Village of Chenequa

CHENEQUA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010
Unofficial until approved by the Village Board
Approved as written or with corrections on 6-21-2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chenequa was held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2010, at the Village Hall, 31275 W. Hwy K, Chenequa. Legal requirements for notification of the news media were met.

Following is the attendance list:

Mr. Foote/President – present
Ms. Villavicencio/Trustee – present
Ms. Manegold/Trustee – present
Mr. Gehl/Trustee – present
Ms. Wilkey/Trustee – present
Mr. Haase/Trustee – present
Mr. MacDonough/Trustee – present
Attorney Susan Sager/Village Attorney – present
Mr. Douglas/Administrator -Police Chief – present
Ms. Zimdars/Clerk-Treasurer – present

Attendance
Marc Tarkowski; Brian Dorow Jonny Dorow; Gordon Gunnlaugsson; James Ratzel; Chris Kapenga; Greg Budzien; Kathy Budzien; Bernice Treis; F. Edward Treis; Rhonda Reeser; Edward Treis

Public comment period
Mr. Brian Dorow introduced himself to the Village Board and those in attendance, and said he was running as a candidate for the 33rd assembly seat. Next Mr. Chris Kapenga introduced himself and stated he is also running as a candidate for the 33rd assembly seat.

Next, Mr. Dan Vrakas, Waukesha County Executive, made a presentation to past President Bryce Styza giving him a plaque in appreciation for the years of work done in conjunction with the County. Then President Foote presented Mr. Styza with a plaque inscribed with a resolution of appreciation for the many years and many ways Mr. Styza served the Village of Chenequa. A tree was also planted in his honor by the Village, and President Foote took Mr. Styza to the window to point it out to him.

Consider repairs to Muscovy Road
Since there was a large contention of residents present at the meeting to weigh in on the repairs to Muscovy Road, President Foote suggested this item be taken out of order as a courtesy to the residents of Muscovy Road that were present. Administrator/Police Chief Douglas said Mr. Budzien had contacted Forester Kante regarding the deteriorating condition of Muscovy Road. He said while the old road policy was vague, the issue of road policy was addressed last year with the issue of Morris Drive. He said he wanted to see the consensus of those living on Muscovy Road. Mr. Jim Ratzel said he recognized the road needed some work, but was getting the impression the Village didn’t want to do anything. He said the road was fine for his purposes, and would opt to do nothing. Mr. Ratzel suggested simply filling in pot holes as has been done in the past. Next Mr. Budzien spoke explaining that his is the first house on Muscovy Road, and didn’t feel there had to be a full blown replacement of the road, but went on to say he is concerned that 3 or 4 years down the road this may become a bigger project. He said the road is center crowned, and he is at the lowest part of the road so gets most of the damage. He said he felt the road should be crowned toward the north. Mrs. Rhonda Reeser pointed out that since Mr. Budzien’s home is at the entrance to Muscovy road, it gets the most use; with many vehicles using that area to turn around. Mr. Ratzel questioned the cost and President Foote said three different processes were quoted ranging in price from $55,000 to $75,000. President Foote went on to say the road policy as has been established by the Village of Chenequa dictates the Village will pay 25% of the repairs and the property owners would be responsible for the other 75% which is payable over a three year period. Mr. Ratzel said he felt the Village should just let the road sit until it becomes a danger or a hazard. Trustee Haase said he wasn’t seeing a consensus among property owners. Mr. Gunnlaugsson said he would be interested in looking at the engineer’s evaluation. He said the west end of the road is washing out, and there is a serious issue of the road breaking up as you are travelling toward the lake. Trustee Haase said if the
road’s safety is being questioned, a study could be conducted. Mr. F.E. Treis said he simply wanted the holes patched. Trustee Wilkey pointed out that Mr. Gunnlaugsson indicated there was a more serious issue with the road. Administrator/Police Chief Douglas said historically the road has always been patched – which is good for the summer, but in winter the patches wash away or are dug up by the snow plows, leaving the processes to be started all over again the next year. Trustee Haase said the road should be evaluated all the way from patching to a complete overhaul. Trustee Manegold questioned how this issue was brought to light. Mr. Budzien said he brought his concerns with the road to Forester Kante. Motion (Haase, Wilkey) based on the interest of people living on Muscovy Road to do some repair work on the road, have it evaluated from the standpoint of just doing patchwork, then look at the proposal we have already which is more extensive and make a recommendation, Carried Unanimously.

Review and consider appropriate recognition for past Trustee Seidel.
Motion (Gehl, Villavicencio) to approve resolution of appreciation for Trustee Seidel as presented, Carried Unanimously.

Approve minutes of the April 12, 2010 Village Board meeting.
Motion (Villavicencio, Wilkey) to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2010 Board meeting, Carried Unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer
Present invoices for approval.
Trustee Wilkey questioned the cost paid for deer removal.
Motion (Gehl, MacDonough) to approve the invoices as presented, Carried Unanimously.

No action was required.

Review and consider Certified Survey Map submitted by James and Karen Tremaine being a part of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 15, T.8N., R.18E., Town of Merton, Waukesha County, per Village Code 6.18 extraterritorial jurisdiction.
President Foote introduced this CSM. Trustee Wilkey questioned where it was located.
Motion (Gehl, Haase) to approve the Certified Survey Map submitted by James and Karen Tremaine, Carried Unanimously.

Review and consider revision to the Personnel Committee description.
Administrator/Police Chief Douglas said this was to increase the number of members on the Personnel Committee from three to four.
Motion (Haase, Villavicencio) to approve the change in the number of members serving on the Village of Chenequa Personnel committee from three to four, Carried Unanimously.

Trustee Wilkey noted that the LCFD Fire Consolidation Committee should be disbanded.
Motion (Haase, Villavicencio) all of the following nominations be approved:
Public Safety: Gordon Gunnlaugsson, Chairperson, Richard Berk, Carol Manegold, Morton R. Spence, Jr., Lisa Yewer, Russ Witt, J. MacDonough
Board of Appeals: James Huber, Chairperson, Carol O. Manegold, Albert (Chris) Eiser, Curt Culver, Thomas Dalum, Morton Spence Jr., 1st alternate.
Operations Committee: Jo Ann Villavicencio, Chairperson, Robert Bellin, Chris Eiser, James P. Huber, Jack MacDonough, Frederick R. Luedke, Brian L. Nahey, Linda Surles
Board of Review: Robert Foote, Jr., Jo Ann F. Villavicencio, Andrew Gehl, Village Clerk, alternate: Susan Wilkey
Board of Election Inspectors, terms expiring 12/10: Leslie Barkow, Becky Brumder, Sue Culver, Alan Enters, Mary Alice Eschweiler, Grace Gunnlaugsson, Peggy Helz, Jean Lindemann, Barbara Mayo, Fred Mayo, Julie Meier, Sharon Pretasky, Rhonda Reeser, Sandy Rose, Linda Surles, Marilyn Tyre, Nevin Van Antwerp, Susan Wilkey, Bette Williams, James Willimas, Susan Zlotocha
Open Space Committee: Scott Harkness, William Biernacki
Hwy 83 Task Force: Jo Ann Villavicencio, Chairperson, Robert Foote Jr., Robert Bellin, Robert Manegold, Susan Wilkey, Anne Seidel, 1st alternate James Ratzel
Personnel Committee: Frederick Luedke, Chairperson, Tim Fredman, Lisa Yewer, Jack MacDonough
Lake Country Fire & Rescue Board: Gordon Gunnlaugsson(Chenequa), Theresa Urbanchek (Nashotah), Susan Wilkey(Chenequa), Rod Stotts (Nashotah), Jeff Kriehahn (Delafeld), Gerald MacDougall (Delafeld)
Review and consider Arbor Day proclamation.
President Foote noted this was the 25th time Chenequa has proclaimed Arbor Day.
Motion (Haase, Gehl) to approve the Arbor Day proclamation, Carried Unanimously.

Review and consider Bird City application.
Trustee Villavicencio introduced the proposal for the Village of Chenequa to submit its application to become Bird City. She said this organization encourages sound bird practices. She said Chenequa has land that protects and enhances the lives of birds. The application requires that 7 of 22 objectives be met and the Village already meets 10 of those objectives. If the resolution is adopted by the Board, the Village would meet 11 of the objectives. She then reviewed all the ways the Village meets the requirements, and noted there was an application fee of $50 which she already donated. Trustee Manegold asked how many cities in Wisconsin have this designation and Trustee Villavicencio said only a few had it, and that one of the requirements is the municipality must first be a “tree city”. Motion (Villavicencio, Foote) to adopt the resolution to declare Migratory Bird Day and submit the application to become Bird City, Carried Unanimously.

Consider rescheduling the June meeting of the Chenequa Village Board to June 7th or June 21st.
President Foote took a survey of Board members and then stated the June Chenequa Village Board meeting would be held on Monday, June 21st.

Committee Reports
Public Safety – no report.
Operations – Trustee Villavicencio said the Committee will be meeting on May 25.
Plan Commission – no meeting.
Open Space – no report.
Board of Appeals – no report.
Personnel Committee – no report.
Hwy 83 Task Force – met on May 4th with Allison Bussler and 2 other members to talk about issue of concern with Chenequa. Explored several options for Hwy 83 including having it declared a rustic road; obtaining a memorandum of understanding, the impact of Campus Drive connecting to Hwy K, other connector issues. President Foote said they made it clear to the County Executive they were NOT in favor of removing trees.
Emergency Government Committee – no report.
Lake Management Ad Hoc Committee – no report.
Police Commission – no report.
Lake Country Fire and Rescue Board – Trustee Wilkey said LCFR finally broke the impasse with Social Security so the employees of Lake Country Fire & Rescue are now eligible to participate in the Wisconsin Retirement Plan. She also said President Foote could not serve as an alternate on the Board as their resolution states no alternates can be assigned to the Board.

Trustee Haase said he noticed in the minutes from the Town of Merton that they had declared slow/no wake on Beaver Lake on April 9th. He questioned why that was done. Trustee Gehl explained that the slow/no wake benchmarks had been established 2 years ago for high water. He said Beaver Lake hits that mark almost every spring. Forester Kante monitors the readings then gives notices to the Town of Merton. Trustee Gehl said he then notifies the Yacht Club. Trustee Haase then gave Board members an update on the status of the North Lake launch site.

Report of Village Administrator.
Explanation of the setting up of new Village email accounts for board and Committee members as well as the new policy for the delivery of Board and Committee packets electronically.
Administrator/Police Chief Douglas said he attended a meeting of the League of Municipalities last month and the Village has been insured with the League for 6 years. He said there was a discussion held on open record requests and how this would pertain to email accounts. He said if there would be a request for all correspondence for a certain issue and that issue had been conveyed to Board or committee members via email, the requestor could have
access to the Trustee and Committee members’ personal computers for review. In order to keep that from happening, it was recommended that new email accounts be set up with the Village and all future correspondence would then be archived at the Village Hall - avoiding a situation where a personal computer is compromised. Trustee Manegold asked if the emails sent to the new email account at the Village could be forwarded to home email addresses. Attorney Sager said that would defeat the purpose, and she strongly encouraged Trustees NOT to forward anything to their home computers. Trustee Wilkey asked how this new system would work and Administrator/Police Chief Douglas gave an explanation. Next Clerk Zimdars gave an overview of a new policy to have all Board and Committee packets delivered electronically to the new email addresses.

**Report of Village President.**

No report.

**Report of Village Attorney**

No report.

**Agenda items to be considered for future meetings of the Village Board.**

None.

**Adjournment.**

Motion (Haase, Villavicencio) to adjourn the May 10th meeting of the Village Board at 8:45 p.m., *Carried Unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted by:  

Bonita Zimdars  
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved and Odered Posted by:  

Robert Foote Jr.  
Chenequa Village President