rate and \$50.00 for trailer. Motion carried.
4. Discuss/Approve Crack Sealing: Eder found that a full semi load for crack seal is 20 pallets, and the Town of Agenda would be willing to purchase 10 if we did also. Motion by Ernst, second by Bruch to order a semi load of material, 10 for us and 10 for Town of Agenda. Motion carried. Eder informed the board that getting the tar machine is going to be difficult. He found one on Ebay for \$19,500.00. Motion by Bruch, second by Ernst to make an offer on the steamer on Ebay not to exceed \$21,000.00 Motion carried.
5. Discuss/Approve Plow for Loader: Falls has a plow for \$17,500.00. Motion by Koch, second by Ernst to purchase plow from Falls not to exceed \$25,000.00. Motion carried.
6. Ashland County Sheriff’s Report: None
7. Public Comment (Audience): None

Treasurer’s Report:

Checking Balance: February 28, 2022	\$ 309,835.19
Reclamation Fund:	\$ 11,728.35
Equipment Fund:	\$ 97,411.50
Tax Account	\$ 49,338.51
Money Market Account Forward Bank:	\$ 41,910.77

Motion by Ernst, second by Bruch to approve treasurers report as printed. Motion carried. Motion by Ernst, second by Bruch to transfer the cost of plow from the Equipment Fund to the General Checking. Motion carried.

Clerks Report:

- Annual/Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 19, 2022 @ 5:30pm
- Board of Review Training March 28, 2022 @ 8:00am

Building Permits: None

Driveway Permits: None

Road Crew Report:

- Roadwork Update:
 - Road crew asked if they could help the Village of Butternut steam out one of their culverts. Board agreed it would be ok and clerk informed board that the Village would pay them for it.
 - Broke the mirror and window on the loader that we will have fixed right away.

Chairman/Supervisor’s Report:

- ✓ Koch stated that he was going to resign at April’s meeting. He will give the clerk his letter at that time. He informed the board that with everything happening right now he doesn’t want to make the wrong decision for the board. Bruch and Ernst told him to think on it and he can for sure decide at the Annual/Regular meeting in April.

Motion by Ernst, second by Bruch to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:36pm.

Cindy Pritzl- Clerk

Public Notices:

Annual Meeting & Regular Board Meeting– April 19, 2022