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, Hampton, Kreher and Wildermuth. Ostendorf and Kearns were absent. Chief Buehler, Ira Renshaw and Sandy Stolte were also present.

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

VISITORS
Debbie Main, Ed Toedte and Terry Politsch

Ed Toedte of the Little League was present to remind the board the wrestling match is on the August 28th. They would like to borrow the picnic tables and have the grass mowed by Thursday before the match. The board saw no problem with this.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Ira Renshaw noted a letter was received this month regarding the levee inspection of March 2009. The letter stated we are minimally acceptable and need to have someone televis and inspect the culvert pipe under the levee from the pump station within 2 years from the date of the inspection.

WATER & SEWER
Ira noted the letter to proceed needs to be signed by Mayor Kearns and sent to Walden for the Dudeck sewer line repair.

Trustee Wildermuth made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve Mayor Kearns to sign the letter to proceed with Walden. A vote was answered aye by Cockrell, Hampton, Wildermuth and Kreher. Kearns and Ostendorf were absent.

Mayor Kearns noted a letter was received from EPA regarding the Marina violation on the sanitary sewer with the intent to pursue legal action.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Ira noted the joint agreement from IDOT was received in the amount of $78,000 for the Safe Route to School Grant. A pre-construction meeting will be held in Collinsville to discuss the plans. The project may not start until October.

PARK
Nothing new to report

CEMETERY
Mayor Kearns noted there was an issue about a headstone on a lot. Ira said they are still working on a solution.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Mayor Kearns noted a bid was received from Schaffer Auto Body at the board’s request from the last meeting. The bid was $260.00. The other bid was $686.88.

Trustee Cockrell made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to accept the bid from Schaffer Auto Body in the amount of $260.00 to repair the ambulance. A vote was answered aye by Cockrell, Hampton, Wildermuth and Kreher. Kearns and Ostendorf were absent.

Debbie Main noted bids for batteries were received from Reise for $120.00 each and Schneider bid $138.40 each plus $10 core.
Trustee Cockrell made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to accept the bid from Reise for 2 batteries at $120.00 each for the ambulance. A vote was answered aye by Cockrell, Hampton, Wildermuth and Kreher. Kearns and Ostendorf were absent.

Mayor Kearns spoke with Carla Ehlers regarding the ambulance volunteer pay. Carla will put in writing her findings, but there is a fine line between paid volunteers and employees. It was noted a wage/hour/FMLA seminar is coming up with regards to this issue and the cost is $345.00 at Grafton. It was discussed to send Ira.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Cockrell to send Ira to the wage/hour/FMLA seminar in Grafton at a cost of $345.00. A vote was answered aye by Cockrell, Hampton, Wildermuth and Kreher. Kearns and Ostendorf were absent.

Sandy Stolte noted she gave Buck Owens of the Fire Department numbers for the Ambulance service at his request.

POLICE
Chief Buehler handed out and went over the activity log.

Chief Buehler noted he will continue to do DARE while he is on duty.

V.F.W. gave Chief Buehler a certificate of appreciation for maintaining and preserving the law.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Cockrell noted the personnel – ordinance committee meeting is rescheduled to 08/23 at 7:30 because he forgot to post it.

GRANTS
Ira noted he is in the process of filling out a hi-way grant, but is having problems filling it out and can only be done online.

Ira noted the status on the $71,000 FEMA grant. Since the Village changed the scope of the project; it makes it a new project. The Village has to wait until all the monies have been paid out on original projects so FEMA can dish out what has not been spent for changed or new projects.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Ira asked when changing the locks on the old village hall, should they be keyed the same? If the doors are not keyed the same the meeting room has no access to the restroom. Ira also noted if the building is going to be open to the public, it will have to meet ADA standards, which will take a lot of work and money. A lockable room is available for the historical society to store items in it at this time.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Nothing new at this time.

TREASURERS TIME
Sandy presented the monthly treasurer’s report.

Trustee Cockrell made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to accept the monthly treasurer report at presented. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Cockrell, Kreher and Wildermuth. Kearns and Ostendorf were absent.

Sandy handed out the monthly financials for review.

Sandy went over the external audit report with the board. The audit went well but we have some deficiencies. The Village lacks the resources for new accounting procedures which would require hiring a CPA. Management has not documented internal controls; which are in process. Not all journal entries are modified cash basis because we do
actual cash basis. Segregation of duties, with only two people in office cannot have total segregation of duties. Sandy also noted the loans outstanding are for the line of credit and the medical building.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new at this time.

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Kearns questioned Trustee Cockrell if he lived in town. Trustee Cockrell stated his current address is 500 Hanft St.

Mayor Kearns made some committee changes and appointed Trustee Kreher to Village Vice President.

Mayor Kearns noted they are continuing to work on getting the Ehlers place cleaned up on Market St.

OTHER BUSINESS
Trustee Hampton noted the Census Bureau will be setting up a booth at the wrestling match to pass out information. It was discussed to send Trustee Cockrell to the Lower Kaskaskia Barge trip September 10th at a cost of $100.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to send Cockrell to the Lower Kaskaskia Barge trip at a cost of $100.00. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Cockrell, Kreher and Wildermuth. Kearns and Ostendorf were absent.

The September 6th board meeting is rescheduled to September 7th due to Labor Day.

A moment of silence was held in honor of Ed Theis.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk