

**VILLAGE OF CHEBANSE
REGULAR MEETING, 7 PM
275 S. OAK ST.
MAY 18, 2015**

President Dubuque called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and announced the Village would be taping. Kathy Washington/The Advocate took notes.

Roll Call: **Present:** Trustees Beherns, Kuntz, LaReau, Mathy, Perzee and Snyder. President Dubuque and Clerk Imhauser
 Others: Jerod McMorris/Good Energy, Jay Hansen and Rick Adams from Otto Twp. Fire District

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Regular Minutes: Motion by Trustee Perzee second by Trustee Snyder to accept the regular meeting minutes for May 4, 2015. Vote: 6 yes

Executive Minutes: Motion by Trustee Mathy, second by Trustee Beherns to accept the executive session meeting minutes for May 4, 2015. Vote: 6 yes

Treasurers Report: Motion by Trustee Perzee, second by Trustee Snyder to accept the Treasurers Report for May 5 to May 18, 2015. Vote: 6 yes

Bill Statement: Motion by Trustee Beherns, second by Trustee Perzee to pay the bills dated May 18, 2015. Vote: 6 yes

President Dubuque asked the board to move ahead on the agenda to allow Jerod McMorris from Good Energy to speak.

Good Energy/Jerod McMorris: McMorris introduced himself and explained he is with Good Energy an Energy Brokerage firm. They currently have 150 plus Ameren communities which allows them good buying power for electricity. The July Ameren bill which will be for June electrical will be going from the mid to low 4 cents per kwh to above 6 cents per kwh. 100% of their communities have seen savings. The Village of Chebanse is eligible for rebid in June. McMorris provided board members with a list of communities and counties that Good Energy represents. Locally they are working with Clifton and Gilman. President Dubuque asked if there was a range of kwh usage for companies to show a savings. McMorris explained it could be either a smart meter house or an all-electric house. Every residential household will qualify. By signing a service agreement with Good Energy – there is no cost, it only allows Good Energy to take the Village out to bid. Good Energy would go out and get the bid, if at that time the Village does not like the price, nothing more would be done. If the Village enters into a contract, they would provide an 800 number for each of the residents. They would be able to call and see if the program would work for them. The winning bidder (Integritys, Homefield, Constellation, etc.) are the ones that pay Good Energy for bringing the Village to them. The Village never pays anything to Good Energy. Board members discussed the aggregation and signing with Good Energy. President Dubuque asked if we have to go through the referendum process again. McMorris advised no, which having been completed will be good forever. All of the residents that chose the municipal aggregation, once the program expired with Integritys, the residents had 60 days to sign with another program. If they did not sign, they automatically returned to Ameren billing for one year which will be expiring in June. So this is the time to be going out for competitive bidding. Dubuque asked if Good Energy takes care of the changeover – McMorris advised

yes they would take care of everything and residents would still be able to opt out of the program if they wanted to and there would be no time frame for them to be able to opt out. McMorris encouraged board members to contact the mayor in Gilman or someone in Clifton to discuss Good Energy with them. Good Energy also monitors the new and/or changing customer and would send them a letter to give them the opportunity to opt into their program. Dubuque expressed concern with other companies coming into town trying to get people to sign up with them. If they are getting phone calls or someone knocking on their door, it is not the municipal aggregation program. Clerk Imhauser asked if a resident opted out of the program, could they sign up with the program if they change their mind in a couple months. McMorris advised yes they can, however, they cannot jump back and forth. Once they are with Ameren, they would need to stay with them for one year before changing. The service agreement was reviewed. A motion by Trustee Beherns, second by Trustee Mathy to enter into the service agreement with Good Energy for a term of 24 months. Vote: 6 yes
President Dubuque signed the agreement. McMorris advised he would be in touch.

Unfinished Business:

Commercial Property Addition/151 S. Chestnut St.: No information. Trustee LaReau requested that a letter be sent to them to have the area mowed and cleaned up. Question from Rick Adams if there was a sunset clause on the permit. Board members advised the term would be forever.

Clerk/Treasurer/Water Billing Job: President Dubuque advised that Cheryl Robbins has advised she would not be able to take the position, therefore he directed Clerk Imhauser to place an ad in the paper. Dubuque advised that he has two resumes now and one if from someone outside of the village. A copy of the one resume was provided to board members. A motion by Trustee Beherns, second by Trustee Kuntz to upon President Dubuque's approval that Lisa Poole be offered the position. Vote: 6 yes.

President Dubuque suggested offering her the position to start the second week of June. If he does not feel good about it, he will continue looking for resumes.

Spies Donation/Civic Center: The amount has been listed separately on the Treasurers Report to monitor the spending. President Dubuque indicated that one item that has come to his attention is for sound proofing the gym area. Trustee Beherns suggested that we look around for ideas to do sound proofing and cost figures.

Downtown Drainage: Suggested to have James Smith/Maintenance and Brian Hertz/MG2A meet before the next board meeting.

Committee:

Water: Trustee Kuntz indicated he has not heard anything on the water storage tank. Clerk Imhauser advised that she spoke to Greg Gustafson earlier today who indicated he was putting together the report.

Finance: Trustee Beherns will be working on the Appropriations, however does not see any major changes.

Officers:

Clerk: Clerk Imhauser provided the annual Treasurers Report to board members to review. Subject will be placed on a future agenda to approve the publication. Also the auditor/Russ Leigh picked up all of the FY '15 information and will be starting the audit.

Mayor: President Dubuque asked Trustee Mathy to assist while he is on vacation.

New Business:

Playground Mulch: A motion by Trustee Mathy, second by Trustee Perzee to approve the purchase of playground mulch of 14 yards at a cost of \$280.00 out of the Civic Center fund. Vote: 6 yes

Communications:

- Monday, May 25th is the American Legion service
- T6 Broadband is now Rise Broadband
- Ameren Illinois 2015 Municipal Guide book

Public Comment: Trustee Kuntz commented on the presence of the police at the baseball games, watching and visiting with the kids. President Dubuque acknowledged James Smith and the American Legion for putting together the display on the overpass for the fallen soldier that was coming home.

A motion by Trustee Beherns, second by Trustee Perzee to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Chebanse at 8:03 p.m.

Minutes of the May 18, 2015 Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Chebanse respectfully submitted by Clerk Trudie Imhauser.

____Trudie Imhauser_____ Signed _6-1-15_____Date