January 4, 2010

7:30 p.m. The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Edd Cockrell who led the Pledge of Allegiance in Mayor Kearns absence. A roll call was answered aye by Kearns, Hampton, Wildermuth, Rausch and Ostendorf. Bill Rainey, Dick Rohr and Sandy Stolte were also present.

Kearns made a motion; seconded by Hampton approve the audit as was presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Hampton to approve the minutes from 12/07/09 as were corrected. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Cockrell noted a correction on the minutes from 12/21/09 changing his vote to present on the special use permit.

Wildermuth made a motion; seconded by Ostendorf to approve the minutes from 12/21/09 correcting Cockrell’s vote to present on the special use permit. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

VISITORS
Roy Steinwagner, Bob Junge, Cheri & Ervin Smith.

Roy Steinwagner was present to make a complaint his daughter in law’s neighbor is harassing them. Chief Rainey stated this has been going on for about 10 years and some of the issues are ordinance violations but most are civil matters. Further discussion at a police committee meeting. Steinwagner also stated Sargent Buehler sits at Gary’s with a spotlight on and it blinds people coming into town.

Bob Junge was present to update status on the sewer backup. They are still getting numbers on items to replace. Junge noted the insurance adjuster was down. He was very fair and also recommended some items that should also be replaced.

WATER & SEWER
Trustee Kearns noted a packet of proposals from Vandevanter Engineering regarding the main lift station need to be discussed at a committee meeting.

Ervin & Cheri Smith asked the status on the sewer credit requested. Kearns noted a motion was voted on to issue credit in the amount of $616.67 but did not pass by 5 nays. Smith was not able to make the meeting when this was voted on and would have had some input to why they should have received credit. The Smiths were told there was not more water flow at the sewer plant that usual during this time. Also the sewer line is a gravity line and a water leak was a forced flow. Also when the big boats fill up with water, ranging from 200 to 500 gallons of water, if they pump out the boat it only holds 20% to 40% of the water capacity. The Smiths were disappointed the votes went that way.

STREETS & ALLEY
Trustee Kearns noted the culvert repair and cleaning continues. Also Christmas lights are being taken down. Rohr noted the burn pile is being hauled off and straightened up.

PARK
Rohr reported they just got the material for the closing of the south exit. The cost was less than $100.00

CEMETERY
Trustee Wildermuth had nothing new to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Ostendorf reported letters were sent to the ambulance officers to attend the next public safety meeting. Ostendorf requested all board members to also attend the next public safety meeting on Tuesday 01/19/10. Ostendorf talked with some of the ambulance volunteers who believe the board has no control
over the membership at large. That is why they decided not to discuss the bi-law changes with the board. Ostendorf spoke with Dennis and he said between 1993 to 1997 the policies and procedures were rewritten by Mrs. Lindauer and approved by the board. Ostendorf to discuss with Ritter to investigate old board minutes.

Trustee Ostendorf has a request from Rainey to use his Village gift certificates towards their ambulance account balance. The board agreed it was ok to use.

MARINA
Trustee Kearns noted a committee meeting is scheduled 01/11/10 at 6:30 p.m. with all board members to attend if possible.

Ervin Smith wants copies of the minutes from 09/21/09, 10/05/09 and 12/21/09. Smith asked Trustee Kearns why he contacted AmerenIP about why the stair structure had not been installed by the Smiths yet. Kearns emailed a question to AmerenIP about the entire electrical scaffolding with concerns they had with the structure in its condition before the village expended $71,000 to get it stabilized. Kearns also asked if the stair structure to be put on the scaffolding was mandated by AmerenIP. Smith’s position is that it is not the Village’s business and also he could not build the stairs because the Village has not finished putting rock down. Rohr noted some rock was placed there but needs to settle before adding more rock. Ostendorf and Kearns stated the steps are not going to be built on the riverside of the structure where the rock has been placed. Smith stated if there is a problem with him or the business to come to him about it.

Smith stated Kearns was driving around at the campsites. Kearns stated he was looking for open sewer lines in the campground. As the building and zoning code commissioner he is allowed to look at possible violations of ordinances and zoning ordinances within the Village limits. Smiths want everybody to check into the office before entering the campgrounds. Further discussion at the committee meeting on 01/11/09.

POLICE
Chief Rainey would like to purchase a restraint belt to transport prisoners at a cost of $40.

Hampton made a motion; seconded by Wildermuth to approve the purchase of a restraint belt for $40. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Chief Rainey recommends hiring Terry Hamond fulltime. The police committee to review hiring for the fulltime position. The police committee also to discuss if part-time hiring is needed.

Chief Rainey to talk with Sargent Buehler about the spotlight incidents.

PERSONNEL
Cockrell noted a committee meeting is scheduled for 01/06/10 and all board invited.

GRANTS
Cockrell noted a committee meeting is scheduled for 01/06/10 at 7:30 with Rohr, Chief and Stolte to attend.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Trustee Rausch noted the gasket for the Village hall windows has been ordered.

TIF
Trustee Wildermuth had nothing new to report.

TREASURERS TIME
Stolte discussed the internal control handout. Written policy and procedures need to be done. A personnel committee meeting will be set up. Cross training needs to be done on water bills and payroll. Stolte noted the department heads need to sign off on time sheets, clerk to verify and pay off of. Ritter to also sign off on.
CLERK
Nothing new at this time.

MAYORS TIME
Nothing new at this time.

OTHER
Cockrell noted January 18 is Martin Luther King Day and the Village hall is closed. The board consensus is to reschedule the meeting to January 19.

Cockrell noted the handout for the Municipal Sunshine Law needs to be looked over and discussed at the next personnel committee meeting.

The bids received for tires to the truck were for different tires. Rohr to get new bids for the same tires.

Rohr noted the driver’s side door on the 94 Chevy truck needs to be fixed. Jerry’s bid $270.25 and Dean’s bid $151.28.

Wildermuth made a motion; seconded by Hampton to approve the bid from Dean’s to fix the 94 Chevy truck door for $151.28. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Hampton made a motion; seconded by Rausch to go into executive session regarding personnel at 8:52 p.m. with the board and clerk present. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

The board returned to regular session at 8:57 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk