February 1, 2010

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

Trustee Kearns noted a bill from the Kaskaskia Water Dist in the amount of $13,617 will come in tomorrow because they are having printer problems. Wildermuth questioned the bill for the camera charge. Kearns noted the bill was for the camera on the sewer line to see if there was cause on the back up of sewage into Junge’s basement. Mayor Kearns stated he instructed Rohr to set up and get done as soon as possible to get closure on Junge’s sewer problem.

Hampton made a motion; seconded by Kearns to approve the audit as was presented along with the bill for Kaskaskia Water District in the amount of $13,617. A vote was answered aye Kearns, Hampton, Wildermuth, Rausch and Ostendorf. Cockrell voted nay.

Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Cockrell to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

VISITORS
Bob & Lucy Junge, Cheryl & Ervin Smith, Mark Noonan, Cathy Meggs and Gary Hoelscher.

Bob and Lucy Junge were present to ask status on the sewer situation. Mayor Kearns noted a water and sewer committee will need to schedule a meeting to review the video and report then to discuss. Junge is concerned mold is becoming a health problem and if he does not get something answered in the next 48 hours he will have to take action.

Ervin and Cheryl Smith were present to thank Mayor Kearns and Sandy Stolte for attending the LSKI meeting.

WATER & SEWER
Trustee Kearns noted Mattingly paid his water bill and Michelle directed legal was directed to drop the case.

Trustee Kearns noted a search grant may be available later this year for planning and waste water treatment feasibility studies. Rural Development currently has a predevelopment planning grant for up to $25,000 with the city matching 25%. Rhutasal estimated a cost for a feasibility study at approximately $25,000. A committee meeting to be scheduled to discuss.

Trustee Kearns noted he received a letter from person in town concerning a business possibly dumping waste oil, solvents, and antifreeze into the Villages sewer system. The ordinance states the Village has the right to inspect without notice for violations and or the Village can have the facility put in an industrial waste control manhole at the facilities cost.

An emergency water and sewer committee will be held 02/02/10 at 7 p.m. to view the video and discuss the sewer lines. All invited.

The number 1 pump at the plant is installed and working fine.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Trustee Kearns noted a new deck is needed for the John Deere. Rohr has a quote of $3,350.00. Rohr to get a quote from Wm. Nobbe and Erb.

KWD is requesting a light on the power pole at the end of S. Johnson at the entrance to the plant.
Trustee Kearns noted sinkholes are forming on the shoulders of S. Jackson between St. Clair and Kaskaskia. Rohr to get public works to fix.

Trustee Cockrell asked Rohr if he received pricing on the 4 trees to be taken down. Deterding quoted $1800. Kurtz quoted $1500. Rohr to make copies of the quotes and tree location for the board.

Trustee Ostendorf noted the East Side of St. Agatha’s Church needs rock. Trustee Kearns to look at.

Trustee Kearns stated in the alley behind Gepperts; the culvert on Belsha is clogged. Also storm sewers inlets are clogged around town. Rohr to advise public works to clean out.

PARK
Trustee Rausch noted the park exit will be blocked off this week.

Trustee Hampton stated the board should meet with the Little League and Wade Ball before April.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Ostendorf noted the dispatch contract for the Ambulance needs to be signed.

Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Cockrell giving approval to Mayor Kearns to sign the Ambulance Dispatch Contract as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

MARINA
Trustee Kearns asked Rohr if anything was received from FEMA or IEMA regarding the grant. Rohr stated nothing has been received.

Trustee Kearns noted nothing has been received from the Smiths lawyer at this time.

POLICE
Mayor Kearns opened the bids for the camper. Bruce Schaffer bid $5505.00 and Mike Smithson bid $1500.00.

Cockrell made a motion; seconded by Rausch to accept the bid from Bruce Schaffer in the amount of $5505.00 with our legals consent. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Cockrell noted a committee meeting is scheduled 02/04/10 at 6 p.m. to discuss internal controls. Mayor Kearns would also like to add to the meeting to discuss Ira Renshaw’s interest in the Village Administrator position and also discuss Rohr’s proposal for running the sewer plant.

Trustee Cockrell will contact the insurance company to start looking at the employee health plans prior to expiring in July.

GRANTS
Trustee Cockrell noted the application was received for the CDBG and a meeting is being held at county to explain the process. The park grant is being process by the county.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Rohr noted the gaskets for the windows are being put in at the Village Hall.

Chief Rainey noted the light above the police entrance does not work. Rohr to work on.

TIF/BUS
Trustee Wildermuth stated he didn’t see the TIF being funded by KLP and we need to proceed with the Business District. Mark Noonan of DMI noted an area will need to be agreed upon for the Business District. Mark Noonan will attend the next board meeting with schedules and maps to review.

ENGINEER’S TIME
Gary Hoelscher of Hoelscher Engineering was present to review the package for an accredited levee prior to submittal to FEMA for approval.

TREASURER’S TIME
Sandy Stolte went over the 2010/2011-budget information package she put together for the board to review. Sandy also put together Red Flag, Internet and Computer policy drafts to review.

CLERK
Nothing new to report.

MAYOR
Mayor Kearns read a resignation letter from Bob Kearns resigning from appointment of office of building administrator, building commissioner, zoning code official to the Village of New Athens to be effective February 1st 2010. Also asking to be removed from the Marina committee. Mayor Kearns accepted the resignation and asked Trustee Kearns if he would stay on as the building commissioner until replacement can be found. Trustee Kearns said he would stay on as building commissioner until he can be replaced. Mayor Kearns selected Trustee Cockrell as Marina chairman and will replace Trustee Kearns position on the Marina committee at the next meeting.

Mayor Kearns noted he received a letter was for the 2011 Federal Funding. 2 projects need to be listed. Mayor suggested the storm water runoff at Owak Park, which may also be causing the siltation problem at the Marina. Smitty also noted there is a grant program called C2000 specifically for this kind of problem.

The Township brought an intergovernmental agreement to be signed for when equipment is borrowed. Trustee Kearns stated any other entity should also have an agreement for borrowing equipment.

Cockrell made a motion; seconded by Wildermuth giving approval to Mayor Kearns to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Township Road Dist. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

OTHER BUSINESS
Mayor Kearns noted the tree and plaque for Wayne Parker’s memorial will be discussed under park.

Trustee Kearns noted an ordinance review committee was held January 12, 2010. Kearns went over the changes for the building permit application. Increasing the cemetery ordinance burial fees and grave space fees were also discussed. An new ordinance for police vehicle impoundment fee was discussed. All to be put into ordinance format to vote on at next meeting.

Rausch left at 9:25 p.m.

Trustee Kearns went over the tire bids. The difference between the bids from Weber and Wetzel is a ¼” in tread. Weber bid $808 and Wetzel bid $621.92.

Wildermuth made a motion; seconded by Hampton to accept the bid from Wetzel in the amount of $621.92 for tires on the public works truck. A vote was answered aye Kearns, Hampton, Wildermuth and Cockrell. Ostendorf voted nay. Rausch was absent.

Trustee Cockrell noted the current mileage rate paid by the Village is .35 cents. Federal IRS rate is .50 cents. Trustee Ostendorf stated it should be .50 cents.
Cockrell made a motion; seconded by Hampton to approve the mileage rate of .50 cents, the same as the Federal rate and to review when needed. A vote was answered aye by all member present. Rausch absent.

Trustee Kearns noted the Kosarek property annexed a couple of years ago is now recorded at the clerk’s office and 2009 taxes will be received in 2010. Kearns noted conservation ground can also be annexed to get to other property. The trailer park was discussed as being annexed. To be discussed further at a local improvement committee meeting.

Trustee Hampton stated he put posters up at the business for the census. The school’s telephone notify system will send out reminders. The paper will also have an article for the census.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk