

**VILLAGE OF CHEBANSE
REGULAR MEETING, 7 PM
275 S. OAK ST.
OCTOBER 5, 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: James Smith/Maintenance and Attorney Michael Donahue

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Regular Minutes: Motion by Trustee Beherns second by Trustee Perzee to accept the regular meeting minutes for September 21, 2015. Vote: 6 yes

Treasurers Report: Motion by Trustee Perzee, second by Trustee Beherns to accept the Treasurers Report for September 22nd to October 5, 2015. Vote: 6 yes

Bill Statement: Motion by Trustee Beherns, second by Trustee Perzee to pay the bills dated October 5, 2015. Vote: 6 yes

Unfinished Business:

Water Storage Tank: James Smith/Maintenance reported on the work he has completed – grouting, painting. Information from CORRPRO was reviewed. Question on whether the cabinet was included in the quote of \$4,800. Smith indicated it is included.

Spies Donation/Civic Center: James Smith/Maintenance reported on an estimated cost for a roof over doors at the Civic Center. Approximately \$2,500 for the larger and \$1,500 for the smaller ones.

Playground Equipment: Board members reviewed plans/quotes that James Smith received for a playground area at the Civic Center and also near the West Storage Tank which is considered a community build. Additional costs would be for mulch (\$20/yard) Discussed possibly using rubber instead of mulch, if the old equipment at the Civic Center would be taken down and saving shipping charges by having it picked up by Webbers. Tabled to the next agenda.

Golf Carts: Board members discussed the possibility of an ordinance for golf carts. Suggested and agreed that President Dubuque will contact Kankakee County Sheriff’s Department and advise that they should enforce State laws.

Christmas Decorations: James Smith reported it’s in process.

Codification of Ordinances: Clerk Imhauser had no further information

Village Signs: James Smith reported it’s in process.

Locator: A motion by Trustee Kuntz second by Trustee Perzee to approve the \$450.00 over the original \$3,000.00 quote. Vote: 6 yes

Committees:

Streets, Alleys: Trustee Snyder reported that Brian Hertz/MG2A advised that he and possibly another person will be coming to the next meeting to discuss the corporate limits and the problem they are having determining where the corporate limit is on the east side of town. It may be necessary to do title searches on each of the properties.

Village Officers:

Clerk: None

Maintenance: None

New Business:

Mug-A-Bug Testing Seminar: A motion by Trustee Perzee, second by Trustee Mathy to send James Smith to the Mug A Bug seminar with a cap of \$650.00. Vote: 6 yes

Illegal Water Hook Up: Discussed situation at 503 S. Walnut St that had a garden hose running to the house next door to get water and whether to issue a fine and who to issue it to. The property owner made the request for the water to be shut off because of nonpayment to him for rent on June 11th. Also they had never come to the village office to have it put in their name. The property owner next door (who is believed to be a relative) ran a garden hose to this location to provide water. A certified letter was sent to the owner of the home who was providing the water and the letter has not been picked up at the post office. The people living in 503 S. Walnut moved out a couple days ago. Also the property owner of 503 S. Walnut St. has not paid the bill and has requested for the water to be turned back on now so that he can rent the place out, however, he can only pay a portion of the amount due which is \$548.00. Clerk Imhauser has advised him that the water could not be turned back on until the bill was paid in full. President Dubuque will contact the homeowners that provided water to discuss the situation and to let them know that it was illegal. The issue of water shut off with children in the house will be checked on by Attorney Donahue.

Halloween Parties: A motion by Trustee Perzee, second by Trustee Snyder to donate \$250.00 out of the General Fund and \$250.00 out of the Civic Center Fund for the Halloween dance. Vote: 6 yes

Haunted House: Trustee Beherns brought up the idea of starting up a haunted house again at the Civic Center. For insurance, the event needs to be under the management of the Village. They have started a committee to work with the Civic Center board to create the event and would like to propose a plan to the Village. Estimated startup cost is \$30,000 to \$35,000. Beherns advised he is hoping that the Village would fund this project. Also noted was the future of the building and becoming self-sufficient. The Fire Department is interested in utilizing the building for training purposes. Beherns would like to have our insurance contact Blaine Kurth visit the area and provide his recommendations. Discussion on having the area ADA compliant. Trustee Beherns will bring more solid information back to the board before any decisions are made.

Clifton Food Pantry: A motion by Trustee Mathy, second by Trustee Snyder to donate \$500.00 to the Clifton Food Pantry. Vote: 6 yes

Railroad Property: Discussion on the removal of the gray/blue building at the corner of Chestnut and Chebanse Avenue which is on railroad property. The Village has a lease for beautification for this property with the railroad. The railroad has advised that the Village would be responsible for the demolition, removal and beautification of the area. A motion by Trustee Mathy, second by Trustee Snyder that pending approval from the railroad to approve the demolition of the building at Chestnut St and Chebanse Avenue and restoring the area Vote: 6 yes
Subject will be placed on the next agenda to address the use of dumpsters and the cost.

Communications: President Dubuque read:

- Comcast Letter
- Clifton Food Pantry Letter advising if we know of someone that needs help to send them to the Food Pantry.

Trustee Perzee advised that Walter Dampf contacted him asking for information on the origin of the Fire Station and Body Shop building (which is currently used by Riverside) and when the community center addition was built. President Dubuque stated that he told Steve Emme that his property was 10 feet shorter than he thought it was.

Public Comment: Doug O'Connor thanked board members for the payment on his water bill for work he had completed with the water tower.

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 8:37 p.m.

Minutes of the October 5, 2015 Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Chebanse respectfully submitted by Clerk Trudie Imhauser.

_____Trudie Imhauser_____ Signed __10-19-15_____Date