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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 Hampton noted the dollar amount in the motion to purchase tires needs to be changed to $2291.48.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ostendorf to approve the minutes from 03/21/11 with the change of the dollar amount to $2291.48 in the motion to purchase tires. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher, Ostendorf and Kearns.

VISITORS
Steve Schuessler, Zach Volner, Stephen Lannon, and A. J. Schieder

Steve Schuessler was present to discuss the retention area for storm water at the park is collecting trash and junk. Steve has removed a lot of trash but it is an ongoing problem. Trustee Ostendorf noted Cathy Meggs said there are some boy scouts that could help clean it up to put towards hours of community work they may need. The area will have to dry up some before allowing the scouts to help. Steve also noted the circus was a great idea and heard nothing but positive feedback.

Zach Volner, Stephen Lannon and A.J. Schieder were present to inform the board the hockey rink is still being used and they brought a petition to keep the hockey rink.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Mark Noonan of DMI was present to discuss what area is to be included in the TIF. All business district areas to be included in the TIF. The revenue from the business dist can be spent in the business district, if not all spent can be declared surplus and go into the general fund. The money in the TIF can only be spent in the TIF; any left over money would be refunded to the taxing dist. Mark briefly spoke with the folks at Dollar General and their eligible expenses are $600,000. The total cost of the project is 1.1 million. Mark to attend May 16th meeting to discuss the eligibility study.

WATER & SEWER
Ira Renshaw noted the consumer confidence report must be mailed out to all residents due to the sampling violation we had last year.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Ira Renshaw noted the MFT bid letting was held 04/14 at 10 a.m. The low bidders were EJ for HFE 150 $2.148, Beelman for seal coat $15.45, Christ Bros for bit mat cold mix $67 and Beelman for coarse ca-6 $9.39.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to accept the low bids from the MFT bid letting. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher, Ostendorf and Kearns.

PARK
Trustee Ostendorf noted the circus turnout was incredible; there was a great showing of the police department and ambulance service. Ostendorf offered to be in charge of scheduling the circus again. The circus raised $2061.30 for the park. Thanks you to be sent to all the sponsors. Plans for the 5K are in the works to be held June 18.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Ostendorf noted he has not received any bids for pagers from Jake.

Ira Renshaw noted there were problems with 2 phone numbers being signed up to the same address in the telephone notification system. The programmers are in the process of fixing the issue. The system will be tested the 1st Tuesday of the month along with the siren.

POLICE
Chief Buehler noted 54 kids graduated from DARE and the ceremony went well. There are free training opportunities the officers can take on the lap tops while on duty. The Cencom bill was audited down to 59 calls.
Since using pagers for motioning EMS calls the village saved about $331 in Cencom calls. We are 2011 ILEAS compliant. A state law effective Jan 1, 2011 allows charging $75 for an warrant extradition fee, but St. Clair County has yet to implement. Chief got four drug arrests this week.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Kreher recommended hiring Gerald Badget as a seasonal helper for public works.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kearns to hire Gerald Badget as seasonal public works helper. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher, Ostendorf and Kearns.

Trustee Kreher noted an application was received from Andrew Green for an EMT position. A background check was done and Jake Owens approves.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ostendorf to hire Andrew Green as an EMT. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher, Ostendorf and Kearns.

Mayor Kearns stated we need to watch the part time hours, so they don’t go over the 1000 hours. One is at 635.5 hours now. They cannot go past the 1000 hour mark or will have to be laid off for the year.

Michelle questioned Officers Hamon’s comp time for the pay period. The max is 40 hours and if we give him all the comp time hours worked, he would be over the max. The board consensus is to pay overtime for the amount that would be over the max comp time.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Ira Renshaw noted the air conditioner was fixed at the dentist office.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Trustee Wildermuth noted the grass at 3 Meadowlark is high. Chief to contact the owner.

Frank Heilgenstein of Illinois Codifications was present to go over any questions with the proposed ordinance book. Kearns asked about the golf cart ordinance. The golf cart ordinance will be added back to chapter 24. It was recommended to pass Ordinance 2010-15 Cable & Video Customer Protection Law and Ordinance 2010-16 Cable/Video Service Provider Fee. Trustee Kreher suggested having Illinois Codification reviewing the ordinances that were passed on a yearly basis.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kearns to approve Ordinance 2010-15 Cable & Video Customer Protection Law. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher, Ostendorf and Kearns.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Ordinance 2010-16 Cable &Video Customer Protection Law. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher, Ostendorf and Kearns.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Ordinance 2010-17 Revised Code of Ordinances of New Athens. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher, Ostendorf and Kearns.

TREASURERS TIME
Sandy Stolte noted the treasurer report need to be approved.

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

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Kearns thanked Trustee Ostendorf for his time involved with the circus.

OTHER BUSINESS
Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to go into executive session at 9:11 p.m. to review executive minutes with Michelle present. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher, Ostendorf and Kearns.

Trustee Ostendorf made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to return to regular session at 9:15 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher, Ostendorf and Kearns.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kearns to release January 3, 2011 executive minutes. A vote was answered aye by Wildermuth, Hampton, Kreher, Ostendorf and Kearns.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk