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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. Mayor Kearns swore in Richard Klein to the vacant trustee position. A roll call was answered aye by Hampton, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Klein and Kreher. Terry Hamon, Ira Renshaw & Sandy Stolte were also present.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to pay the audit bills as presented. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Klein and Hampton.

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

VISITORS

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Nothing new to report.

WATER & SEWER
Trustee Weber to set up a committee meeting.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Trustee Hall questioned why the streetlight on Keim Road was not installed on the other side of the road. Ira explained that Ameren would have charged the Village $2100 plus the monthly usage fee to install a streetlight on their side of the road. By having Egyptian install it where it is currently it only cost the monthly usage fee. Hall noted there is a complaint the light is causing the bean crop not to mature. Ira asked Egyptian if the light could be tipped up; Egyptian told him no. Trustee Hall stated he knew someone at Egyptian Electric and will ask them if the light can be tipped up or if a guard can be put on the light.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report.

PARK
Ira noted the Village received a park grant for a tractor to replace the John Deere. The grant is for about $17,000.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Mayor Kearns stated he did not think it was a good idea for Jake Owens to send out letters requesting donations to purchase equipment for the ambulance service. The service is owned by the Village and all wishes for equipment need to be brought to the board for approval. Equipment that the board deems necessary the board will approve to purchase. Trustee Kreher noted the piece of equipment they are looking to purchase is documented for saving lives and is a better way of performing CPR. Mayor Kearns to discuss with Jakes Owens.

POLICE
Mayor Kearns said Chief Hill solved the burglaries in town, 6 people were involved of which 4 have been arrested. Trustee Kreher stated the police department should be commended for solving this case in a short period of time.

The chief’s police car is at the shop being repaired due to factory milled the head wrong. The car should be done Friday.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Kreher noted he has an EMT application for Cole Kaemmerer. A background check was done.

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

The committee met and interviewed 2 people for Ira’s position. The committee will meet again prior to the next board meeting to discuss a recommendation for Ira’s position.

Mayor Kearns noted Chief Hill’s last check was short 10 hours due to not enough sick time for the hours taken. Mayor Kearns stated Hill puts in a lot of hours that he has not been paid for since he is salaried. It was discussed to allow Hill to use sick time that will be given in January 2012 which would make January sick time to be 22 hours.
Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to allow Chief Hill to leave pay check as is or give him the choice to use sick time from January 2012 for the 10 hours not paid on previous pay check. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Weber, Hampton and Geppert. Klein and Hall voted nay.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
The ADA doors have been ordered and the electrician has been called.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Trustee Kreher noted a committee meeting was held prior to the meeting tonight to review an ordinance for UTV’s and golf carts. The MPH needs to be changed from 25 MPH to 35 MPH. The UTV’s will be required to have an inspection by the police chief. The cost of a sticker for UTV’s and golf carts will cost $25.00 per year. It was discussed to review the ordinance in a year to see if there are any problems with the ordinance, problems will be addressed at that time. Ira suggested once the inspection is complete they should come into Village Hall to get the vehicle sticker. The sticker to be marked for UTV’s or golf cart.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve the ordinance as presented revising B 24-11-2 from 25 MPH to 35 MPH. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton, Klein and Geppert.

TREASURERS TIME
Sandy reviewed the tax levy with the board. If the board approves a 5% increase the total extended amount would be $156,533 increasing by $10,033. Last year we levied $146,500. The state still owes the Village money and liability insurance went up by a considerable amount, and the Village has a line of credit open.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve a tax levy of $156,533. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Weber, Hampton, Klein and Geppert. Hall voted nay.

CLERKS TIME
Michelle handed out the 2012 board meeting schedule for review. It will be posted in Village Hall and on the web site.

MAYOR’s TIME
Nothing new to report

OTHER BUSINESS
Ira explained how the alternative energy providers work. Ameren charges 7.7cents per kilowatt hour and we can get it for 5.137 per kilowatt hour for a savings of $15,000 a year from an alternative provider. The rate is good for a year. The bill will still come from Ameren. The board to check into further.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to go into executive session at 8:57 p.m. for personal with Ira and Sandy present. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton, Klein and Geppert.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to return to regular session at 9:08 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Hampton, Klein and Geppert.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk