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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 Hampton, Geppert, Hall, Weber and Kreher. Kearns was absent. Chief Hill and Officer Hamon was also present. Sandy Stolte and Ira Renshaw were absent.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the annual minutes as presented. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

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VISITORS
Cathy Meggs and Mark Noonan

Cathy Meggs and Terry Hamon were present to discuss the K.I.D. Project Carnival to be held 06/25/11. The carnival will offer child identification kits, bicycle registration and car seat safety checks. It was discussed to hold it at Okaw Park. Chief Hill stated he is working on getting a helicopter to land and have the fire trucks there for the kids to see as well as McRuff the drug dog for drug safety and the NRA for gun safety. Met Life will supply coloring books and balloons. Zip locks bags will have to be purchased for the identification kits. The cost to rent the Met Life Snoopy is $80.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Mark Noonan of DMI was present to hand out and review the eligibility study for the TIF district. Trustee Kreher stated Mark put together a good synopsis of the area. Mark will return to the second meeting in June with the plan.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to proceed with the TIF plan. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

WATER & SEWER
Tabled David Kernan water leak until next meeting after the meters have been read for the month.

There is a small water leak on Van Buren Street in which the source cannot be located. Ira Renshaw to get somebody down here to help locate the source of the leak.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Nothing new to report

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report.

PARK
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Officer Hamon stated he would like a laminated map of the Village that is color code zoned for natural disasters. Hamon to ask Ira to contact Rhutasel for cost.

POLICE
Mayor Kearns noted with the drug problems he backs the police department 100% and recommends allowing the police department to use $2000 for criminal drug investigation work.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to allow the police department to spend up to $2000 for criminal drug investigation work. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber and Hampton.
PERSONNEL
Mayor Kearns contacted Attorney Ehlers to read the letter Ira wrote to IMRF. Attorney Ehlers approved to send the letter as is to IMRF. Once IMRF legal department reviews the letter we will have them contact our attorney. Trustee Kreher stated the ambulance service is to run the way it has been and not to be concerned about the 1000 hours.

Resolution 2011-04 appointed official wages needs to be passed.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber approve Resolution 2011-04 Appointed official wages. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

Resolution 2011-02 appointed officials needs to be passed. Last meeting appointments were voted on individually, this puts them all under the resolution.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton approve Resolution 2011-02 Appointed officials. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

Trustee Hampton noted Terry Hamon’s pay should be moved up to 100% as promised. Mayor Kearns stated to pay 100% patrolman pay as of today.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher pay Officer Hamon 100% as of today. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

Trustee Hampton noted there were 2 more applications for part-time EMT’s. The background check came back fine.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to hire the 2 part-time EMT’s with the approval and consent of the director of the ambulance service Jake Owens. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Hampton, Hall, Weber and Kreher.

GRANTS
Trustee Geppert noted a grant is being applied for radios to be narrow band compliant. It is a 50/50 grant. The base station and 2 radios are eligible. The mobile portables are not eligible at this time.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher approve 50% of grant funds for narrow band compliance. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Hampton, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to authorize the mayor to sign grant paperwork to proceed with the narrow band compliance grant. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Hampton, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Mayor Kearns noted our insurance covers liability on the old village hall but will not cover the historical society items. They will have to get their own and name the village on the certificate.

The air conditioner needs to be checked at the old village hall.

The carpet in the basement of the medical building where the police store their records is wet. Public works to rip out the carpet and Ira to get a dehumidifier.
ORDINANCE REVIEW
Mayor Kearns noted we received chapter 39 for the vehicle tax to put in the book.

TREASURERS TIME
Mayor Kearns noted the treasurer report need to be approved. Monthly financials were also handed out.

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

CLERKS TIME
Michelle noted she mailed the ordinances for the cable, video customer protection and service provider fee to the appropriate office.

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Kearns noted Sandy Stolte had surgery on her shoulder. It was discussed to send her a plant.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to purchase a plant for Sandy in the amount of $50.00. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Hampton, Hall, Kreher and Weber.

Mayor Kearns appointed Trustee Kreher as Vice President.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to accept the appointment of Trustee Kreher as Vice President. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Hampton, Hall, and Weber. Kreher voted present.

Mayor Kearns made attorney Ehlers aware the village is mowing grass of derelict residential properties now. Need to find out who the owners are to invoice, if invoices are not paid then file a lean.

OTHER BUSINESS
Mayor Kearns noted a rock hit a truck while the public works were grass mowing. A bid was received in the amount of $503.97 from Auto Crafters Auto Body in Red Bud. The board was in consensus 2 more estimates need to be received. Trustee Hall uses Ding Master and said they do a good job and are reasonable. Hall to get the number for Ding Master and then Ira to contact Ding Master.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk