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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 the audit committee met tonight and went over the bills. 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.

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
Jake Owens, Cynthia Fischer, Cathy Meggs and Carolyn Rehmer

Carolyn Rehmer of 408 S East St was present to ask approval to block off a portion of East Street to be able to hold an auction at 408 S East May 15, 2011. The village will supply the barricades the Friday prior to the auction.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Wildermuth to allow barricading the block of 408 S East St so an auction can be held on May 15, 2011. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns, Ostendorf and Hampton.

Cathy Meggs and Cynthia Fischer were present to request permission to hold a bicycle safety day on the parking lot at village hall April 30, 2011. They are working on a helmet safety check sponsored by St. Louis Children’s Hospital to be held May 21, 2011. They are also planning 2 community rides per month. The board was in consensus allowing them to use the parking lot.

PUBLIC SAFETY
 Jake Owens Ambulance Director was present to update status with the Ambulance service. A chain of command was established. Tom Weber will be the director assistant. The volunteer group does have their 501 C paperwork filed. The monies will be used to pay for meals on meeting night and soda, parade candy and etc. Mayor Kearns stated the volunteer group needs to change their name by removing any affiliation with the Village of New Athens. The meeting format has changed to begin the meeting with training, cleaning of the shed followed up by a meal. The billing sheet has been revised as well as the supervised run log and the schedule sheet. The log book now is kept by run numbers. Abbott has agreed to offer a ride along program with the new EMT’s. Jake stated at this time the employees are not being held to the 24 hour standard run hours. The supply cabinet was cleaned out and new supplies were ordered. Jake to get approval from the board on purchases of more than $100 before ordering. Both units passed the IDPH inspections. It was discussed to start ordering new pagers that will be compliant with the FCC in 2012. Jake to get bids on pagers and if there is a discount price for multiple purchased to submit at next meeting.

Jake submitted a bid for a net book pc, hard drive and a desk. Michelle donated a desk. The cost of the net book pc and hard drive is $431.00 from Wal-Mart. The volunteer group is not interested in purchasing.

Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the purchase of net book pc and hard drive for $431 from Wal-Mart. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns, Ostendorf and Hampton.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Mark Noonan of DMI was present to discuss the TIF. To pursue with the TIF the board will have to approve the feasibility study, inducement resolution, and interested party registry and sign the contract with DMI. DMI will attend the next board meeting regarding the map.
Trustee Wildermuth made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ostendorf to move forward with the TIF. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Ostendorf and Hampton. Kearns recused from voting.

Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve Resolution 2010-15 Feasibility Study. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Ostendorf and Hampton. Kearns recused from voting.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Resolution 2010-16 Inducement Resolution. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Ostendorf and Hampton. Kearns recused from voting.

Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve Ordinance 2010-14 Interested Party Registries. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Ostendorf and Hampton. Kearns recused from voting.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ostendorf to approve the mayor to sign the contract with DMI for a TIF at a cost of $24,500. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Ostendorf and Hampton. Kearns recused from voting.

WATER & SEWER
Nothing new to report.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Mayor Kearns noted the IDOT traffic signal master agreement needs to be signed. The agreement is the same as in the past.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the mayor to sign the IDOT traffic signal master agreement. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns, Ostendorf and Hampton.

Backhoe tires are needed. We received bids from St. Clair Service for $2291.48 and from Nudeal for $2405.78.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the bid from St. Clair Service in the amount of $2291.48 for tires for the backhoe. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns, Ostendorf and Hampton.

Chief Buehler noted the streets and crosswalks need to be restriped.

MFT bid opening is April 14, 2011.

PARK
The Resolution 2010-17 St. Clair County Park Grant needs to be passed.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ostendorf to approve Resolution 2010-17 St. Clair County Park Grant. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns, Ostendorf and Hampton.

Trustee Ostendorf reported he drove the clowns around to visit schools and the nursing home to advertise the circus. Chris from the circus will be in town this weekend to put up posters and will park his RV at the park.

Trustee Ostendorf noted St. Agatha also wanted to do a 5K run/walk on the same day as the Village’s 5K run/walk scheduled June 18, 2011

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report.
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POLICE
Chief Buelher handed out the activity log and reports. The pre-k visited the police station. Officer Hamon took a 16 hour lie detection training class on his own time. Chief Buehler took an 8 hr chief’s training on his own time. There will be extra time on the time sheet due to a felony warrant traffic stop. The felon is on the St. Clair County top 10 wanted list. DARE graduation is April 5, 2011.

PERSONNEL
Mayor Kears noted Resolution 2010-18 to amend wages for part-time public works.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Resolution 2010-18 to amend wages for part-time public works. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns and Hampton. Ostendorf voted nay.

Trustee Kreher to set up a committee meeting to discuss IMRF requirements and review applications to hire a seasonal worker for public works.

Trustee Kreher reviewed 5 new applications for EMT’s. The background checks were good and Jake Owens Ambulance director approved all 5 applicants.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ostendorf to hire all 5 EMT’s applicants recommended by the Ambulance director. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Kreher, Kearns, Ostendorf and Hampton.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Nothing new to report.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Trustee Kearns noted the meeting with Frank Heiligenstein went well and plans to have the ordinance book ready to vote on at the next board meeting. Trustee Kreher noted the board did a good job in taking the time necessary to review the ordinance book.

TREASURERS TIME
Sandy Stolte went over the ambulance income spreadsheet and the sales tax reporting spreadsheet.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Kearns noted letters were received from Roger’s Redi Mix and Dennis Auto Sales that they do not want to be included into the Business Dist.

OTHER BUSINESS
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk