October 4, 2010 VILLAGE OF NEW ATHENS 905 SPOTSYLVANIA PAGE 1

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

Trustee Kearns noted audit committee met tonight and went over the bills. The Yellow Pages Advertising bill was discussed. Bill Rainey ordered the service without board approval. Michelle to send notice refusing to pay since to the board did not approve the service. The committee recommends paying the balance of the bills as presented.

Trustee Kearns made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to refuse to pay Yellow Pages Advertising Group for a service Bill Rainey ordered without board approval. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns and Ostendorf.

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

Trustee Wildermuth will be on the audit committee with Kearns and Hampton.

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

VISITORS
No visitors present

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Nothing new to report.

WATER & SEWER
Ira Renshaw noted Kaskaskia Water District is raising the water rates. A committee meeting is scheduled October 12 at 7 p.m. to discuss raising our rates.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Ira Renshaw informed Egyptian Electric the crops were out of the field and they could install the streetlight on Keim Road by Oziwers.

Ira Renshaw noted he received a letter from IDOT regarding Illinois Jobs Now Bill which will increase the MFT Allotment by 17% or about $10,000.

Mayor Kearns attended a Mayors luncheon and was informed money is available to fix our courtesy docks. Mayor Kearns to get more information.

Ira Renshaw noted the school was informed the sidewalk project would start Monday 10/11/10.

PARK
Ira Renshaw noted the ball fields will be re-seeded the week of 10/11/10.

CEMETERY
Trustee Wildermuth noted the cemetery looks good.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Nothing new to report.

POLICE
Trustee Ostendorf rode with police Saturday night and witnessed a DUI arrest at 7:30 p.m. Also help State police
with an accident. It was brought to Ostendorf’s attention safety vests should be worn by the EMT’s and police.

Officer Hamon went over the bids for new police vehicles. The Illinois Sherriff Association bid is under bid the state bid. The bid for the black Dodge Charger is $20860. The bid for the white Dodge Charger is $21800. Both have Hemi V-8, spotlights and the police package. Interior led lights and a watch dog camera system is $8,777 installed. Hamon to check if there is state bid on camera and lights. The Decatur cameras in the cars now are not working properly. Chief to contact Decatur to fix the cameras.

Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to purchase 2 police cars provided the light package and camera system in on the Lenzburg bid. If not buy the 2 cars and bid the light system and camera separately. A vote was answered aye by Hampton and Ostendorf. Wildermuth, Kreher and Kearns voted nay.

Trustee Wildermuth made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to purchase the white Dodge Charger for $21,800 to replace the Jeep and use Lenzburg bid for light package and no purchase of camera at this time. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ostendorf, Wildermuth, Kreher and Kearns.

Chief Buehler went over the activity log. Chief noted the surrounding towns had vehicle robberies over the weekend, which New Athens had none to report. Chief asked to attend the shot gun requalification class and count as two 12 hour shifts. The ammo is already purchased from last year but the class was cancelled. Trustee Ostendorf stated Lieutenant Hill to cover Chief’s shifts since they are both salary.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Kreher reported a committee meeting for Personnel and Ordinance was held 09/29/10 to discuss the personnel policy changes. Two changes still need to be made: 1.6.9 – B Step 3 change to after one year of continuous service from the date of academy certification – 95% and 1.6.9 C Step 1 change to probation non-certified part time officer – 65% of base Patrolman rate. Michelle Neff noted the Chief and Collector ordinance does not match the new employee policy and may need to be updated.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kearns to approve Ordinance 2010-06 Chapter 1 Administration Article 6 Employee Policy including the changes 1.6.9 - B Step 3 change to after one year of continuous service from the date of academy certification – 95% and 1.6.9 C Step 1 change to probation non-certified part time officer – 65% of base Patrolman rate. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns and Ostendorf. Hampton abstained.

Michelle Neff questioned if overtime was to be paid for the public works if called out in a week that has a paid holiday in it. The week in question the holiday was on a Monday and they were called out on a Tuesday. The ordinance is not clear and they were paid straight time.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ostendorf to pay the overtime to the public works for hours worked over. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Kreher, Kearns and Ostendorf. Wildermuth voted nay.

Trustee Ostendorf noted interviews were held for a full-time police officer position. Of the 4 officers interviewed it is recommended to hire Jimmy Hendricks.

Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Trustee Wildermuth to hire Jimmy Hendricks as full-time officer under the new policy at 85% pay rate. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Kreher, Kearns, Wildermuth and Ostendorf.

GRANTS
Ira Renshaw noted Chris Hespen brought in PARC Grant application and information.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Nothing new to report
ADA
Nothing to report

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Ira Renshaw noted a meeting is scheduled with Heiligenstein on October 14 at 11 a.m. to see what he has to offer regarding updating the ordinance book.

TREASURERS TIME
Nothing new to report.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report.

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Kearns noted we received a reservation of rights letter from IMLRMA. Michelle to give a copy to Ehlers.

January 1, 2011 Department of Revenue will administer the Business District taxes in the Business District.

OTHER BUSINESS
Mayor Kearns stated we received a letter from IMLRMA stating they are dropping the liability insurance on 12/30/10 due to high loss ratio. Ira Renshaw and Sandy Stolte to call IMLRMA to get more information. Ira requested a quote from Matzenbacher Insurance.

Ira Renshaw noted AmerenIP gas franchise agreement expired. The old agreement allowed so many therms a year. The new agreement will give $4,160 cash at the beginning of each agreement year, but will charge gas usage on each bill.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kearns to approve Ordinance 2010-07 AmerenIP Gas Franchise Agreement. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher and Kearns. Ostendorf voted nay.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk