7:30 p.m. The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Trustee Kreher who led the Pledge of Allegiance in Mayor Kearns absence. A roll call was answered aye by Geppert, Hall, Hampton, Weber and Klein. Sandy Stolte, Ira Renshaw, Tyler Liefer and Jake Owens were also present.

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

Trustee Kreher introduced Tyler Liefer the new Public Works Superintendent.

VISITORS
Terry Politsch

Terry Politsch was present with concerns about another business closing in town and wanted to know what the Village can do to promote the town for businesses. Local improvements to come up with a plan to try to draw businesses to town.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
The board discussed changes on the redevelopment agreement. Where the contract reads Gary Kearns change to President and Board of Trustees. Michelle or Ira to contact attorney to make changes. Line 7 Conflict of Interest; Trustee Kreher stated it was a conflict of interest for Mayor Kearns per Attorney Ehlers and if there was a tie vote Mayor Kearns could not vote.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Klein to change Honorable Gary Kearns to President and Board of Trustees where referenced on the redevelopment contract. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

Tyler attended an EPA meeting about spraying mosquitoes. The National Clean Water Act is now requiring a permit to spray mosquitoes. At this time there is no cost and the permit is good for 5 years.

WATER & SEWER
The information for purchasing a sewer jet machine has been sent out for bid. The bid opening is to be held February 1st.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Trustee Hall asked how the alleys are holding up with the trash and recycling trucks going up and down the alleys. Ira Renshaw stated he has seen no problems.

PARK
Trustee Hampton to meet with Ira and pick out what type of swing for the park t-ball diamonds.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Geppert noted a committee meeting was held 01/09/12 to discuss purchasing two Autopulse systems from Zoll for the ambulances and AED machines for the police department. The committee recommended purchasing two Autopulse systems with Sandy Stolte’s verification that the funds are available in the ambulance accounts. The committee recommends not purchasing additional AED machines for the police cars.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to purchase two Autopulse systems for $22,795.00. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

It was said the police are not showing up to ambulance and fire calls. Trustee Kreher stated Chief Hill told Kreher
prior to tonight’s meeting the police are no longer being dispatched to save money for the Village. They are trying to monitor the calls on the pagers and it is up to the discretion of the officer on duty if they are needed on the call. Chief Hill also told Kreher they do not miss any emergency calls. Trustee Geppert noted the pagers for the ambulance and fire calls are usually sitting in the police department and the duty officers are not taking the pagers with them. If EMT’s are finding a hard time signing up for hours they are to call Jake Owens as he takes care of the ambulance schedule. Sandy Stolte noted the ambulance payroll expense is going to be approximately $71,000 per year. The TB shots cost $26 per person per year and the HEPB costs $173.00 for a series of 3 shots. Jake Owens stated the shots have to be offered but they can be refused by the EMT’s. Jake has waivers if the EMT’s refuse to take the shots.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve the TB shots for $26 per person and HEPB shot for $173 per person for those that need the shots or a signed waiver for those that refuse the shots. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

POLICE
Nothing new to report.

PERSONNEL
Nothing new to report

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
The automatic doors for the village hall and medical center will be installed Thursday. Randy Rettinghouse to quote a job to fix the concrete at the medical building as well as make repairs on the front overhang.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Trustee Kreher was asked by Chief Hill if the board would review the derelict vehicle ordinance. Chief has been towing some derelict vehicles throughout the town and has received complaints why businesses can have derelict vehicles sitting on their property. Trustee Hall noted in New Athens businesses are required to purchase a business license so you can’t keep them from having cars on their property. Trustee Hall also noted in Belleville you were allowed a certain amount of cars per bay which include customer cars and abandoned cars. Trustee Hampton would like to see the written complaints. Trustee Klein to contact the owner of the Schaffer truck sitting on the empty lot on Jackson Street and North Street to have it moved.

TREASURERS TIME
The treasurer report needs to be approved. Monthly financials were also handed out for review.

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

Sandy noted $30,000 was transferred to General from Water to cover expenses. The State consistently owes the Village $100,000. Tax assessments are headed downward.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report.

MAYOR’s TIME
Trustee Kreher recommended the Village contact the attorney on how to proceed with derelict properties in town. These are structures that are unsafe.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve Ira Renshaw to contact Attorney Ehlers for recommendation on how to proceed with derelict properties in town. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Hall,
OTHER BUSINESS
Ira Renshaw noted the Village is in need of a new chain saw. Erb Equipment has a 16” Stihl chain saw for $287.99.
The list price is $329.99.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to purchase a 16” Stihl chain saw from Erb Equipment
for $287.99. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Hall, Klein, Weber and Hampton.

Ira Renshaw noted Attorney Ehlers reviewed the contract from Blue Star Energy and did not see any problems with
it. Trustee Hampton asked if it would be offered to the residents. Ira said this contract is only for the Village. It
would have to be placed on the ballot and voted on before extending to the residents. Ira recommends trying for a
year and seeing how it works. The next step is obtaining a quote.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Klein to proceed to obtain rate quote and contract from Blue
Star Energy to bring to next meeting. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Klein, Hall and Hampton.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk