



TOWN OF NEW CHICAGO

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April 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:

Member Swallow made motion to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2025 Meeting, seconded by Vice President Gibson; motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Bills:

Vice President Gibson made motion to approve the March 2025 bills, seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.

Fund & Appropriation Reports:

Vice President Gibson made motion to approve March 2025 Fund & Appropriation Reports; seconded by Member Anderson; motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence/Clerk Treasurer

- The Clerk Treasurer presented and read a Letter from Northwestern University commending the Police Chief on his speech for the Center for Public Safety's graduation ceremony.
- The Clerk Treasurer requested the Town Council approve an employee lunch for the Water Clerks & Utility Workers to acknowledge their outstanding job performance and

hard work. The lunch will be paid out of the Petty Cash Fund but if the amount exceeds the amount in petty cash the money will come out of the Rainy-Day Fund. Member Swallow made motion to approve; seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances:

- Ordinance 2025-06 – Additional Appropriation Police Equip. Fund (First Reading) – Vice President Gibson made motion to approve; seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.
 - a) Date to be determined for second reading.

Resolutions:

- Resolution – 2025-02 – Transfer to Rainy Day – Member Grecco made motion to approve; seconded by Member Swallow; motion carried unanimously.
- Resolution – 2025-03 – Annual Contract Uploads and Affirmations – Member Swallow made motion to approve; seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.

Departments:

Police

- For the month of March there were 21 Tows, 80 Tickets and 10 Ordinance Violations.
- Last month the police had 2 vehicles in the shop; this month there is another vehicle in the shop.
- The Indiana JAG Grant was awarded to New Chicago Police in the amount of \$93,000.00. Quote for the radios came back at \$110,000.00. The Police will use the Indiana Jag Grant to purchase the radios; the remaining balance will be paid from the donation by Lake County Commissioners.
- The Police Chief asked Town Council permission to hire two academy trained officers as paid officers. – Vice President Gibson made motion to approve; seconded by Member Anderson; motion carried unanimously.

Police Commission – None.

Fire

- Sunday the New Chicago Fire Department will be at Twin Oaks Park taking care of the basketball court.
- Next week the New Chicago Fire Department will be taking the Easter Bunny to Twin Oaks Park for the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Tuesday the Fire Chief will be attending a Lake County Fire Chief meeting & a special meeting called under Mavis 207. Thursday the Fire Chief will be attending a 911 Commission meeting.

Town Manager

- 88 & 90 Mckinley has a trailer parked on easement & sidewalk; this needs to be moved.
- Food Bank will be April 25, 2025 at 11:00am at the Public Works Building.

Parks Board

- The container for Parks was ordered; it should arrive by April 16, 2025.
- Lunch and Learn was confirmed with River Forest School. The program will run 35 days: June 2, 2025 to June 27, 2025 & July 7, 2025 to July 25, 2025; Monday thru Friday. The Parks Board is asking for assistance from the Town Council for the program. Parks will be eligible for another grant from the Legacy Foundation again but will have to skip a year to hire an intern to be paid from the grant.
- June 21, 2025 will be the 55th Anniversary for the Twin Oaks Park Celebration. There will be a special speaker at the event. Bay City Tacos and Heavenly Bites Food Trucks will be there as well.
- Tomorrow Parks is picking up the trees from Tree Grant.
- There will be no Shakespeare in the Park this year.
- April 12, 2025 will be park clean-up. April 16, 2025 Parks is making baskets for Easter Egg Hunt on April 19, 2025.

Plan Commission

- Dunkin Donuts did appear before the Plan Commission; nothing has been approved yet. Dunkin Donuts will come back to May meeting with drawings.

Sewer

- The pump station is down; but the Utility Supervisor got it repaired.

Streets

- The Town is not sure when the bids are going out for the 2025 CCMG. Abonmarche will contact the Town when bids are to go out.

Sanitation

- The contract with Total Disposal expires at the end of the year.

Water

- There will be an Indiana American Water rate increase in May which will affect New Chicago Water customers.
- There is \$694,500.00 left over from the State Revolving Fund loan. The water department is inquiring to use the money for Read-a – Matic meters. The Indiana Finance Authority stated the money can be used if it is a meter replacement. Bids will have to be advertised.

Stormwater

- The drain on Harrison Street that collapsed was fixed.
- The Utility Supervisor is trying to get a drywell grant.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

Legal Report – None.

Announcements – None.

Other Business to Come Before the Council – None.

Open Forum

- The Town Council discussed possibly putting cameras in the Town Hall Office. The Parks Board President is going to look into prices for cameras. The cameras cannot exceed \$300.00.

Comments from Board Members – None.

Vice President Gibson made motion to Adjourn, seconded by Member Swallow; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Signed,

Sharon Szwedó
Town Council President

ATTEST:
Tammy L Bucko
Clerk Treasurer

This meeting may be viewed at: <https://youtube.com/@townofnewchiago>