8:00 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. Sandy Stolte and Ira Renshaw were also present.

Trustee Kearns noted a correction for the previous board minutes to 1000 gallons not gallons on the KWD water rate increase.

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

VISITORS
Terry Politsch, Scott Stehl, Tommy Weber, Lana Kehl, Mark Noonan of DMI and Tim Pruett of Rhutasel.

Terry Politsch inquired about the status of the new sewer plant. Tim Pruett noted the facility plan was submitted and we are expecting approval. Terry gave the board a spreadsheet regarding local TIF information in the surrounding areas.

Scott Stehl was present to check the status on repairing the sewer line behind his house. There is a hole in the sewer line and he has not seen any work being done to fix it yet. He brought in a newspaper article from February 5, 2004 regarding the same issue.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Mark Noonan of DMI noted the board has 90 days from tonight to pass the ordinances for the TIF.

Ira Renshaw noted the sales of the 2 industrial lots were finalized with Kaskaskia Boat and Storage.

The inducement resolution 2011-08 for the West More Group needs to be passed.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve Resolution 2011-08 West More Inducement as presented. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Weber and Hampton. Hall voted nay and Kearns recuse from voting.

Trustee Kreher stated the TIF started well before the Kearns’s being elected to the board.

WATER & SEWER
Tim Pruett of Rhutasel noted the low bidder for the water line project on Johnson Street was Korte & Luitjohan for the amount of $75,160. The IGDG grant amount is only $45,000. Tim Pruett recommends awarding the project to Korte & Luitjohan. Ira noted Rhutasel submitted a bill for $4315.66 for engineering, since the project amount is more than the grant does the board want to pay Rhutasel.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kearns to award the Johnson Street water line project to Korte & Luitjohan for the amount of $75,160. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Kearns.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to pay Rhutasel $4315.66 for engineering fees for the Johnson Street water line project. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Kearns.

Trustee Kearns stated a committee meeting is scheduled 08/16/11 to discuss a water rate increase.

Ira Renshaw noted Walden was called out to the sewer plant to suck up all the sewage to drain the plant so public works could make repairs.
STREETS & ALLEYS
Nothing new to report.

PARK
Ira presented a newly revised Village Park reservation permit, rules and waiver of liability to the board for a vote.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the newly revised Village Park reservation permit, rules and waiver of liability. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Kearns.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Geppert noted a committee meeting was held to demonstrate Code Red and a billing service for the Ambulance Service. Mayor Kearns stated at this time we should hold off on getting the Code Red and billing service. We should wait until a year has passed since the EMT’s got an increase to $5.00 per on call to ensure we have EMT’s to make the ambulance runs. Trustee Geppert stated the run sheets are not being filled out correctly.

Tommy Weber noted 4C20 got the brakes fixed and they want to run three crews for the boat races. The pagers are ordered. First responder class is starting September 1st. The first two nights of class are CPR. Mayor Kearns to talk with Chief about police being 1st responders.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to allow 3 EMT crews to be on call during the boat races September 10 & 11th. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Kearns.

Trustee Kreher stated the fire district will not pay for the ambulance radio that was damaged during a fire call. The Village to turn into insurance company.

POLICE
Trustee Hampton noted there is a curfew problem that the police need to enforce. Trustee Hall asked why Chief Hill has not been at the meetings. Mayor Kearns informs Chief Hill when he needs to attend the meetings. Trustee Hall commented on police officers patrolling at the trailer court outside the village limits when they are paid by the people of New Athens to patrol in town.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Kreher received an EMT application from Justin Ellis.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kearns to hire Justin Ellis as an EMT. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Kearns.

Tommy Weber to inform Jake Owens to take the social security number line off the application.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Nothing new to report

ORDINANCE REVIEW
 Nothing new to report

TREASURERS TIME
Sandy Stolte noted the treasurer report needs to be approved. Monthly financials were also handed out.

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

Sandy noted $30,000 was transferred from the water fund to the general fund to cover expenses due to the state being late on payments due the Village.

**CLERKS TIME**
Nothing new to report.

**MAYOR’s TIME**
Mayor Kearns noted he received a thank you from Judy Newman for the emergency phone notification system. Trustee Kreher also said he has received numerous thank yous.

**OTHER BUSINESS**
Ira Renshaw noted the John Deere mower had a hydraulic leak which was repaired. While repairing it was found the bracket on the left side is broken which costs $3500 to repair. The mower is 7 years old and has 4000 hours on it. It was discussed to replace the mower. Ira to get bids and some demo’s.

Trustee Kreher noted the fire department volunteers are going to replace the sign with a LED sign and are asking if the fees could be waived for the building permit.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to waive the fee for a building permit for the fire department volunteers to replace their sign. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Kearns.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Gary Kearns  
Village President

Michelle Neff  
Village Clerk