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, Kearns and Kreher. Chief Hill, Officer Hamon, Jake Owens, Sandy Stolte and Ira Renshaw were also present.

The audit committee met and requested Ira Renshaw to review the phone bill and check if there is another plan that would be cheaper for the village.

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

Trustee Hampton noted the date on the top of the second page of the minutes needs to be corrected.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the minutes with the date change as discussed. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Kearns and Hampton.

**VISITORS**

Donna Crabtree

Donna Crabtree was present inquiring about the golf cart ordinance and if a Polaris Range Crew would be included in the ordinance. The board suggested she check with the state to get it licensed just like a vehicle in order to drive on the streets.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Trustee Geppert noted a committee meeting was held 05/26 to discuss putting a storage facility in the Industrial Park. It was questioned if the fire hydrant could be moved. The hydrant is currently on the lot line between lot 1 and 2. The village will move the fire hydrant only after the building is up. There is an alley easement on the west side of lot 1. The building plans for the storage building are in the process; once plans are done contracts will need to be signed. The committee recommends moving forward allowing a storage facility to be built in the industrial park.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to allow moving forward allowing a storage unit facility to be built on lots 1 & 2 once the contracts have been signed and approved. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Kearns and Hampton.

**WATER & SEWER**

Trustee Kearns noted David Kernan 103 N Jackson had a water leak at 4000 gallons over the monthly average. The leak was fixed. It was recommended to issue credit in the amount of $20.00 on 4000 gallons of the sewer portion of the leak.

Trustee Kearns made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to issue credit in the amount of $20.00 on the sewer portion of the water bill for David Kernan at 103 N. Jackson. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Kearns and Hampton.

Ira Renshaw noted Walden ran a camera through the main sewer line at 1031 Spotsylvania. About 35’ from the manhole in the front yard the pipe is separated and needs to be repaired. Also the pipe going under the highway is old cast iron and needs to be lined before it fails. Ira to check with Walden to repair.

The IEPA water test sample program will cost $3417.04 this year.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to enter into contract with IEPA water test sample program at a cost of $3417.04 for the year. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Kearns and Hampton.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**

The dump truck tires need to be replaced. The best price for the tire is from Wetzel’s for Firestone H/T tires at a cost of $185.05 each.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kearns to purchase Firestone H/T tires at a cost of $185.05 per tire from Wetzel’s. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Kearns and Hampton.
CEMETERY
The Bahre veteran grave marker was damaged by the mower. The cost to replace the veteran marker is $218.50.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to replace the Bahre Veteran grave marker at a cost of $218.50. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Kearns and Hampton.

PARK
It was discussed with the Blue Grass Shack to hold a fall concert in the Park.

Rick Range put up a message board at the park by the concession stand.

POLICE
Chief Hill requested executive session later in the meeting.

Mayor Kearns stated the daily time logs in the police department must be filled out daily. Attorney Ehlers gave Mayor Kearns a spreadsheet on ordinance tickets issued and fines received. The village is paying more in legal fees than in fines paid. The fines are set by ordinance and need to be checked into.

Chief Hill to talk with Roger Strong about the derelict property mowing agreement.

PERSONNEL
Jake Owens noted he accepted leave of absence from Sam Greco from being an EMT. Jake noted additional crews are needed to work the homecoming. 3 crews are needed each night for 8 hours each, one with the ambulance at the park, one with the ambulance for town and a crew to stay at the park in case the ambulance goes out. Jake would like a cabinet built on the east wall of the engine bay for supplies and maintenance items. Trustee Kearns will take a look at the area where the cabinet is to be built. Trustee Kearns questioned Jake if all the radios stay at the shed when not in use. Jake noted him and Tommy have a radio with them at all times. Juan Durbala turned in an application and background check was clear. Jake to check if Juan has an Illinois EMT license. Trustee Kreher noted all applications should be put in all personnel committee member boxes.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to hire Juan Durbala as an EMT pending he has an Illinois EMT license. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Kearns and Hampton.

Trustee Kreher noted they are looking into getting a better deal on health insurance, better for the employees and better for the village.

Trustee Kreher noted a personnel committee is scheduled for June 14 at 7 p.m. to discuss salary police officers and employee pay raises. Mayor Kearns to attend.

GRANTS
Ira Renshaw received the narrow band compliant license. The grant application is for 2 base radios to get compliant. 4 mobile radios are still not narrow band compliant.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Mayor Kearns noted the air conditioner needs to be fixed or replaced at the old village hall. Ira to get bids. Sandy Stolte noted the Commercial Club may donate towards a new air conditioner.

Trustee Hall questioned if the dehumidifier was purchased for the basement in the medical building. Ira ordered the dehumidifier.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Chief Hill would like to see an ordinance banning the sale of bath salts in town. Ira to check with Frank Heilgenstein for an ordinance.

TREASURERS TIME
Sandy Stolte noted an advance from the line of credit was made in the amount of $30,000 for the general account.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report
MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Kearns suggested a donation of $400 be made to the New Athens Parade fund for the Banana Bike Brigade. This is the same donation we made last year.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to donate $400 to the New Athens Parade Fund for the Banana Bike Brigade. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Hampton, Hall, Kreher and Kearns. Weber voted present.

OTHER BUSINESS
Terry Hamon noted a $200 deposit and $75 rental fee was needed to rent sponge man for the K.I.D. carnival. Qtips and baggies will also need to be purchased.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the $200 deposit and $75 rental fee to rental the costume sponge man for the K.I.D. carnival. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Kearns and Hampton.

Officer Hamon noted security cameras are needed to be purchased for the park; somebody is throwing rocks at the doors. Hamon to get pricing.

Mayor Kearns noted Greg Blomenkamp is interested in the roller that no longer works.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to give authority to Mayor Kearns to dispose of the roller in the best interest of the village. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Kearns and Hampton.

Ira Renshaw to set up a meeting with Reliable Sanitation to discuss contract that expires in September.

Trustee Geppert stated Trustee Kearns should be paid for local improvement committee meeting he attended even though he is not on the committee.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to pay Trustee Kearns for the local improvements committee meeting he attended. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, and Hampton. Kearns recused from voting.

There has been no response from IMRF regarding the letter sent to them about the ambulance hours.

Ira Renshaw noted lime has been put on the walking trail for the 5K run.

The police executive session requested earlier in the meeting will be held at another time.

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

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk