May 3, 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. Chief Buehler, Ira Renshaw and Sandy Stolte were also present.

Trustee Kearns recommended paying the bills as submitted. Trustee Ostendorf stated he has not seen any minutes from this committee on any discrepancies and would have to vote no.

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

Trustee Cockrell made a motion; seconded by Trustee Rausch to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as were presented. A vote was answered aye by Cockrell, Hampton, Wildermuth, Rausch and Ostendorf. Kearns voted present.

VISITORS
Eric White of DMI, Cathy Meggs, Sandy Dickerson, Nancy Rainey, Mike Meketa, Donna Bristoe and Teresa Ahne

Mike Meketa, Nancy Rainey, Donna Bristoe and Teresa Ahne handed the board petitions to remove Trustee Ostendorf and Trustee Cockrell on the basis of demonstrating poor judgment in following proper procedures when demoting, hiring, and firing of Village personnel, banning police officers from eating establishments. Mike Meketa spoke for the group and he stated Daryl Ostendorf and Ed Cockrell Jr. have used poor judgment and have become a liability to the Village. Mike Meketa has informed channel 2 news and the Belleville New Democrat and wants action tonight. Mayor Kearns noted there will be no action tonight, a personnel committee meeting will be held to discuss further.

TIF/BUSINESS DIST
Eric White of DMI handed out a business district redevelopment plan.

Mayor Kearns noted Resolution 2009-11 to establish public hearing dates of May 17 and June 7 for the business district need to be voted on.

Trustee Cockrell made a motion; seconded by Trustee Wildermuth to approve Resolution 2009-11 as presented. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, and Rausch, Wildermuth, Cockrell and Ostendorf. Kearns abstained.

Trustee Ostendorf to set up a meeting with Tim at Reliable to discuss the carts and pick up in the front of the residence. Ira noted Tim will be in town tomorrow with the truck to answer any questions.

WATER & SEWER
Mayor Kearns noted a large hole is forming over the sewer main line at Harvey Beckers on Spotsylvania Street. Ira Renshaw to check out. Ira to also check the manhole at Nonie Sheps.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Ira Renshaw noted IDOT approved the MFT awards. Road oiling will be done in 2 phases. First phase to begin in June for the streets where the water line has been replaced.

PARK
Trustee Rausch noted the Little League will bring up their schedule.

A concrete walkway needs to be put in to the new pavilion to allow handicap access. The Little League will put in the walkway if the Village pays for the concrete. The Little League wants to put 2 of their pitching mounds by the batting cages. The concession stand has allot of water damage and needs to be check out. Kids are tearing up the bathrooms at the park.

The park deposit fee was discussed. At this time, for the Gateway 3-day ball tournament a $150.00 deposit is
required. If they have the park reserved for other weekends the deposit will roll over to the next date as long as the park is clean and nothing is damaged. It was noted the Little League is running the concession stand. Trustee Kearns noted a park policy needs to be written. Trustee Ostendorf stated it may be necessary to have a non-paid park director to balance the schedules, work on reservations, improvements and grants.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Ostendorf noted the meeting scheduled for 05/17/10 has been cancelled and rescheduled to 05/11/10 at the Ambulance shed at 6 p.m.

Trustee Ostendorf noted the storm warning siren should be set off for any warning in St. Clair County per the National Weather Service.

POLICE
Trustee Ostendorf noted the police committee will set up meeting.

Chief Buehler noted Officer Hamon will be attending the part-time to full-time training May 10-21 at a cost of $1095.00. We received the tobacco grant for $1100.00.

The domes and seals need to be replaced on the Jeep at a cost of $185.00.

Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Trustee Rausch to approve the purchase of domes and seals for the Jeep for a cost not to exceed $185.00. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Cockrell noted the committee met with Bauher Financial 04/28/10 to discuss employee health insurance. The committee recommends holding off until closer to the time of renewal which is July 1st to make a decision. The village collector resolution was discussed. A recommendation from the treasurer was accepted by the committee. The police chief salary was discussed and the committee recommends the Chief should get $53,000 yearly. Resolutions to follow at May 17th board meeting. The sergeant/lieutenant position was discussed with no recommendation at this time.

Trustee Cockrell noted a village board member signed the petition that was given to the board earlier this evening. Trustee Kearns stated he signed the petitions because he felt the process was not handled right by Cockrell or Ostendorf. Kearns opinion was legal advice should have been received before any action taken. Any further discussion will be at a personnel meeting.

GRANTS
Ira Renshaw reported no update on the reimbursement on the FEMA grant, but the completion date is 4 years not 2 years. Ira to fill out a request for extension.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Nothing new to report.

ADA
Trustee Kearns requested bids for an automatic door opener to comply with ADA regulations on the village hall and the medical building. Door Controls bid $4635 for 3 doors. Kearns is working on getting more bids.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Trustee Kearns noted the cost analysis for the cemetery rates still needs to be done. Ira to check on. Also Ira to check the personnel ordinance.

TREASURERS TIME
Sandy Stolte noted the yearly audit is going to be $8650.
Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Trustee Cockrell to approve the yearly audit at a cost of $8650.00. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report.

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Kearns noted Trustee Hampton to check with the census regarding counting the campers that live at the campgrounds.

OTHER BUSINESS
Trustee Ostendorf noted St. Clair County will be starting a larvacide grant program. St. Clair County will come and take pictures of the standing water in ditch at the park to see if anything can be done or if there is any funding that could assist the village.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk