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

Trustee Kearns noted audit committee met tonight and went over the bills. Some of the bills were questioned. Egyptian Electric is for the street light on Keim road in the amount of $13 for one street light, Ehlers Legal bill and the Rhutasel bill is for the vacating of the alley for St. Clair Service for which they will be billed. The bill for Terry Hamon is for reimbursement for prescription and a battery for the police car remote key. The committee recommended to pay the bills as presented.

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

Michelle Neff noted there was some question on the way the motion was typed for hiring the ambulance personnel on the 02/22/11 and asked Trustee Kreher if what was typed is what was intended. Trustee Kreher stated the minutes reflect the way the motion was intended.

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

VISITORS
Gary Hoelscher of Hoelscher Engineering

Gary Hoelscher went over the history of the levee recertification project and also discussed options to pursue reaccreditation since receiving the letter from FEMA disallowing the use of previous data analyses and inspections as the basis for certification. If the levee is not recertified it will impact the residents and any development in the flood zones causing them to purchase mandatory flood insurance. Hoelscher’s recommendation is for the Village to start to pursue funding for the project which could cost anywhere in a range from $400,000 to $2,000,000. The Village is to ask St. Clair County for help with the funding since they increased the sales tax to fund levees. The Mayor to send a letter to Jerry Costello and contact Ed Cockrell for help.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Trustee Kearns noted Dollar General has signed a contract on the Hidden Lake property.

WATER & SEWER
Trustee Kearns reviewed the water usage of Jerry Phillips in regards to their water leak. The leak is in the yard and did not drain into the sewer. Trustee Kearns recommended crediting 4000 gallons $20.00 on the sewer portion of the water bill.

Trustee Kearns made a motion; seconded by Trustee Wildermuth to issue a credit in the amount of $20.00 for sewer charges. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns, Ostendorf and Hampton.

Trustee Kearns noted Dave Mattingly is requesting a credit on the sewer portion on his water bill for the past two months. Dave has also had leaks in the past. Vic checked the meter and it showed a leak. Dave said the leak is coming from under the hot water heater. Ira did not see any water on the ground. Trustee Kearns recommends not issuing credit at this time due to lack of homeowner maintenance. Trustee Ostendorf stated if Mattingly could prove where the leaked water went the board would revisit.

Trustee Kearns made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton not to issue credit to Dave Mattingly on his water bill at this time. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns and Hampton. Ostendorf voted nay.

Trustee Kearns noted the pumps at the sewer plant lift station burn up due to the pump running when dry when the float sticks. A new pump sensor system can be purchased by Van Devanter Engineering to eliminate the pump
burn up at a cost of $3,202.70. It can also be used in the new sewer plant as well.

Trustee Kearns made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ostendorf to purchase a sensor pump system from Van Devanter Engineering at a price of $3,202.70 for the lift station at the sewer plant. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns, Ostendorf and Hampton.

STREETS & ALLEYS
IDOT traffic signal master agreement was tabled to next meeting.

The board reviewed the 2011 MFT maintenance costs.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the 2011 MFT resolution. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns, Ostendorf and Hampton.

PARK
Ira Renshaw noted the deadline for the park grant is April 22. He will resubmit last year’s project.

Trustee Ostendorf reported $678 sponsor tickets were sold for the circus. The Commercial Club donated $310 for 5000 inserts for the Belleville News Democrat. 20 kid tickets were donated back and will be given to CESNA to distribute. Any adult tickets donated will be given to the nursing home and S.A.V.E. The clowns are coming to town March 31 to advertise for the circus. They will visit the schools and nursing home.

Trustee Ostendorf discussed possible future events for the park: 5k run and a concert with the Blue Grass Shack.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Ostendorf noted there is a request to accept 50% of an ambulance bill that is 3 years old. The full amount of the bill is $560.

Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Trustee Wildermuth to accept 50% or $280 of an ambulance bill reference # 8479. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns, Ostendorf and Hampton.

Ira Renshaw stated the data base of phone numbers from AT & T would cost $800 for the phone notification system. Ira suggested using the data base from the Woman’s Club phone book by pulling out the in town numbers only.

POLICE
Trustee Ostendorf noted effective today the police are carrying pagers for EMS and fire calls. The police department needs the updated 2011 Illinois Criminal Offense Guide at a cost of $185.

Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kearns to purchase the 2011 Illinois Criminal Offense Guide at a cost of $185 for the police department. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns, Ostendorf and Hampton.

Officer Hendricks to attend the BA testing 24 hour course. Hendricks will work three 8 hour and two 12 hour shifts to cover his shifts during the week of training.

Trustee Ostendorf stated Officer Hendricks needs to be commended on his manor while dealing with people on police calls. Trustee Ostendorf said is anyone on the board has not gone on a ride along with the police, they should. Trustee Wildermuth asked if our liability insurance would cover the ride along. Mayor Kearns stated yes it would be covered.
Chief Buehler noted a department meeting was held last week and everyone in attendance was instructed how to set off the siren. Chief went over the activity report and fee receipts totals. Chief met with the new restaurant owners and discussed how to check ID’s.

PERSONNEL
Mayor Kearns noted Ira would like to carry over 40 hours of vacation to this year.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to allow Ira Renshaw to carry over 40 hours of vacation to this year. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns, Ostendorf and Hampton.

Trustee Ostendorf noted Officer Hamon requested 2 hours of overtime for working the basketball regional games, but the time sheet was changed to comp time. Ordinance states they can choose overtime or comp time. Ostendorf requested this be changed back to overtime.

The police department received a call from a sheriff deputy from another county regarding a prior EMT and face book posts made on the Illinois State Ambulance Association face book page. The deputy requested our police department to contact the person involved and get them to stop. Our police department told the deputy they would not get involved. Trustee Ostendorf checked the page and could not find any posts the deputy was talking about.

GRANTS
Mayor Kearns noted a resolution of support for the 2011 CDBG needs to be signed.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Wildermuth to approve the signing of 2011 CDBG resolution of support. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns, Ostendorf and Hampton.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
The board reviewed the leases for the medical building.

Trustee Kearns made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the new leases for Dr. Kent McConnell DMD, Dr. Derek Niehaus and Memorial Medical Group LLC. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns, Ostendorf and Hampton.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Mayor Kearns noted Ordinance 2010-13 amending Chapter 1, Article 7 Part-time Employee policy needs to be voted on.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kearns to approve Ordinance 2010-13 amending Chapter 1 Article 7 part-time employee policy for police and ambulance. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns, Ostendorf and Hampton.

Trustee Kearns noted a meeting was held March 3 to review the ordinance book chapter 24 through 30. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10.

TREASURERS TIME
Sandy Stolte noted we have received 9 months of the taxes due to the village.

CLERKS TIME
The clerk noted the vehicle stickers takes about 4 weeks to get in. It was discussed if should handle differently or continue to handle the same as the past. The board consensus is to order vehicle stickers just as we have in the past.

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Kearns stated the file cabinet from the ESDA room needs to be returned. Chief stated they are using in to store case files. Ira has an extra cabinet to give to ESDA.
Ira Renshaw noted the mowing equipment was serviced when it was put away. The John Deere has about a year left of use in it, should start to look for a replacement mower to be ready for next year.

OTHER BUSINESS
Trustee Kearns noted there are ruts in the levee and we need to find out who did it. The police have been working on the case. Kearns also noted there are ruts in the toe of the levee. We may need to put barricades around it to protect the levee.

Trustee Ostendorf requested executive session to discuss personnel.

Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kearns to enter into executive session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss personnel with Chief Buehler and Michelle Neff present. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns, Ostendorf and Hampton.

Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kearns to return to regular session at 9:42 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns, Ostendorf and Hampton.

Trustee Ostendorf noted Lieutenant Hill requested to take the police car to Calhoun County for engagement pictures.

Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to allow Lieutenant Hill to take the police car to Calhoun County for engagement pictures as long as he pays for gas. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns, Ostendorf and Hampton.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk