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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. Chief Buehler, Ira Renshaw and Sandy Stolte were also present.

Trustee Kearns noted the audit committee met to discuss bills. The Communication Revolving Fund invoices were questioned. Chief Buehler noted the invoices have been taken care of and credits have been issued. The new amount per month will be $280.00. The $280 per month is for unlimited access for the 5 police laptops.

Trustee Kearns made a motion; seconded by Hampton to approve the audit as was presented. A vote was answered aye by Kearns, Hampton, Wildermuth, and Rausch. Cockrell and Ostendorf voted nay.

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

VISITORS
Terry Politsch and Eric White of DMI

TIF/BUSINESS DIST
Eric White of DMI handed out a blight study for the New Baldwin Road Business District. The boundary was discussed in detail. The board consensus was to add the grocery store, undeveloped property across from the store to get to the vacant bar/restaurant on Spotsylvania. DMI will return to the next meeting with revised map and blight study.

WATER & SEWER
Trustee Kearns noted a committee meeting was held 03/31/10 with Tim Pruett and Larry Rhutasal to discuss a feasibility study on the wastewater treatment plant. Rhutasal’s proposal to do a feasibility study is $15,000.00. Ira Renshaw stated the plant needs painting and structural steel replaced now. The average life expectancy of our treatment plant is 25 years and we have now had it for 35 years. The feasibility study will take about 6 months, then 3 months to review, 6 months to do the engineering and a year to build.

Trustee Rausch made a motion; seconded by Hampton to move forward with the feasibility study with Rhutasal at a cost of $15,000. A vote was answered aye by Kearns, Hampton, Wildermuth, Ostendorf and Rausch. Cockrell voted nay.

Trustee Kearns noted a violation was received from the EPA for illegal sewer main construction extension without the proper EPA permit at the Marina. Ira Renshaw to send letters to EPA and the Marina. The committee and board minutes were researched from 2007 to 2009 regarding the Marina coming to the board and asking about extending the sewer main; no discussion was found.

Trustee Kearns made a motion; seconded by Wildermuth to approve Mayor Kearns to sign the letters to EPA and Marina dealing with the violation. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Ira Renshaw noted a letter was received from the EPA regarding the TACO program. In May 2002 an ordinance was passed not allowing potable wells to be drilled in the Village of New Athens do to the TACO program. At some point the paragraph was removed when a revised ordinance was passed. The clerk to send the letter back responding the ordinance is no longer in effect. Ira Renshaw noted we might have to put the ordinance back into affect depending how the EPA responds.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Ira Renshaw noted Rhutasal needs authorization to proceed with the plans for the safe route to school grant. Once authorized Rhutasal could have the plans ready for approval at the next board meeting.
Trustee Cockrell made a motion; seconded by Ostendorf to authorize Rhutusal to proceed with the plan for the safe route to school grant planning phase. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Ira Renshaw noted Kurtz is a sole proprietor and carries no work comp insurance. Ordinance states when the Village enters into a contract the contractor must have workmen’s comp insurance. Kurtz was awarded the tree bid at the last board meeting.

Trustee Cockrell made a motion; seconded by Ostendorf to reconsider motion from previous meeting accepting Kurtz bid for tree removal. A vote was answered aye by Kearns, Hampton, Cockrell, Ostendorf and Rausch. Wildermuth voted nay.

Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Cockrell to accept the bid for $1800 from Deterding to remove trees, provided he has workmen’s comp insurance. A vote was answered aye by Kearns, Hampton, Cockrell, Ostendorf and Rausch. Wildermuth voted nay.

Trustee Ostendorf has requested the City of Red Bud’s ordinance regarding trash pick up. Red Bud uses Reliable and the curbside pick up and the also require single axle trucks and weight limit on trucks. Further discussion once the ordinance is received.

PARK
Trustee Rausch noted a committee meeting was held 03/29/10 to discuss park rental. The Woman’s club has the park rented May 1 and Daryl Ostendorf’s ball team wants to play ball the same day. Trustee Rausch stated he has tried to contact Linda Braun of the Woman’s Club a few times and finally left a detailed message. Linda Braun contacted Trustee Cockrell and was okay with it, but she would contact the other members and get back with Trustee Cockrell.

Trustee Rausch noted a team from St. Louis wants to hold tournaments at the park through the summer. The committee recommends a $50 security deposit per day and returns the deposit when park is clean for this year. Light use fees were discussed. It was noted to see how this year goes and maybe charge fees next year. Trustee Wildermuth brought up who would pay for the summer help to stocking and clean bathrooms during tournaments? Trustee Ostendorf stated the summer help was scheduled around the tournaments so they could keep the bathrooms stocked and cleaned. Trustee Kearns commented there is no ordinance or resolution for the park fees and noted he is waiting on a call from IML if protocol needs to be followed allowing fees to be charged.

Trustee Cockrell made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to allow the ball teams to play the tournament with only a $50 security deposit per day this year, but next year there will be fee schedule. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Cockrell, and Rausch. Kearns and Wildermuth voted nay. Ostendorf abstained.

Mayor Kearns noted a gutter is ripped off a roof and a door at the pavilion is not secure at the Village Park. Ira Renshaw stated he thinks the Commercial Club owns the pavilions.

Trustee Ostendorf noted Ed Toedte and Rick Range of the Little League are preparing a list of things they would like to see added or fixed at the park.

Ira Renshaw questioned who can turn on and use the hydrants to water the diamonds and that a procedure needs to be written.

CEMETERY
Ira Renshaw noted he had quotes for a zero turn mower left from Richard Rohr. Ira to get updated quotes.
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Ostendorf noted the Ambulance Service met 04/01/10 and Jason Poston asked the volunteers if there were to receive no pay how many would stay? Poston stated only 5 people responded yes. Eric Birkner asked for an application to re-apply and Trustee Ostendorf instructed Jason if he re-applied then we would accept the application.

POLICE
Chief Buehler noted Dare graduation is May 12 at 7 p.m. and invited the board to attend. Roger Strong donated $326 for the Dare graduation items. Chief wrote a letter of recognition for Officer Hamon and a letter of accommodation for Officer Hill. A tobacco grant was applied for. An in-car camera policy was written as well as updating the police training standards board, ILEAS, and NIMS cast. Since we started the admin and tow fees we have collected $1125. Chief will be assisting the school on a lock down per the State of Illinois on April 14th.

Trustee Ostendorf thanked Chief Buehler for the job he has done getting us to where we need to be.

A rescue disc is needed for the department as first responders. The cost is $59.94.

Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Trustee Cockrell to purchase a rescue disc for $59.94 to be carried in the duty officer vehicle at all times. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A 2010 Illinois Criminal Offense Guide needs to be purchased at a price for $185.00

Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Trustee Cockrell to purchase the 2010 Illinois Criminal Offense Guide for $185.00. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Trustee Rausch left at 9:20 p.m.

Trustee Ostendorf noted Central Management System DRMS has a new program; LESO 1033 surplus program for law office enforcement. An annual enrollment fee of $300 which allows access to the warehouse to get items such as tactical gear, weapons, laptops, vehicles etc.

Trustee Cockrell made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ostendorf to approve the 2010 annual enrollment fee of $300 to Illinois CMS LESO 1033 program. A vote was answered aye by all members present. Rausch was absent.

Trustee Ostendorf noted interviews need to be scheduled for part-time officers.

Mayor Kearns commented that the police department is doing a good job, Chief Buehler is doing a super job at getting everything caught up and Officer Hill is doing superb job. With the upcoming appointments in May, the Sargent will need the required training. Trustee Ostendorf noted by statute in the absence of the Chief the Sargent does not have the authority to run the department, but a Lieutenant has the authority. It was discussed to send Officer Hill to the supervisors training.

Trustee Cockrell made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ostendorf to send Officer Hill to 1st line supervisors required training April 12th through 16th. A vote was answered aye by all members present. Rausch absent.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Ostendorf noted the pay rate was never voted on at the last meeting for Interim Chief Buehler and Officer Rainey and should me made retroactive to the March 15 board meeting.

Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Trustee Cockrell to pay Interim Chief Buehler $21.06 and Officer Rainey $19.06 and also retroactive pay rate to the March 15 board meeting. A vote was answered aye by all members present. Rausch absent.

Trustee Cockrell is waiting on an employee health insurance quotes so a committee meeting can be scheduled to discuss employee benefits.
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GRANTS
Ira Renshaw reported no update on the FEMA grant.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Mayor Kearns noted the light on the flagpole at the old village hall is out. Also the building needs to be secured better.

Trustee Ostendorf noted the door lock needs to be changed on the chief’s door.

Ira Renshaw noted the compressor for the air conditioner does not work at the dentist office. Neil’s quoted a price of $4250 for a new unit.

Trustee Cockrell made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kearns to approve the quote from Neil’s to replace the air conditioner at the dentist office for $4250. A vote was answered aye by all members present. Rausch absent.

TREASURERS TIME
Sandy Stolte handed out a profit/loss year to date spreadsheet for the board to review.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing to report at this time.

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Kearns noted the levee will be inspected by the Army Corp. of Engineers in the time frame of May 26 through June 2.

OTHER BUSINESS
Mayor Kearns noted the Zoning Board of Appeals met at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Justin Majzel’s room addition to allow the set back line is 20’ 9” instead of the 25’ required set back. The Zoning Board recommended approval for the variance. Trustee Kearns stated by the zoning ordinance under variance, the zoning board of appeals is required to inform the board by a letter within 30 days with their decision and why they made their decision, since this was not done the board could not vote on the variance.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk