The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Village President Styza, Barbara Zaiser, Scott Harkness, James Wrocklage. Staff members present were Chief/Administrator Douglas, Village Attorney Krutz, and Clerk/Treasurer Igl. Others present were Don Vilione and Lynn Schmidt of Virchow Krause & Co., Carl Eschweiler, Kelly Smith, Tierney Lalor of Data-Tel.

Don Vilione presented an executive summary of the 2003 audit of the Village’s financial statements. He reviewed highlights for the Village Board and answered questions. Trustee Harkness stated that he felt Virchow Krause had been doing a great job and is in favor of the continuity of the audit process.

A land division of the Eschweiler property at 6569 N Hwy 83 was considered. Trustee Harkness stated that the Plan Commission had approved the application unanimously on February 16. MOTION made by Harkness, seconded by Wrocklage to approve of the proposed land division. Trustee Zaiser stated concerns of whether lot #3 would be developed and how access to that lot would be provided. Mr. Eschweiler stated that after a one year waiting period, lot #3 will be placed into conservancy and that application has been made for lot #1 to be in the Managed Forest program. Motion carried.

MOTION made by Harkness, seconded by Wrocklage to approve of the minutes of the February 9, 2004 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

The Village investments and deposits for February 29, 2004 were reviewed.

There had been no committee meetings. Trustee Harkness requested that all Plan Commission agendas be prepared a minimum of two weeks prior to a scheduled meeting.

Chief/Administrator Douglas reported that 41 deer had been removed this season. A Village newsletter is being prepared and will be sent out soon. The squad that had been damaged recently had been repaired and is back in service. A Hwy 83 meeting is scheduled for March 11 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Town of Merton.

It was discussed that an Ad Hoc Committee could be created to deal with the issue of high speed internet service to the Village. A listing of interested residents (attached as Exhibit 1) was presented. Trustee Wrocklage volunteered to join the Committee and was added to the list. It was requested that this topic be discussed in the upcoming Village newsletter and that it invite others interested to join the Committee. MOTION made by
Harkness, seconded by Zaiser to create the Ad Hoc Committee and appoint those residents on the proposed listing and name Rob Foote, Jr. as Chairman. Motion carried.

MOTION made by Harkness, seconded by Zaiser to authorize Village President Styza to sign an agreement with a consultant subject to Village Attorney review and approval. Motion carried.

A representative of Data-Tel presented plans for a revision to an easement on Hwy K that was granted to Ameritech in 2000. The original easement would allow an underground vault to be constructed. The revised proposal is for an above ground cabinet and power pedestal. Trustee Harkness stated that at the time the original easements were granted, SBC had stated that these easements would allow DSL service for the Village to take place in a timely manner. Trustee Harkness further stated that at this point the service is still not available and that he felt that this issue should be referred to the new Ad Hoc Committee for review. MOTION made by Harkness, seconded by Zaiser to refer the revision to easement request to the Ad Hoc Committee. Motion carried.

A Resolution in support of the efforts of the North Lake Management District and current dam owner to acquire a low hazard rating for the Monches Millpond Dam from the WI DNR was presented and reviewed. Mr. Wrocklage explained the current plans and issues related to this project. He stated that the North Lake Management District is willing to take over the dam, however, for the plan to be feasible, the dam needs to rated as low hazard. Attorney Krutz stated that the resolution offers support only to the North Lake Management District and verified that passing the resolution carries no liability for the Village and that Mr. Wrocklage has no conflict of interest in acting on the resolution as a Village Board Trustee. MOTION made by Harkness, seconded by Zaiser to approve the resolution as presented (attached as Exhibit 2). Motion carried.

MOTION to adjourn by Harkness, seconded by Wrocklage at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Igl
Clerk/Treasurer