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, Hall, Weber, Geppert and Kreher. Kearns was absent. Ira Renshaw & Sandy Stolte were also present. Chief Hill arrived at 8:13 p.m.

The audit committee questioned the KWD bill. It was noted we are still being charged the increased fee of $3.55 per thousand gallons on the KWD invoice and have not heard back from KWD about the letter the Village sent regarding the contract. The committee recommends paying at the old rate of $3.00 per thousand gallons.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to authorize KWD to be paid at the old rate of $3.00 per thousand gallons until the contract situation is straightened out. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert and Hampton. Kearns was absent.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to pay the audit with the correction to the KWD bill as presented. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert and Hampton. Kearns was absent.

Trustee Hampton noted the following question and answer needs to be added to the minutes from 09/19/11. Trustee Hampton asked Chief Hill if he received a state bid as he said in the September 6th minutes. Chief Hill said no he did not.

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

**VISITORS**
Daryl Ostendorf

Daryl Ostendorf had concerns about the Ambulance Service and missed calls as stated in the New Brief. Trustee Geppert stated one of the missed calls could be from when one of the ambulances that was out or service to be repaired and the other ambulance was already on a call. Daryl commented on how good the cemetery looked this year as well as the entrance to town. Daryl also noted seeing village trucks pulling over to pick up trash and complimented the guys for that.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Mayor Kearns received letters from Westmore Equities regarding the Dollar General store. Westmore Equities is requesting to eliminate the need for sidewalks at this time, but if in the future the need arises it can be addressed at that time. The letter stated in an effort to satisfy the neighbors the building will consist of brick on three sides and fir trees along Keel and the back of the building which is increasing the building costs. Westmore Equities is also requesting a reduction of the building permit fees. Trustee Kreher thought the sidewalk was not necessary at this point. Maybe once other businesses go in, TIF monies could be used to put in sidewalks. This Dollar General store will not be built like any other Dollar General in the surrounding area. Mayor Kearns suggested Westmore Equities put in walkway at the corner of the lot from the street to the parking lot.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to waive the need for a sidewalk on the commercial property for the Dollar General lot. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Geppert. Kearns was absent.

Trustee Hampton asked how much money the village gets from the building permit. Ira stated the village gets half of the fees and the county sets the fees. Trustee Hampton suggested reducing the village’s portion of the building permit fee to half of the $3,597.06. The total cost of Westmore’s building permit is $7,194.12.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to rebate ½ of the village’s portion of the building permit to Westmore Equities. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Geppert. Kearns was absent.

**WATER & SEWER**
Ira noted Todd Davis rented a sewer router machine to clear his sewer line and is requesting reimbursement of $53.00. Todd requested the village to check the sewer lines, village checked the manhole and there was still a flow. Todd then rented a machine to clear his sewer line, but it was still clogged, the next day the village ran the sewer jet machine and cleared the clog, removing a lot of grease. During this timeframe Gary’s Restaurant closed.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to reimburse Todd Davis $53 for sewer router machine
rental. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Geppert. Kearns was absent.
Mayor Kearns signed notice to proceed for the Johnson St water main replacement project.

Diane and Brad Warnecke’s rental house on 501 S Jackson Street water leak was found at the end of a billing cycle and fixed at the beginning of the next cycle, making the usage high on October’s bill too. The credit issued for September’s bill was in the amount of $46 for 13000 gallons. October’s usage was 12000 gallons and should be credited $41.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to issue credit to 501 S Jackson Street in the amount to $41. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Geppert. Kearns was absent.

Mayor Kearns received a letter from Nicole Walker about a water leak she had. The board to address once the monthly billing has been done.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Mayor Kearns noted residents requested a 4 way stop be put in at Benton and Mill as this is a school bus stop. Table until future meeting.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report.

PARK
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Nothing new to report.

POLICE
Mayor Kearns to talk with Chief Hill about the stop sign being ran by school.

Ira noted Dennis Breithaupt said the police car has been ordered. Trustee Kreher stated Chief Hill took the percentage off the top line number and did not include the destination charge when presenting the purchase price to the board. The total price of the vehicle is $24,444. A purchase order to be sent to Dennis Auto Sales.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the purchase price of the 2012 Dodge Charger for $24,444. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, and Geppert. Hampton voted nay. Kearns was absent.

Trustee Hampton was asked how many dogs does the village own. The New Brief printed an article stating the village approved 3 dogs. Chief Hill said the village only has one dog and uses one dog. Trustee Hampton asked if we had insurance on the dog. Mayor Kearns said we have insurance on the dog. Trustee Hampton to get a retraction printed.

PERSONNEL
Mayor Kearns stated his recommendation for the appointment of Chuck Wilson as fulltime officer still stands. He has been with the department and is already trained. He is also a trained dog handler. Trustee Weber asked if Chuck owns a dog now and if the village will be responsible. Chuck stated he does own his own dog and it is insured and certified. Chief Hill stated we will use our dog and if we need another dog we can use Chucks. Trustee Hampton asked why a personnel meeting was not held prior to this board meeting to discuss hiring a fulltime officer. Trustee Kreher stated he was not available to hold a committee meeting before this meeting.

Mayor Kearns stated the part-time people are not working out to fill the open slots when needed. Trustee Hall noted the only objection is a personnel committee meeting was not held. Mayor Kearns stated the ordinance reads all police are appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the board, without the consent the appointment still stands until consent is received. Trustee Hampton noted the ordinance states we are to have a police committee. Trustee Kreher noted no board member received a copy of Hendricks resignation and the situation could have been handled better by the mayor calling all board members prior to the board meeting.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Mayor Kearns appointment of Chuck Wilson as fulltime officer paid per resolution. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Weber, Hampton and Geppert. Hall voted nay. Kearns was absent.
Trustee Kreher is holding a personnel committee meeting Tuesday 10/11/11 at 7 p.m. to discuss the process to replace Ira.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Nothing new to report

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Nothing new to report

TREASURERS TIME
Nothing new to report

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’s TIME
Nothing new to report

OTHER BUSINESS
Tim Schiebe of Reliable was present to review a new contract proposal for trash pick up. The proposal is to issue a 95 gallon wheeled trash bin. The residents will continue to put trash out where they put it now. Also Reliable will offer a weekly curb side recycling program using a blue wheeled cart. The trash rate will increase to $12.54 per month for the first year with a 5 year contract and a 5% max increase per year. Reliable plans to have program in place by November 1st. The bins should last at least 10 years and are to remain with the address.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to authorize Mayor Kearns to sign the trash contract with Reliable. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Geppert. Kearns was absent.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to enter into executive session at 9:13 p.m. to discuss litigation with Sandy Stolte, Ira Renshaw and Dallas Hill present. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Geppert. Kearns was absent.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to return to regular session at 9:30 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton and Geppert. Kearns was absent.

Trustee Geppert stated she may know somebody that may want to buy the microphone system. Trustee Hampton to look up prices.

Trustee Kreher to contact Dave Carr regarding status of the KWD contract.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk