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, Jake Owens and Officer Wilson were also present.

Trustee Hall noted on the 3rd page of the minutes from 11/07/11 the name Hill needed to be changed to Hall in three places.

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

VISITORS
Paula Hoover, Tammy Heinecke, Ryan Heinecke, Stephanie Heinecke, Jake Hurst, Cindy Heinecke and Barb and Bill Wilson.

Ryan Heinecke was present to request the board review the golf cart ordinance and add to allow UTV’s on Village streets. Ryan feels Utility-Terrain Vehicles are safer than the golf carts because they have seatbelts and a roll cage. Ryan handed out an ordinance that was recently passed by Coulterville. Coulterville requires a licensed driver of 21 or older and proof of insurance. He noted Pinckneyville also allows UTV’s by ordinance. Officer Wilson stated he helped write the ordinance for Coulterville. Jake Hurst stated not everybody can just go out and buy one to drive on the streets, they cost on the average of $15,000. The ordinance committee to review.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Mayor Kearns noted the foundation for the Dollar General store has been started.

WATER & SEWER
Nothing new to report.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Michelle spoke with Tim Scheibe of Reliable regarding waiving the trash fee request from the last meeting. Tim did not agree to waive the trash fee that the agreement is if the water service is on the trash service is charged. Michelle to contact Debby Politsch with the information.

PARK
Nothing new to report.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Jake handed out the stats for the month and the hours worked. He also noted the ambulance shed is in need of a new copier and fax machine. The copier is too old to get parts for and Watts will not renew the maintenance agreement and the fax machine leaks ink. Jake is proposing to get one machine to replace the fax machine and copier. Jake is still looking for winter clothing for the EMT’s. Jake is now requiring all EMT’s to take a mandatory annual competency training to be held December 6, 8 and 10th. Any EMT’s that do not take the training will be placed on inactive status as of January 1, 2012 and terminated February 1st if training is still not done. Jake will be putting together a letter to request donations for an automatic CPR device and would like to hold a meeting for the community to see a demonstration on how it works.

POLICE
Officer Wilson stated the new squad car will be in next week. The cost to set up the new car the same as Chief’s car is $13,600.00. The computer that was damaged in the wreck has not yet been paid by insurance. They will reimburse a portion one a new computer is purchased. The Village will only be out of pocket $1000.00. The K-9 was deployed 3 times. Bianca is certified. Vest fitting is to be held November 29th at 4 p.m. Jason Berry
completed his training and we have a signed waiver from the state.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Kreher thought we should give the full-time employees a turkey and a ham and give the part-time employees a turkey for Christmas.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to purchase turkeys and hams for the full-time employees and turkeys for the part-time employees for Christmas. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

Trustee Kreher noted a committee meeting was held 11/14 to discuss communication issues. Kreher said the meeting went well. Trustee Kreher also stated the committee discussed to reimburse Officer Wilson the salary that was not paid on the first 2 checks when he worked under the 84 hours. The committee recommended to pay the difference to Officer Wilson for the hours worked versus the salary.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to reimburse Officer Wilson on the 1st two paychecks that were paid short due to Officer Wilson working under the 84 hours. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

Trustee Kreher to hold a personnel committee meeting November 29 at 7 p.m. to interview Tyler Leifer and Brad Main for the Village Administrator position.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Nothing new to report

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Ordinance 2011-07 Chapter 24 Schedule A Stop Intersections needs to be voted on to add stop signs at Mari and Linda Lane, Benton and Mill Street and Benton and Kaskaskia Street as requested by residents.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Ordinance 2011-07 Revising Chapter 24 Schedule A Stop Intersections. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

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, Kreher, Hampton and Weber.

Sandy reviewed the possible scenarios for the tax levy. The tax levy needs to be passed and turned into the county by the last Tuesday in December. The assessed value went up to $29,386,816. We can levy $7,325 more than last year without a hearing, which would not necessarily raise rates for homeowners. The State still owes the Village for sales tax and income tax in the amount of $76,000.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report.

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Kearns recommended appointing Richard Klein to the vacant trustee position with the advice and consent of the board.
Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve Mayor Kearns recommendation to appoint Richard Klein to the vacant trustee position. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Weber and Hampton. Hall voted nay.

OTHER BUSINESS
Michelle to ask Frank Heiligenstein if TIF ordinance needs to go in the ordinance book. Mayor Kearns may appoint a TIF committee in the future if necessary.

Trustee Hampton noted he turned over the mic system information over to Mr. Wilson to handle the sale of it.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk