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 Geppert, Hall, Weber, Kearns, Hampton and Kreher. Chief Hill and Sandy Stolte were also present.

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

VISITORS
Jerry Ohlendorf, Robert Volner, Keith Reuss, Steve Newbold, Bruce Nuernberger, Linda Weber.

Linda Weber was present per board requested from last meeting. Trustee Kearns noted a committee meeting was held to discuss allowing campers on the lots Linda owns as temporary residence. Trustee Kearns stated there are no provisions in the ordinance allowing campers to be a residence; the ordinance would have to be rewritten. The committee is in agreement to leave the ordinance as written. Trustee Kreher stated a trailer could be put back on the property.

Jerry Ohlendorf was present with a complaint about high grass at 406 S East and the dumpster at Roger’s Gun Shop.

Keith Reuss, Steve Newbold and Bruce Nuernberger were present for the purchasing of 2 lots at the industrial park. The earnest money of $1250 is a guarantee a building will be built. An agreement needs to be entered into and Michelle to get a closing date from Metro East Title once the agreement is signed.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to authorize the mayor to execute the sale agreement as presented and to begin the title work for transfer of deed contingent of designating a 911 address and closing date of title date per Metro East Title. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Kearns.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Mayor Kearns noted a joint review meeting was held to discuss the TIF project. A letter was received from the Illinois Department of Commerce stating the project meets the statutory requirements. All that attended were in favor of the TIF.

Trustee Kreher recommended the board proceed with getting the other businesses in the business district that were left out. The businesses should have been included at the beginning of the project. Mark of DMI quoted $5000 to revise the business dist. Mayor Kearns to talk with Mark of DMI about the price.

WATER & SEWER
Ira to meet with KWD and ask if the water increase can take affect at a later date so the village has time to discuss and raise the water rates to the residents.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Nothing new to report.

PARK
Trustee Hampton noted the committee met to discuss charges for renting the village park. They recommend a $30 deposit that is refundable and a $20 fee for using the stage, bathrooms and concession stand. Ira to draw up a rental contract. Trustee Weber noted the concession stand needs roof repairs.

Trustee Hampton noted one pavilion at OKAW Park still needs electric. Amann was low bidder last year, but the board held off installing electric at that time. Hampton to get a revised quote.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve trustee Hampton to get a revised bid from Amann for the electric work for a pavilion at OKAW Park. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Kearns.
CEMETERY
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Nothing new to report

POLICE
Mayor Kearns noted the agreement for the boat races needs to be signed so Chief Hill can schedule officers to work the boat races.

Trustee Kearns made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to authorize Mayor Kearns to sign the agreement for the boat races as presented. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Kearns.

Mayor Kearns noted there are at least 325 households that did not purchase vehicle stickers and dog tags. Ira Renshaw to put an announcement on the phone system with a reminder about the fine of $750.00 if caught without a sticker or dog tag.

Chief Hill noted there are a few vacant houses that have high grass. The board discussed the village must give notice, village to mow and then village to file a lean. Dillon Ostendorf quoted a price of $55 for the first cut and $35 for cuts thereafter. A quote was received from Mike Ohlendorf of Smithton for $50 for the first cut and $30 for cuts thereafter. It was discussed to keep the business in town.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to hire Dillon Ostendorf to cut derelict properties if he drops the price to $50 for the first cut and $30 for the cuts thereafter. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Kearns.

Chief Hill noted the police dog is here.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Kreher noted the committee discussed purchasing a police dog at the last committee meeting. The cost to the village would be $5600.00. The total cost includes a police car kennel and training. Chief Hill to check into life insurance for the dog.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the purchase of the police dog and kennel for $5600.00. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Kearns.

The committee discussed raising the EMT on call pay from $2.50 to $5.00. This is a trial for 1 year to see if more personnel sign up to cover the calls.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the pay raise for EMT on call time to $5.00 as a one year trial to begin August 1st. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber and Hampton. Kearns voted nay.

The committee discussed the employee raises. A 2% raise for office workers and public works and raise the water foreman pay for Andy Contratto. The resolutions reflects the 2% raise and water foreman increase.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve Resolution 2011-06 as presented with retro pay to July 5, 2011. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Kearns.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Resolution 2011-07 as presented with retro pay July 1, 2011. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Kearns.

The part-time police academy was discussed. The committee declines to sponsor part-time police academy if the
Village has to pay for the academy. Robert Volner was present to ask the board to sponsor him through the part-time Police academy. Robert Volner will pay the cost of the academy to the village, then the village to write a check to the academy. Chief Hill checked with the academy, Robert will not need to show proof of employment however he will need an e-card.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to sponsor Robert Volner to the part-time police academy as long as Robert pays for the academy. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Kearns.

Trustee Kreher noted 4 applications were received for EMT’s: Mathew Reeder, Sarah Nation, Matthew Wineteer and Travis Wiegmann. Chief Hill reviewed the applications.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to hire Mathew Reeder, Sarah Nation, Matthew Wineteer and Travis Wiegmann as EMT’s. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Kearns.

**GRANTS**
Nothing new to report.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**
The Historical Society thanked the village for the air conditioner at the old village hall. The cover for the old air conditioner can be used for the new unit. Mayor Kearns to inform Ira Renshaw.

Trustee Weber noted the village hall needs new curtains and a new ladder. It was discussed to tint the windows. Weber to get bids for window tinting and Geppert to get the ladder. Mayor Kearns noted at the Dr. Office weeds need to be sprayed, as well as weeds at Hidden Lake Estates and on Meadowlark and other areas in town. Michelle to fill out a work order.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
Trustee Kearns noted a committee meeting was held 07/14/11. The committee recommends adding stop signs at Kaskaskia and Benton and the intersection of Linda Lane and Mari Lane. A correction needs to be done to the Liquor ordinance. Chief Hill will be restructuring the vehicle impound fees. Ordinances to be revised. The committee to continue discussing the issues with the Marina.

**TREASURERS TIME**
Sandy Stolte 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, Kearns, Hall, Kreher, Hampton and Weber.

The annual appropriations ordinance needs to be passed.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the annual Appropriations Ordinance 2011-01 as presented. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Kearns.

**CLERKS TIME**
Michelle noted the deposition for Walden vs. Village was cancelled.

**MAYOR’s TIME**
Mayor Kearns noted Gary Idecker’s dad passed away.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to donate $50 to the United Methodist Church in memory of Gary H. Idecker. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Kearns.
OTHER BUSINESS
More information is needed for updating the office computers.

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

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk