



TOWN OF NEW CHICAGO
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July 9, 2025
Town Council Meeting

6:00 pm

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to Order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Member Anderson	present
Vice-President Gibson	present
Member Grecco	present
Member Swallow	present
President Szwedo	present

Minutes:

Vice President Gibson made motion to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2025, Meeting, seconded by Member Swallow; motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Bills:

Member Grecco made a motion to approve the June 2025 bills, seconded by Member Anderson; motion carried unanimously.

Fund & Appropriation Reports:

Member Swallow made a motion to approve June 2025 Fund & Appropriation Reports; seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence/Clerk Treasurer

- The Clerk Treasurer reminded the Town Council that State Board of Accounts School/ILMCT Conference is August 10-14 in French Lick. The Clerk Treasurer will be attending these classes,

- The Clerk Treasurer read the letter from Rieth-Riley to inform the Town Council of price increases. Member Swallow made a motion to approve; seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances: - None.

Resolutions: - None.

Departments:

Police

- For the month of June 2025, the following were issued:
 - a) 221 citations; 62 of the citations were Local Ordinances.
 - b) 67 towed vehicles.
 - c) 21 drug-related arrests.
 - d) 9 weapon-related arrests.
- **Fleet:**
 - a) Vehicles are continuing to break down. The vehicles breaking down can affect officer safety.
- **Community Engagement:**
 - a) Independence Day Celebration was a tremendous success. The New Chicago Police raised over \$2,500.00 for the event. Thank you to George's Gyros for donating 100 hot dogs for the event. Many members of the community asked that the event be held again in the following years. Community feedback was positive.
- **Staffing:**
 - a) The Police Chief recognized officers at the meeting for outstanding service.

Police Commission

- a) Incentives for Police Officers were discussed at the most recent Police Commission meeting.
- b) Amended work rules for the second in command to take a car home; Vice President Gibson made motion to approve; seconded by Member Anderson; motion carried unanimously.

Fire – None

Town Manager

- The Town Manager, Clerk Treasurer, Fire Chief and Town Attorney attended a meeting in the City of Hobart to negotiate a resolution to the Ambulance Contract. The amount of the contract for 2026 is not feasible for the Town of New Chicago. The current contract expires at the end of the year.

- The Attorney for the new town hall approved the purchase of 3139 Michigan Street., Hobart, IN. The Town Manager distributed copies of all documents to the Town Council pertaining to the purchase of the building.
- The Town Manager requested that Cender|Dalton hold off on the water rate increase for a few months. This increase would be due to the Indiana American Water Rate Increase.
- Pittsburgh Tank is going to contact the Utility Supervisor about the Water Tower; if any work needs to be done with it; Pittsburgh Tank will let the Utility Supervisor know.

Parks Board

- Lunch and Learn is still going well. There were about 50 attendees every day. Lunch and Learn will go until July 25, 2025.
- The Parks Department is currently working with the Utility Supervisor for walking paths through Twin Oaks Park.
- The Parks Department is still working on planting trees.
- The Parks Department will be getting internet service through T-Mobile. The service is \$29.75 per month.
- There was an incident at Twin Oaks Park on Sunday July 6, 2025. Teenagers pulled in and threw a lit mortar where kids were playing. Nobody was hurt. The flock camera did not catch the license plate.
- CDBG is moving forward; the Public Meeting was held before the last Parks Board Meeting. The Parks Department is looking at installing a drinking fountain with a refillable bottle filler at Twin Oaks Park.
- The garage at Twin Oaks Park needs a new roof. The Parks Department received four quotes and decided to go with Alamo. Alamo had the lowest price.
- The Parks Department will be asking for two additional appropriations. The Ordinance will be read at the next Town Council Meeting. The Clerk Treasurer is submitting the Public Notice to the papers.
- The Parks Department will be advertising a town wide garage sale.

Plan Commission

- Shrimp's Fish and Chicken changed owners and switched the name to Shrimp's Chicken and Fish.

Sewer

- Advanced Sewer Services will be putting Ts on the lift stations in case of power outages.

Streets

- The contract for CCMG was signed and emailed.

Sanitation

- The contract with Total Disposal expires at the end of the year. The contract does not have to be bid out.

Water

- CCR Reports have been completed.

Stormwater

- The utility workers have been chipping.

Old Business

- This is the reporting period for the JAG Grant that the New Chicago Police received. The \$105,000.00 was spent on new radios. The bill will be paid out of the Police Donations Equipment Fund. The receipt will be sent in to JAG; once JAG sends the reimbursement the money will be receipted back into the Police Donations Equipment Fund.

Legal Report – None.

Announcements

- The Town Manager recognized everyone that came to the 4th of July Event by the New Chicago Police Department. The event was well organized and a nice turnout from the community.

Other Business to Come Before the Council – None.

Open Forum – None.

Comments from Board Members

- The Town Council President informed participants at the meeting that it was not a law if three or more meetings are missed that a sitting Council Member can be removed.

Vice President Gibson made motion to Adjourn, seconded by Member Swallow; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Signed,

Sharon Szwedo
Town Council President

ATTEST:

Tammy L Bucko
Clerk Treasurer