

**VILLAGE OF CHEBANSE  
SPECIAL MEETING, 7 PM  
275 S. OAK ST.  
MAY 12, 2014**

President Dubuque called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and announced the Village would be taping.

**Roll Call:**     **Present:** Trustees Kuntz, LaReau, Mathy, Perzee, Snyder and Clerk Imhauser  
                  **Absent:** Trustee Beherns  
                  **Others:** Engineer Brian Hertz and Stephen Dunlap

President Dubuque asked to move ahead on the agenda to the Sidewalk Issue

**1) Sidewalk Issue:**

Dubuque advised that Stephen Dunlap contacted Building Inspector Dale Prairie because he was not pleased with the opening in front of the County Line Saloon being closed off. He has a new door to put in and it will be opening out to the west (to meet the Fire code) and enable handicap people to get out but it wouldn't allow for people to get out and has equipment coming that he won't be able to get in. Dubuque requested Engineer Brian Hertz to review the options.

Hertz provided a drawing showing an option for being able to open up the railing by adding a step to the area. Hertz indicated that he explained the situation with Kankakee County Highway Department and they had no issues. Board members reviewed and discussed options to correct the situation. The work was completed as per the original approval from IDOT to install the sidewalk for handicap accessibility. Hertz advised that before any changes could be made, this work would need to be completed in full and signed off on by IDOT with their approval of the final payment request. Stephen Dunlap also pointed out that we pinned a portion of the brick underneath the step and if he wanted to do something with the façade and it not be brick, there would be a gap and it wouldn't look good.

Suggestion to:

- 1) complete the current plans and request final pay request from IDOT, then
- 2) add a step, and remove portion of railing in front of County Line
- 3) add loop handle railing from the County Line and the Lucky Duck for the step up
- 4) mark off the road area for no parking in both of those areas wide enough for the walk through

Dubuque indicated he would volunteer to take care of doing the work pouring the steps. Work will be completed pending weather.

A motion by Trustee Mathy, second by Trustee LaReau to proceed with the proposed plan and the Village pay for the material necessary to do for President Dubuque to complete the process. Vote: 5 yes, 1 absent

**Municipal Aggregation:** President Dubuque explained that Integrys called with good news (Ameren cost will be 4.5 cents per kWh) and bad news (Integrys is at 5.4/5.5 cents per kWh). Dean Nicols/Integrys is recommending the Village returns to Ameren. Board members discussed issues:

- 1) will there be a rate increase by Ameren in October and how much
- 2) Com Ed rate is going up, when will Ameren rate go up
- 3) If we are going to discontinue it would have to be done soon to be done before the June reading
- 4) residents would still have the option to opt out

A motion by Trustee Perzee second by Trustee Mathy to sign with Integrys to sign a one year contract with Integrys with a cap of 5.5 cents per kwh or less. Vote: 5 yes, 1 absent

**Police Protection/Squad Car:** President Dubuque explained reason on the agenda is because of Kankakee County's information about upcoming cuts. Attorney Donahue has advised it will need to be put out for bid. Dubuque spoke to Al Swinford/K3 County who advised they currently there will be some cuts but they still feel there shouldn't be any problem with guys wanting the overtime and cover the villages they are contracted to cover because they have other communities they patrol and work with. Dubuque asked if we want to have Attorney Donahue prepare an ordinance to put the car out for bid or just hang on to it for now. Discussion on the county upcoming cuts issue. Trustee Perzee indicated he spoke to two county personnel regarding the cuts and if anything would actually happen. Board members discussed holding on to the car for now. Suggestion to table the selling of the car and address it at the next meeting.

Suggested to James Smith/Maintenance to come and get the car and clean it up as it's been sitting gathering dust. Also to keep in the Village and drive around.

**Public Comment:** None

A motion by Trustee Mathy second by Trustee Perzee to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Chebanse at 8:08 p.m.

Minutes of the May 12, 2014 Special meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Chebanse respectfully submitted by Clerk Trudie Imhauser.

\_\_\_\_Trudie Imhauser\_\_\_\_\_ Signed      5-19-14\_\_\_\_\_Date