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, Hampton and Kreher. Sandy Stolte, Ira Renshaw and Chief Hill were also present.

Trustee Hampton noted he had an addition for the previous board minutes under police section. Need to add and uses one dog to Chief Hill’s comment the village only has one dog.

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

VISITORS
Britny Hill, Cheryl Raney, Dianne Haas, Oralee Raney and Robert Weaver

Mayor Kearns stated Trustee Kearns resigned from the board October 12, 2011. Mayor Kearns announced his intent is to appoint former board member Daryl Ostendorf at the November 1st board meeting. Trustee Hall asked why the appointment can’t wait until after the vote on the TIF. Trustee Hall also stated Ostendorf has not been at the TIF meeting and is not up to speed regarding the TIF. Mayor Kearns stated that is why he is waiting to appoint Ostendorf until November 1st so he can get up to speed on the TIF before it is voted on. Trustee Hall commented it looks as if Mayor Kearns is stacking the board and the five current board members should only vote on the TIF. Trustee Weber stated he will not vote for Ostendorf because in the last election the residents did not vote for him to sit on the board. Trustee Kreher noted Ostendorf was on the board when the original TIF was started and that he understands the TIF.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Mayor Kearns noted a letter was received from the Township board that they passed a resolution in support of the TIF district.

WATER & SEWER
Nicole Walker had a water leak in the yard of 300 S Benton and she is asking for an adjustment on the bill. Tabled until next water bill comes out.

The Village has not officially heard anything from KWD, but Ira heard their lawyer is working on a solution. The committee to meet and discuss water rates before next board meeting. Trustee Hall to attend committee meeting in lieu of Kearns resignation. Ira Renshaw to also attend and Trustee Hampton to set up meeting. Sandy Stolte did not think it was a good idea to raise water rates before hearing back from KWD.

STREETS & ALLEYS
There are a few requests for stop signs to be added in town. Ordinance committee to review before next board meeting.

PARK
Nothing new to report

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Jake handed out the stats for the month. He also noted the new stretchers and stair chairs are in service.

POLICE
Trustee Kreher to set up a committee meeting is to be set up to interview 4 officers for one or two part-time positions.
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Chief Hill noted the Village was awarded $1800.00 for bullet proof vests which covers 50 percent on each vest. 5 vests are needed at $605 each from Leon’s Uniform Company. The Village will have to purchase all the vests first, then get reimbursed half the money for each vest.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the Village to pay half for 5 bullet proof vests needed. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

The police department needs its own fax machine. There is a lot of confidential information that comes through the fax for the police that should not be seen by anybody but the police.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to allow Chief to proceed in the purchase of a fax machine and phone line for the police department. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

Chief Hill noted a check is needed for $55 to NNDDA to certify the police dog. Chief to get the address for the association.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the payment of $55 to NNDDA to certify the police dog. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

Trustee Hampton asked Chief Hill if he had riders in the police car. Chief Hill hesitated to respond. Hampton stated don’t. Trustee Hampton also asked if Chuck’s dog was used lately. Chief Hill stated Chuck’s dog was deployed. Chief Hill stated when Chuck comes to work he brings his dog with him. Chief Hill stated yes we have had to use Chuck’s dog once since our dog is not certified. Chief Hill was getting married when the Village’s dog was to be certified. The payment to NNDDA will certify our police dog. Chief Hill stated after our dog is certified we will use our dog.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Kreher received two EMT applications one from Timothy Stevens and one from Michael Bluseiewicz. Trustee Kreher noted Chief Hill ran a complete background and Jake checked with employers.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to hire Timothy Stevens and Michael Bluseiewicz as EMTs. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

Trustee Kreher was told the EMT’s now have a problem with people trying to get hours on the schedule, that the schedule is full. Kreher said everybody should have a chance, but this is a good problem to have. Jake Owens said he posts the schedule for 2 months for EMT’s to sign up.

Tommy Weber would like to see winter clothing gear for the EMTs. Ira to check for an EMS grant for uniforms.

Trustee Hall said 2 or 3 meetings ago Jake told the board 3 calls were missed and why, but Hall did not remember why. Jake said 2 of the calls were the same day, one EMT did not make it on time, and one ambulance was down and a pager was not working properly.

GRANTS
The Village did not receive the PARC grant for the park.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Trustee Geppert noted the automatic handi-cap doors will cost $4635.00 with a 1 year warrantee. Two doors for the Dr. Office and one door for Village Hall. Table until next meeting Trustee Hampton to check into.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Trustee Kreher to hold a committee meeting.
TREASURERS TIME
The treasurer report needs to be approved. Monthly financials were also handed out.

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

Sandy noted $1,000 was transferred from the general fund to the cemetery fund to cover expenses until an investment is due.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report.

MAYOR's TIME
Nothing new to report.

OTHER BUSINESS
Ira Renshaw noted the dump truck needs tires and front end repair. Wetzel’s sent in a bid and Ira is still waiting on a bid from Weber’s.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to accept the lesser of the 2 bids from Wetzel’s and Weber’s for tires for the dump truck and front end repair. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

Jake Owens to being in bids for an alignment on 4C20. Trustee Kreher told Jake to ask Dennis if he can do front end alignment and get it in writing.

Trustee Hampton got prices for the microphone system and will bring to next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk