

**VILLAGE OF CHEBANSE  
REGULAR MEETING, 7 PM  
275 S. OAK ST.  
MARCH 21, 2016**

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

**Roll Call: Present:** Trustees Beherns, Kuntz, LaReau, Mathy, Perzee and Snyder. President Dubuque and Clerk Imhauser  
**Others:** Engineer Greg Gustafson

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Regular Minutes:** Motion by Trustee Perzee second by Trustee Snyder to accept the regular meeting minutes for March 7, 2016. Vote: 6 yes

**Executive Minutes 3-7-16:** Motion by Trustee Beherns, second by Trustee Perzee to accept the Executive meeting minutes for March 7, 2016. Vote: 6 yes

**Treasurers Report:** Motion by Trustee Snyder, second by Trustee Kuntz to accept the Treasurers Report for March 8 to March 21, 2016. Vote: 6 yes

**Bill Statement:** Motion by Trustee Perzee, second by Trustee Beherns to pay the bills dated March 21, 2016. Vote: 6 yes

**Unfinished Business:**

**Water Storage Tank:** President Dubuque reported that he contacted CORRPRO regarding their proposal for a change to take the cathodic protection system out. Proposal received is for \$10,150.00 but they don't include the price for a 120 V 10 amp rectifier, welding and mounting hardware or box. Dubuque indicated that CORRPRO advised that if they did not take out the old system, it would be considered putting a new system in. Dubuque did not receive a quote if CORRPRO was doing the whole new system. Board members reviewed all items on the bid proposal,  
Discussed options for:

- The cathodic protections including having the contractor do the cathodic protection unit which would be \$14,266. While the cost from CORRPRO is less, the unknowns are the price of the rectifier and the welding. and including AB #3 for Replacing the cathodic protection with a new submerged/floating system installation and repairs, and
- the spot repairs to the tank (estimated at \$1,250.00)

Low Bid amount is \$132,345.00 (For Spring 2017) the total would be \$147,861.00 plus the engineer's estimate of \$52,000 would bring the total to \$199,861.00.

Bid acceptance is required 45 days after the bid opening date of March 3<sup>rd</sup> or April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Board members reviewed the possibilities for funding this project:

- using monies from the General Fund (Clerk to verify this would not have to be repaid)
- borrowing from another fund (has to be repaid back within the same fiscal year)
- Missing an IEPA sewer/water loan payment (next due May 7<sup>th</sup>) for \$195,135.20 and pushing to the back end of the loan (2027). To contact Heidi Allen/IEPA to discuss
- borrowing funds from the local bank (Dubuque to discuss with bank asking for 5, 7 or 10 years)
- searching for grants

Subject is tabled until April 4, 2016.

**Four-Way Stop Sign:** Clerk Imhauser read a letter from the School District acknowledging they were placing the issue on their agenda for March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Sterling Codifiers:** No information

**Sewer Rates:** Clerk Imhauser provided an analysis report for board members to review. Imhauser also provided a report showing what the number of gallons was from May 2015 to date and then ran it against the new rate for 2017. Trustee Beherns explained that he is in the process of reviewing the figures and comparing to the new sewer rates that will become in effect. Also reviewed were the sewer ordinance and the entering of a property and penalties that could be issued for someone discharging into the sewer illegally. Subject is tabled until April 4, 2016.

**Resignation:** A motion by Trustee Mathy, second by Trustee Perzee to accept Todd Kuntz's resignation effective April 30, 2016. Vote: 6 yes

**Camp 911:** A motion by Trustee Mathy, second by Trustee Snyder to donate \$150.00 to Camp 911. Vote: 6 yes

**Committees:**

**MFT** – Clerk Imhauser reported that the 2016 street maintenance program paperwork has been submitted to IDOT by Brian Hertz.

**Village Officers:**

**Clerk:** Clerk Imhauser advised she needs just a couple economic interest statements yet. Also she received the signed agreement with Homefield Energy on the electric aggregation. The letters are being mailed the end of March to residents soon with the information about opting out of the program. Clerk reminder board members that this is for the new agreement starting in June 2016. Also they warned again companies soliciting, that it is not Homefield Energy doing so and residents should use caution. Homefield Energy will not go door to door and will not make phone calls. Anyone else wanting to solicit will need to get a permit from the Village.

**Maintenance:** Nothing to report

**New Business:**

**Russ Leigh & Assoc. proposal:** Clerk Imhauser advised that the auditor, Russ Leigh sent the approval letter for the FY '16 audit to be signed by the president and returned to them. The fee did go from \$5,200 to \$5,300. A motion by Trustee Beherns, second by Trustee Perzee to approval the proposal from Russell Leigh & Associates. Vote: 6 yes

**Sign/Banner Placements:** President Dubuque put on the agenda to discuss people that put posts in the ground to display banners and the area was not JULIE'd to have the posts put in place. Discussion on having a safe zone for the posts and have that area JULIE'd once/year for people to place banners. President Dubuque will have James Smith/Maintenance have a couple locations marked as a safe zone for placement of banners.

**Leaf Bags:** Cost of leaf bags has gone to \$2.70 per bag. Last purchase was \$2.60/bag and we bought 1,000. We currently have approximately 450 bags left. A motion by Trustee Beherns, second by Trustee Perzee to purchase 700 bags unless they come in a pallet of 500 at the \$2.70/bag and we charge \$1.50/bag. Vote: 6 yes

**Website:** Clerk Imhauser reported to the board about looking at a different website design company to see what it would cost to move from Web Foot Design. Cost from Freshly Roasted Web Design would be \$800.00 to redesign our website and \$30.00/month to host. Maintenance only would be \$125.00/hour and one time training cost is \$100.00. Imhauser reported she is waiting for information from another company and doesn't have anything as of yet. Web Foote Design would be \$125.00 per month. We would need a 30 day notice to Web Foot if closing out with them. Also Imhauser did a webinar with govpay.net to look into the use of credit cards for utility payments to the Village. There is no fee to the Village. They provided an agreement to review. We would have a link on our website that takes the user to their website. The fee is strictly on the user to pay and is tiered based on the amount of the charge. Imhauser spoke to the City of Fairbury who uses govpay.net and they indicated the fee charged is the biggest complaint. Other companies, through the bank and through e-pay through the State of Illinois have fees attached to the Village when someone uses it, which could be passed on to the user. Govpay.net turns the payment around within 24 to 48 hours and is strictly internet based and the user pays 1.15% and there is no charge to the Village. The Village would be able to do a payment on line for someone. Board members reviewed the information. Subject is tabled to the April 4, 2016 meeting.

President Dubuque advised that Freshly Roasted Web Design could take our current website and charge the \$30/month; however, they feel that redesigning it would make it more user friendly.

**Communications:** President Dubuque:

- Thanked Berns & Clancy and Tom & Jeannie Berns for their donation to the playground project
- Meeting at the Herscher Village Hall for the Kankakee County Historic Preservation on Tues, March 22nd

**Public Comment:** None

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 9:00 p.m.

Minutes of the March 21, 2016 Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Chebanse respectfully submitted by Clerk Trudie Imhauser.

\_\_\_\_\_Trudie Imhauser\_\_\_\_\_ Signed\_\_4-4-16\_\_\_\_\_Date