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7:35 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 and Ira Renshaw were also present. Sandy Stolte arrived late.

Trustee Wildermuth made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kearns to approve the minutes from 02/07/11 as presented. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher, Ostendorf and Kearns.

VISITORS
Cathy Meggs, Jake Owens, Sam Greco and Arlene Geppert

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Trustee Wildermuth stated Mark Noonan of DMI called to inform the Village Dollar General is still interested in a TIF per Bob Elkins. A meeting to be set up to discuss.

Ira Renshaw and Mayor Kearns to attend a Flood Preparedness workshop Tuesday March 22 at the Casino Queen Hotel.

Ira to request 500 recycle bins from Keep American Beautiful program through St. Clair County Health Department.

WATER & SEWER
Ira Renshaw noted a confined space entry program plan is required by Department of Labor of Regulations. Five pieces of equipment are needed to enter into confined spaces and it is too expensive for the village to purchase. The equipment can be leased when needed.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kearns to adopt a confined space entry program. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher, Ostendorf and Kearns.

Michelle Neff noted LOCIS needs to be updated to 7.0. The 6.0 program will no longer be supported. The upgrade is free but the installation and training is $80 per hour and $50 per hour travel time. Should be only $50 travel time and about 4 hours to install and train if all goes well.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to update to LOCIS 7.0. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher, Ostendorf and Kearns.

Table Jerry Phillips sewer credit request until next meeting.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Ira Renshaw noted potholes will be fixed with cold patch once all the rock has been applied.

Ira to check the ramp at the mill. The ramp is going on to Van Buren Street.

PARK
Ira to attend a park grant meeting on Monday 02/28/11.

Chief Buehler noted Lieutenant Hill caught a juvenile painting graffiti on the stage at the Village Park. The juvenile repainted the entire stage covering up all the graffiti.

Trustee Ostendorf noted there will be 12 ticket outlets in town for the Circus. Eight to ten business’s in town are interested in banners. Trustee Ostendorf and Trustee Wildermuth purchased 18” x 24” signs to advertise the Circus. An add will be put in the News Brief and fliers will be put in the News Democrat.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report
PUBLIC SAFETY
Mayor Kearns stated at the last fire department meeting the fire district voted to go into Global Connect with the Village, but only covering outside the village limits. Trustee Ostendorf stated we have put this off for months pending the fire district decision. Trustee Wildermuth stated we all pay taxes into the fire dist.

Trustee Kearns made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ostendorf enter into a contract with Global Connect Phone Notification System for the Village limits. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher, Ostendorf and Kearns.

Trustee Ostendorf noted to table the letter to Zac Kurtz until a Director is appointed. The Illinois flag at the ambulance shed needs to be replaced. Jason Poston resigned today due to work and personal reasons. Standard Operating Guidelines will have to be created with direct reference to EMS Region IV and IDPH and should be included in the new Village code book. Three candidates for ambulance service director are Tom Weber, Sam Greco, and Jake Owens. Ron Birkner did not provide the checking and or CD account numbers for Sandy’s review.

Arlene Geppert wants the siren fixed properly and to be check by a rep from the company at least once a year. Ira stated the cost to fix the siren is less than $2000 to fix the charger and the speakers. It was discussed that 2 sirens would cover the Village. Trustee Kearns stated we need to upgrade the siren to be set off automatically. More discussion at a later date.

Trustee Wildermuth made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to fix the siren at a cost not to exceed $2000. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher, and Kearns. Ostendorf voted nay.

POLICE
Trustee Ostendorf noted it would be a benefit for Chief Buehler to join S.I.P.C.A. Southern Illinois Police Chief’s Assn.

Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Chief Buehler to join S.I.P.C.A. at a cost of $60.00 per year. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher, Ostendorf and Kearns.

Police to carry an ambulance /fire pager. This should save 20 dispatch calls per month or $4000 to $6000 per year per Chief Buehler. The board consensus is Chief Buehler to draft a letter to Cencom to change the procedure.

Chief Buehler noted the Village will get reimbursed $753 for Officer Hendricks fulltime transition training. Chief to give a speech to the pre k and also a tour of police department. 60 calls will be removed from the Cencom bill. The Training Standards Board visited and reviewed the Village records. Dumpsters on the streets were removed except one that is still in use and will be moved shortly. Tobacco compliance was done and no business sold tobacco to the underage. There have been no complaints on smoking in the bars. DARE graduation is April 5th at 7 p.m. Chief took legal update class through SILEC. An arrest was made Sunday afternoon on a motorist driving 70 mph in a 35 mph zone on Spotsylvania Street, which lead to a DUI.

The police explorer’s savings account needs to be closed. The money can be put into the drug fund.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kearns to close the Police Explorer Savings Account. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher and Kearns. Ostendorf voted nay.

PERSONNEL
Mayor Kearns appointed Jake Owens to Ambulance Director. All candidates were very good.

Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to appoint Jake Owens as Ambulance Director. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher, Ostendorf and Kearns.
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Jake Owens to review EMS applications, all of which passed background checks. Josh Deets, Chris Ferninao, Barbra Curtis, David Rogers. Trustee Kearns asked if the previous employers have been contacted. Jake recommended hiring Barbra Curtis, but would need to check out the other applicants.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ostendorf to hire the EMT’s pending the approval from the Ambulance Director. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher, Ostendorf and Kearns.

Jake is working on an application and waiver for ride along program. A procedure will have to be set in place first.

Ira Renshaw noted the part time police ordinance needs some verbiage added to comply with the state. Also need to change under Ambulance from president to Director. Ira will have ready for the next meeting.

GRANTS
Jake Owens to submit the EMS Grant. Chief submitted the 2012 Tobacco Grant.

Ira Renshaw noted the Intergovernmental Grant is due March 25. It was suggested to fix the curb and gutters in the downtown area.

Intergovernmental Grants Department will hold a meeting March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Hall to explain the programs they have to offer residents.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Ira Renshaw went over the Medical building leases and will submit at next meeting for a vote.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Trustee Kearns noted he will be scheduling meetings to review the code book and plans to have it completed by the end of March.

Sandy Stolte arrived.

TREASURERS TIME
Mayor Kearns noted we need a motion to accept the treasurer’s report.

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

CLERKS TIME
Michelle Neff noted it was time to order vehicle stickers, dog tags and motorcycle tags at a cost of $1624.50. It was discussed if could be added to the water bill. Michelle to check when the last day to order by receive by April 1st.

MAYOR’s TIME
Nothing new to report.

OTHER BUSINESS
Ira Renshaw noted FEMA Region 5 reviewed the levee certification material and objected to 8 items. The Village has 30 days to fix. Ira to contact the engineer.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President
Michelle Neff
Village Clerk