The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Village President Styza, William Biersach, Jo Ann Villavicencio, James Wrocklage, Scott Harkness. Also present were Chief/Administrator Douglas, Clerk/Treasurer Igl and Village Attorney Krutz.

A petition of James and Joyce Huber that the Village annex 22.56 acres of land immediately adjacent to the Village was discussed. Village Attorney Krutz outlined the procedure for the direct annexation request and stated that the WI Department of Administration found the annexation to be in the public interest. No response was received from the Town of Merton. The Plan Commission reviewed and approved the request based on several factors. Village Attorney Krutz reviewed the considerations for the Village Board. MOTION made by Harkness, seconded by Villavicencio to approve the petition of James and Joyce Huber to annex 22.56 acres of land into the Village. Motion carried unanimously.

Judge Stern of the Western Waukesha County Municipal Court presented reports and reviewed the history of the court. He stated that the balance of capital will be returned to the founding communities in 2004.

During the public comment period, Rod Stotts of Nashotah introduced himself as the newly appointed Chairman of the Lake Country Fire Board.

MOTION made by Harkness, seconded by Wrocklage to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2004 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

MOTION made by Villavicencio, seconded by Wrocklage to approve the payment of invoices as presented. Motion carried.

The Village investments and deposits for January 31, 2004 were reviewed.

Clerk/Treasurer Igl reported that the Unfunded Accrued Liability with the Wisconsin Retirement Fund had been paid out of reserves on January 22 as directed in the amount of $114,547. Clerk/Treasurer Igl also gave a brief summary of the estimated 2003 year end financial position.

The only committee that had met was the Plan Commission and amendments to Section 5.10 of the Village Code were discussed.

Chief/Administrator Douglas stated that 27 deer had been removed to date this season.

Chief/Administrator Douglas stated that he continues to work on the issue of high speed internet for the Village. He stated that SBC is reluctant to move forward and had asked
whether the Village would consider above ground facilities at the three easement locations that had been approved as underground vaults. Discussions also continue with wireless providers. It was stated that the Chenequa Foundation is willing to donate $3,500 for a study to be conducted. MOTION made by Styza, seconded by Harkness to set the March Village Board meeting as a deadline and if there is no proposal at that time from either SBC or a wireless provider, that the Board will move forward with conducting a study. Motion carried.

Village President Styza appointed resident Tom Oswald to the Lake Country Fire Board. MOTION to confirm the appointment as made by Villavicencio, seconded by Harkness. Motion carried.

Revision to Section 5.10 of the Village Code as recommended by the Plan Commission were reviewed and discussed. MOTION made by Harkness, seconded by Villavicencio to adopt the amendments to Section 5.10. Motion carried.

MOTION made by Harkness, seconded by Wrocklage to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Igl
Clerk/Treasurer