



Village of Chenequa

NEWS

November 2014

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Spring Election

Three Trustee seats and the Village President position have terms that expire in April 2015. Of the four incumbents, the Village President Robert Foote, Jr. is the only one who has publicly stated he will not be running for re-election. The other three incumbents whose terms expire in spring are Jo Ann Villavicencio, Bronson Haase, and Dwyn von Bereghy who have taken papers to run again for another two-year term.

Village Board Approves Tax Levy

The Village Board has given final approval for the 2015 Village Budget. The Village Board set the tax levy at \$1,809,921, which is a **1% decrease** from last year. The total assessed value of the Village of Chenequa for 2014 has been set by the Assessor at \$439,681,900. The resulting tax rate is \$4.11 per thousand of assessed value.

| Historical Adopted Village Tax Rates & Percentages based on Assessed Values | | | | | | | | |
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| YEAR | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
| Tax Rate | 5.56 | 5.67 | 3.24 | 3.40 | 3.44 | 3.48 | 4.29 | 4.11 |
| Levy Inc/Dec | 2% | 2% | 3% | 0% | .05% | 1.36% | 6.88% | -1% |

Tax Collection

Tax bills will be mailed mid-December. Tax payments may be made at the Village Hall during normal business hours, Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 4:30 pm and on Friday from 8 am to 3 pm. Tax payments can be mailed to the Village Hall or placed in the drop box at the main entrance. After processing payments, receipts will be mailed to you. Payments postmarked on or before December 31, 2014, will be receipted as a 2014 payment. Any payments found in the drop box at 8 am on Monday, January 5th, 2015 will also be receipted as a 2014 payment.

Dog Licenses



Soon it will be time to renew dog licenses for 2015. **Please remember that you must submit a copy of your dog's current rabies certificate along with your application.** We cannot issue a dog license until we have a copy of the rabies certificate in our office. A copy of the Application for Dog License is enclosed or one can be obtained at our website: <http://chenequa.org/eservices/dog-licenses/> **It is Village Ordinance and State Law that all dogs be licensed,** and it also makes it easier to return lost dogs that are on record in Chenequa.

Fall Referendum and Village Election Results-

The General Election for the State of Wisconsin was held on Tuesday, November 4th. The Village of Chenequa had a voter turnout rate of 81%. A total of 331 electors voted, with 86 of those being absentee ballots. We would like to extend a *sincere thank you* to all who helped by working at the polls. Complete election results can always be found on our website under *News and Alerts*.

The municipal referendum to exceed the levy limit by \$85,284 did not pass. Referendum results were: 154 Yes / 173 No. *What does this mean?* The trustees decided to defer the costs for a new squad and two roof projects until 2016. Some line items in the budget were reduced. A new, lower cost healthcare provider has entered into Waukesha County for a cost savings in medical benefits in 2015. As for snowplow coverage, we are hoping that this winter will not be as harsh as it has been in the last two years.

New Building Inspector

John Tising, our Building Inspector for over 12 years, has retired due to health reasons but is doing much better now for those of you who knew John and have concern. The Village contracts for these services through Independent Inspections. Our new Inspector is Tony Fockler. Tony will have the same office hours as in the past: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Holiday Waste Collection

Please make a note of the following garbage collection dates for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holidays. Pick up for those weeks will be as follows:

Saturday, November 29th ♦ Saturday, December 27th ♦ Saturday, January 3rd

Village Hall Holiday Hours

The Village Hall will be closed Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will also be closed Wednesday, December 24th; Thursday, December 25th; Friday, December 26th; Wednesday, December 31st; Thursday, January 1st; and Friday January 2nd. If you need to contact someone regarding a non-emergency issue, please call 367-2600 and our dispatch center will have an officer make contact with you.

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Snow Plowing/Sanding Agreement and Release of Liability 2015

By signing this agreement, I request that the Village of Chenequa (together with its employees, agents or contractors referred to as the "Village") perform snow plowing and sanding services (the "Services") on my property, at the address set forth below. I agree, personally on my own behalf, and on behalf of any other person whose property is damaged while on my property, to release and waive any claims or causes of action for property damage caused by the Village while providing the Services. I further agree to hold harmless and indemnify and hold the Village harmless against any and all claims resulting from such Services including, without limitation, claims of property damage to my property or the property of any other person which is damaged while such property is located on my property.

The Village's Winter Roadway Maintenance Policy is on the reverse side. The Village offers the Services to all property owners but no property owner is required to use the Village's Services. Property owners who have specific needs or requirements with respect to snow removal or sanding (e.g., timing of snow removal) may desire to have such services provided by persons or entities other than the Village.

This Agreement along with the **\$100** fee must be received by the Village Hall by December 30, 2014. **Failure to do so will result in the removal of your address from the Village list for snow plowing and sanding services.** This Agreement covers the Services provided from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Driveways must be marked or they will not be plowed. _____ (initial)

I have read the above and the attached.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

VILLAGE USE:

DATE REC'D _____

FEE PAID _____

CASH/CHECK NO _____

REC'D BY _____

This release, hold harmless and indemnification, applies to the Village, as well as any of its employees, agents or contractors, providing such Services.

Return this form to:

VILLAGE OF CHENEQUA, 31275 W HWY K, HARTLAND, WI 53029

OUTLINE OF VILLAGE SNOW PLOWING POLICY

Plowing of public and private roads is done as needed to ensure access for emergency vehicles and safe passage for other vehicles.

The plowing and sanding of private driveways is a unique service that normally begins when the snowstorm subsides. Driveway plowing is systematically done to provide this service in an efficient and economical manner and it takes between 6 and 12 hours to service the entire Village, depending on the conditions. Vehicles and other obstructions must be removed or a drive will be passed by until it is clear.

PLOWING SERVICES NOT INCLUDED:

Driveway plowing is intended to provide reasonable access to homes and passage for emergency vehicles but it is not intended to be of the quality that may be available from some commercial services.

The following services are typically not performed by the Village:

- Sanding or plowing outbuildings or close to garage doors
- Clearing sidewalks and walkways
- The entire width of all driveways
- Hand shoveling
- “Clean sweeping” all areas of the driveway
- Guaranteeing plowing by any particular time of day

SUMMARY:

The Village plows private driveways as a supplement to the plowing of the Village roads and streets. This Village has budget and manpower limitations and, as a result, we may not be able to meet all the possible requirements of all Village residents. The Village attempts to provide similar services to all residents who request this service. If you have specific or unique requirements, you may need to contract privately for plowing service.

Village of Chenequa
DOG LICENSE APPLICATION
 31275 W. County Road K
 Chenequa, Wisconsin

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| Owner's Name: | Dog's Name: |
| Address: | Breed: |
| | Color/Markings: |
| Phone Number: | Gender: Male Female (circle one) |
| | Spayed/Neutered: Yes No (circle one) |
| | Name of Veterinary Clinic: |

Please be sure to provide a copy of a current rabies vaccination certificate.
 License cannot be issued without proof of a current rabies vaccination.
 Fees are payable to the *Village of Chenequa*.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Beware - Be Vigilant

Chenequa Police officers are here and ready to answer your call for service anytime 24/7- every day of the year. Crime is always up as we head into the holiday season. The Village fortunately has not been exposed to any break-ins, however, in the close proximity around the village there have been burglaries and other crime-related activities. Should you see a person or vehicle in an area they are not to be in or are not known to you, do not approach but get a vehicle description and a **license plate number**. Call the police as soon as possible. Place our 24 hour number in your cell phone (262-367-2600) or call 911 if you feel it is warranted. We will run the license plate number and follow up on your call as quickly as possible. We need your eyes and ears as well as our patrols to keep the community safe; this is a partnership. If we work together and look out for each other, we will hopefully be able to continue to deter crime in the village.

Bow Hunters

A reminder for those of you who have allowed bow hunters on your property: please complete the permission slip with the requested information and make sure the Chenequa Police Department has a copy on file. This is voluntary but we encourage you to assist us in identifying who is in the village and has permission to be on properties. We have found already that permission has been granted to a person who has no ties to the village but has extensive criminal history including theft and drug convictions. The permission slip was not used in this case but we were alerted to the situation when this person was knocking on doors soliciting permission to hunt and we received a complaint. Officers located this subject and identified him as well as warned him for trespassing. Where this subject had received verbal permission to hunt, this information was passed on to that landowner and permission was revoked by that property owner. Please get full information before granting permission to anyone; check them out on the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access website <http://wcca.wicourts.gov/> to see if they have criminal history. If you decide to grant permission, please share the information with your police department so we know what vehicles and people are in the village legitimately. Your cooperation in this is very important to our policing efforts!

Vacation House Watch

If you are leaving town for more than a couple of days and would like the Police Department to make a periodic check of your home, please call the village hall or police department and let us know when you will be away. If you return early, please call us so you are not surprised by a visit from an officer. A House Check Report form can be completed online at our website <http://www.chenequa.org/eservices/requests> and can either be dropped off at the police department or emailed back to us at policeclerk@chenequa.org. Please double check that the info is included in the returned form. If you are going away for an extended period, please contact Advanced Disposal at 367-6040 and discontinue services for the time you plan to be away.

Chenequa Foundation Grant

The Chenequa Foundation has been a huge supporter of village services over the years. This past year the Chenequa Foundation granted the village funds to purchase new bullet proof vests for the officers as well as a video server and two video cameras for the police squad cars. These are all important tools for the police officers' work environment, but it's only made possible through the generosity of the Chenequa Foundation and those who donate.

We sincerely thank the Chenequa Foundation for their continued support. In these times of zero increase budgets, some of these needed improvements just are not able to be worked into the village budget. For those of you who support the Chenequa Foundation and their mission, THANK YOU! For additional information on the Chenequa Foundation please go to our website and look under the "ABOUT" tab.



HIGHWAY / FORESTRY NEWS

Snow Plowing and Salting of drives

Those of you who were here last winter may recall the ice storms we had and the problems it created. The Village will only salt hills, curves and intersections. We will not salt your circle drives, the area to your entry way, or around your garage doors. Anything flat is your responsibility as a homeowner. We had many calls last year from residents looking for salt on their entire drive or particular areas we were just unable to accommodate.

A fertilizer spreader or grass seed type of spreader with some calcium chloride or sidewalk salt you can purchase at any hardware store will handle those areas for you. We also urge you to be sure to place your driveway markers so the village snowplow drivers know where to avoid.

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| Village Hall | 367-2239 |
| Fax | 367-3341 |
| Fire & Police | 9-1-1 |
| Emergency | |
| Non-Emergency | |
| during office hours only | 367-2145 |
| After hours | |
| Weekends and Holidays | 367-2600 |
| Office Hours | |
| Monday - Thursday | 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| Friday | 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. |

