

**VILLAGE OF CHEBANSE
REGULAR MEETING, 7 PM
275 S. OAK ST.
MARCH 17, 2014**

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

Roll Call: **Present:** Trustees Beherns, Kuntz, LaReau, Mathy, and Snyder. President Dubuque, and Clerk Imhauser
 Absent: Trustee Perzee
 Others: James Smith/Maintenance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Regular Minutes: Motion by Trustee Beherns second by Trustee Snyder to accept the regular meeting minutes for March 3, 2014. Vote: 5 yes, 1 absent

Treasurers Report: Motion by Trustee Mathy, second by Trustee Beherns to accept the Treasurers report for March 4 to March 17, 2014. Vote: 5 yes, 1 absent

Bill Statement: Motion by Trustee Snyder, second by Trustee Beherns to pay the bills dated March 17, 2014. Vote: 5 yes, 1 absent

Unfinished Business:

2014 Homecoming:

- Trustee Mathy advised he looked over the liquor bill from a previous homecoming
- Catholic Church asked for a 220 plug to cook Tombstone pizzas – verified it will be available

Sidewalk Handrails: Trustee Mathy will have James Smith/Maintenance look over the area when the weather clears.

Police Protection Options: President Dubuque and Trustee Mathy met with Sheriff Derek Hagen/Iroquois County and Al Swinford/Kankakee County regarding policing issues. Sheriff Hagen will contact Iroquois dispatching to ensure that calls are sent to Kan-Comm in Kankakee from now on. Iroquois County would still like to be included in the calls for the Iroquois County side. The two offices will work out the details about transporting individuals if needed. Notices will be placed around town noting: For Emergencies – Call 911, For Non-Emergency – Call (815) 933-3324.

Frozen Water Lines: Discussed the two remaining homes (Jensen's home & United Parsonage) with frozen water lines. James Smith/Maintenance will be working on Jensen's this week and there is no one living at the United Parsonage. Discussion on the line at Jensen's and how to repair it. Board members advised Clerk Imhauser to not charge those with frozen water lines for the month of March use which will be billed out on April 1st. Trustee Beherns suggested a note of thanks be sent to Tobey's for the offer to assist with the unthawing, and also thanked Trustee Kuntz for bringing the Tobey information to the Village.

Bus Routes: President Dubuque advised that he talked to Cindy Seibring regarding busses on Marion Court. Seibring will advise bus drivers to not take Marion Court in their routes. Seibring also advised that the school would not be doing anything with the school crossing signs on Oak Street. She had

spoken to IDOT who indicated the road had been turned over to the Village and they weren't going to do anything. President Dubuque suggested keeping an eye on the area. Seibring expressed appreciation for the Villages work to keep streets clear and safe for kids going to school. Clerk Imhauser indicated she received a request from a grandparent for a yield or stop sign at the school area for those leaving the drop off/pick up area. President Dubuque advised he would call the superintendent to discuss.

Committees:

Streets/Alleys: Trustee Snyder advised he would be waiting to review all the streets in the Village once the weather has cleared. Trustee Mathy asked him to look at School Street.

Finance: Trustee Beherns set a finance committee meeting for Monday, March 24th at 7 pm at the Village Hall.

Police: Rich Berns/Kankakee County Police asked about a radio for them to carry around for Iroquois County. Board members did not have a problem with them using the battery. This will be checked into as the radios are available in the squad car.

Water: James Smith/Maintenance advised that Mark Swinford has received a quote from Pittsburgh Tank for the cleaning of the west well storage tank for a total of \$2,000.00. Consideration will be given to cleaning the tank.

Village Officers:

Clerk: Clerk Imhauser provided board members with a report on the income and expenses for the water fund for the past two years. Also provided was a breakdown of the sewer costs using a breakdown of usage for the most current month (February) against the current rate paid to KRMA and to the new rate on May 1, 2014. Clerk Imhauser advised that she will also be comparing these figures to what we are pumping from the two well houses monthly. Also provided to Trustee Beherns were different scenarios on the amount being paid out of the Water Fund to the Sewer Fund for the water meter loan. Trustee Beherns indicated that these issues will be addressed in the Finance Committee meeting.

Clerk Imhauser also reminded board members to drop off their economic interest statements to her for mailing or to mail themselves to Iroquois County as there is a deadline.

Also Dr. Schleef will be at the maintenance building on Monday, March 31st for animal vaccinations from 3-4 pm

Clerk Imhauser asked board members to consider mailing out a newsletter with the amount of information we have to offer to residents.

Imhauser asked about questions Attorney Donahue had regarding the garbage contract. 1) bond insurance indicating 3 months (Trustee Mathy) indicated he is more concerned about the certificate of insurance. 2) listing the Village as additional insured on the certificate of insurance. Kankakee Sanitary has updated their certificate of insurance and have listed the Village as additional insured and a copy was provided to the Village.

Imhauser stated she received a complaint about someone shooting squirrels in the Village and he has found a hole in his windshield. No names were provided, therefore, it's difficult for anyone to do anything or talk to anyone.

Website update – Brad Morriscal is working on the site and will be coming to the Village to go over.

Integrays Energy Services – Dean Nicols from Integrays met with Clerk Imhauser regarding the new rates which will be \$5.5 cents per kWh for 24 mo’s and \$5.6 cents per kWh for 36 mo’s. Nicols would like to attend a meeting on April 21st to meet with the board. Another offer was to use Smart Energy which would entail a \$4.00 charge per month and then the rate would be \$5.112 cents per kWh for 24 mo’s and \$5.156 cents per kWh for 36 mos. There would be no termination fee involved. If they do return to Ameren they would have to stay with them for 12 mos. Clerk Imhauser advised that she would be contacting Debbie Lucas to discuss aggregation with her. Dean Nicols claims the rate right now for Ameren in \$4.86 per kWh, however, that will be changing in June. Our contract is up with Integrays on June 30, 2014.

Maintenance: None

New Business

Town Wide Garage Sales: A motion by Trustee Mathy, second by Trustee Kuntz to hold and publish the town wide garage sales on May 16th & 17th, 2014. Vote: 5 yes, 1 absent

Road Weight Limits: Trustee LaReau received a complaint regarding a truck going down Locust Street to Third South St. where he is parking overnight. The ordinance was reviewed for truck traffic for which South Locust St to Third South St is not included. Discussions on putting plug ins in the trailer parking lot. President Dubuque will contact Jarod Elliot to discuss. Discussion on the garbage trucks wear and tear on Village streets.

Communications: None

Public Comment: Trustee Mathy expressed thanks from Richard Kroll for unthawing his water lines. Trustee Beherns reminded board members of the American Legion Fish Fry on Friday, March 28th at the Community Building.

A motion by Trustee Mathy second by Trustee Beherns to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Chebanse at 8:21 p.m.

Minutes of the March 17, 2014 Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Chebanse respectfully submitted by Clerk Trudie Imhauser.

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