

**VILLAGE OF CHEBANSE
REGULAR MEETING, 7 PM
275 S. OAK ST.
JANUARY 20, 2014**

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

Roll Call: **Present:** Trustees Beherns, Kuntz, LaReau, Mathy, Perzee and Snyder. President Dubuque and Clerk Imhauser
 Others: James Smith/Maintenance, John & Jeff Caspary/RJ III Corp and Rod Wolfe

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Regular Minutes: Motion by Trustee Perzee second by Trustee LaReau to accept the regular meeting minutes for January 6, 2014. Vote: 6 yes

Treasurers Report: Motion by Trustee Snyder, second by Trustee Kuntz to accept the Treasurers Report for January 7 to January 20, 2014. Vote: 6 yes

Bill Statement: Motion by Trustee Mathy, second by Trustee Perzee to pay the bills dated January 20, 2014. Vote: 6 yes

Unfinished Business:

Retention Pond: John & Jeff Caspary/RJ III Corp were present and John provided an update on the work to be done on the retention pond. They have contracted with C & K Drainage and are waiting for them to get here to do the work. The material needed has been purchased and is currently being stored. John indicated that in doing research on the permit he found there was a termination request which the EPA did. John has a copy of the permit which has been reinstated and is good until 2018. They are ready to go; they're just waiting on the contractor who has other jobs ahead of theirs. President Dubuque asked to set up a meeting with them to discuss police protection.

President Dubuque asked to move ahead on the agenda to new business regarding signage.

Signage/Rod Wolfe: Rod Wolfe addressed a signage issue with the board. Wolfe provided pictures and a drawing to board members for a Whispering Winds sign across from the business. First, Rod requested a "No Outlet" sign moved up closer to Mikes Service Station or the village parking area so people don't go down the street if they don't need to. Wolfe indicated there is a large amount of vehicles that come down the street that end up turning around. A motion by Trustee Mathy, second by Trustee Perzee to have James Smith pursue the second no outlet sign and place where deemed most appropriate. Vote: 6 yes

Second - Rod requested a 3 way "Stop Sign" at the corner of Oak Street and George St. Rod Wolfe expressed concern with the amount of traffic, speed people are doing when using the street and also with anyone pulling out of George St aren't able to clearly see anyone coming. A motion by Trustee Mathy, second by Trustee Beherns to pursue changing the intersection at Oak & George Sts. with a three-way stop. Vote: 6 yes

Third – Rod provided a drawing of a sign for his business Whispering Winds to be located across the street from the business on railroad property, (leased property). Board members reviewed and discussed the location and type of sign. A motion by Trustee Beherns, second by Trustee Perzee to

approve Rod Wolfe to put up a Whispering Winds sign on railroad property across from the business.
Vote: 6 yes

2014 Homecoming: Trustee Perzee reported that he talked to Lions about the softball tournament. He doesn't have the official okay but believes it will be okay. Trustee Mathy reported that he booked the magician for Saturday.

Sidewalk Handrails: Subject is tabled to the next meeting.

Police Protection Options: President Dubuque advised that he received the contract from Kankakee County and signed it. Trustee Mathy advised that he talked to Nita Dubble (911) and the Iroquois County Sheriff who indicated he has concerns/questions regarding the UCR reporting and they will be assisting Kankakee County by sending a car. Dubuque indicated he would contact Al Swinford to discuss the two counties communicating. Dubuque indicated he talked to Tim Kent and he has four cases pending and he will return to take care of all of these cases. Dubuque advised Kent that he did not have to return anything to the Village until the cases were completed and that the village was trying Kankakee County for a month or two. Kent also indicated to Dubuque that he would like to purchase his vest and the box he built for the squad car. Kent also advised that the Chebanse township fire department may be interested in buying the radio set up. Board members reviewed comments that have been made. Perzee said he's heard many positive comments and only one negative comment. Dubuque advised that he went to one of the bar owners in an effort to utilize the patrol, he discussed coming up with a plan/system for assisting the person closing the bar/s. The squad car is still sitting in the shed. Trustee Beherns asked if anything could be done with the car until a decision is made. Trustee Perzee stated that it could be stored at his business. The Police Protection subject will remain on the agenda.

Committees: None

Village Officers:

Clerk: None

Maintenance: Board members complimented the maintenance department on the snow plowing.

Police: None

New Business:

Vacuum: A motion by Trustee Perzee, second by Trustee Mathy to approve the purchase of a vacuum for the Civic Center with a cap of \$60.00. Vote: 6 yes

Christmas Decorations: A motion by Trustee Mathy, second by Trustee Perzee to approve \$300.00 for the purchase of Christmas decorations from the half price sale. Vote: 6 yes

Also Santa Claus is scheduled to be at the Civic Center on Saturday, December 13th 2014 from 1 to 3 pm.

Sewer Cost/City of Kankakee: Clerk Imhauser explained the new cost per thousand that City of Kankakee was requesting for 2014 at \$5.25 per 1,000 for 2014 and \$5.75 per 1,000 for 2015. We are currently paying \$4.40 per 1,000. Clerk Imhauser would like to recommend \$5.07 per 1,000 for 2014 and \$5.75 per 1,000 for 2015 and would be sending a request to them.

Comcast Review: President Dubuque advised that he received a concern about the phones using Comcast not having power during outages and is to have battery backup. Dubuque called Yohan/Comcast. Yohan sent out a crew to check the three nodes (battery backup systems) that cover Chebanse, and according to his service people, the battery backup systems are working and they are good for four hours. Yohan asked that the next time something happens and if a user has an issue, to have them call and turn it in so they know to check it out. Board members pointed out several locations that did not have phone service.

Sammons Point Board Meetings: President Dubuque advised he has received a request from a trustee from Sammons Point to use the Village Hall in Chebanse for their board meetings (second Wednesday of each month at 6 pm) as they currently do not have a location. They are willing to pay the Village of Chebanse. A motion by Trustee Beherns, second by Trustee Perzee to approve Sammons Point to hold their board meetings at the Chebanse Village Hall on the second Wednesday at 6 pm and donations to the Village homecoming are welcome. Vote: 6 yes

170 N. Locust St Water/Sewer Issue: Clerk Imhauser explained that a summons (because we have a lien on the property) has been received for this location that is in foreclosure. Imhauser scanned and sent to Attorney Donahue to review as it requests an appearance at Kankakee County. Attorney Donahue suggested that we do nothing as it would only cost the Village for his time and efforts in dealing with the summons and he didn't feel that we would receive any monies back on this. Clerk Imhauser questioned if the lien stays with the property and would the Village still be able to collect their money from the new owner. Attorney Donahue is reviewing to see if that is possible. President Dubuque called the recorder's office and they advised to contact our attorney.

Website: Clerk Imhauser explained that our current website will be dissolving the end of February. Imhauser contacted the person involved who stated that they are going to another type of system and the cost to switch with them would be \$250.00/year and to maintain the domain is approximately \$15.00/year. Imhauser would like to contact some website designers to see what our options are. One located so far is in Cissna Park. Trustee Beherns offered another person (Brad Morrival) and provided a contact phone number.

Communications: None

President Dubuque commended James Smith and Don Brave for a super job of snow removal and thanked Adam Beherns for his assistance.

Public Comment: Phil Snyder asked about putting notices out regarding people that put television sets out and the garbage company won't pick them up. Clerk Imhauser asked for them to provide an address and she would contact them personally by phone.

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 8:26 p.m.

Minutes of the January 20, 2014 Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Chebanse respectfully submitted by Clerk Trudie Imhauser.

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