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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. A roll call was answered aye by Hampton, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Klein and Kreher. Chuck Wilson, Tyler Liefer, Ira Renshaw and Sandy Stolte were also present.

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

It was noted some changes needed to be made on the January 17th minutes. Need to add “if funds are in the ambulance account” is in the sentence with Sandy Stolte’s approval for the Autopulse system. Under Ordinance Review change Market Street to the empty lot on Jackson and North. Also add In New Athens the business are required to purchase a business license with Trustee Hall’s comment. Under other business on the vote change Kreher to Klein.

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

VISITORS

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
The board reviewed the redevelopment agreement for Westmore. Michelle noted on the first page under RECITALS A. the date should be November 7, 2011 when the three ordinance passing the TIF were approved and passed.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the date of November 7, 2011 be added to the redevelopment agreement contract under RECITALS A. A answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Hampton, Weber and Geppert.

WATER & SEWER
Trustee Weber reviewed the leak at 404 S Johnson Street and recommended a $30.00 credit on the sewer portion of the water bill since there was more than one kind of leak involved.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve a credit of $30.00 on the sewer portion of the water bill for 404 S Johnson Street. A answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Hampton, Weber and Geppert.

It was stated the water rate will be increasing by .30 cents from KWD. The committee to discuss changing the water rates.

Ira Renshaw went over the sewer jet machine bids and after inspecting each of the machines recommended the sewer jet from Coe Equipment for its superior quality in design, layout and materials. US Jetting bid $40615; Mahoney’s Equipment bid $44833.40; Coe Equipment bid $47,380 and Key Equipment bid $62,995. Ira also offered the old machine to the Village of Lenzburg for $5000. If Lenzburg does not purchase the machine it can be traded in.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve purchasing the Coe Equipment sewer jet machine for $47,380. A answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Hampton, Weber and Geppert.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve to offer the old sewer jet to Lenzburg for $5000 and put the monies towards the purchase of a new sewer jet or if Lenzburg does not want to purchase trade it in to Coe Equipment. A answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Hampton, Weber and Geppert.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Trustee Klein noted the public works guys are doing a good job cleaning out the ditches. Trustee Kreher asked if AT & T was going to repair the ruts they caused while doing work in town. Ira said the contractor will repair the ruts caused by AT & T.

CEMETERY
St. John’s will be holding Easter sunrise service at the old cemetery weather permitting.

PARK
Trustee Hampton noted letters were sent out requesting donations for a swing set by the t-ball diamond and we are
waiting on more bids for a swing set.  Mayor Kearns noted the K.I.D. identification program will be held at the park
again this summer.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Nothing new to report

POLICE
Ira Renshaw noted two outside ashtray containers were ordered at a cost of $35 each.  Officer Wilson noted 146
ordinance violation warnings have been issued in January.  Chief Hill and Lieutenant Buehler are working on
derelict houses.  The board was asked to review chapter 25 in the ordinance books with regards to sending
violations by certified mail.  This is a costly procedure to send certified.  It was suggested if the violations could be
served by the officer on duty and documented instead of mailing certified.  Last month there have been 7 drug
arrests.  Two bullet proof vests were received for police dogs for free.  Officer Wilson noted Chief Hill is in the
process of revising the police policy.  The police department is in need of 2 mag lights at a cost of $95.99 each.
The new uniforms are in and well as the new bullet proof vests.  Officer Wilson stated the list of new car equipment
has been sent to the insurance company.  Trustee Kreher to check with Chief Hill the status with the Marina and the
trash letter.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the purchase of two mag lights and
charges for $95.99 each for the police department.  A answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Hampton, Weber and
Geppert.

PERSONNEL
Nothing new to report

GRANTS
The project was discussed for the 2012 CDBG.  It was decided to apply for a grant to repair the street and curbs in
the nursing home block.  Ira noted the more the Village matches the better chance of getting the grant.  Ira
estimated the project to cost $60,000 to $80,000.  Ira to fill out paperwork and bring back to next meeting.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
The new curtains are up and the ADA doors have been installed.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
The diesel shop at Market and Spring needs to be cleaned up.  There have been complaints drivers cannot see
around the two boats at the corner by the stop sign.  Trustee Kreher to check with Chief Hill if cleanup process as
already been started or if a warning has been sent.

TREASURER’S TIME
Sandy Stolte noted the January financials are finished and can be voted on tonight.  The board to review and vote
on at the next meeting.

CLERKS TIME
Michelle to send Attorney Ehlers the past due invoices for the Marina.  Michelle is waiting for a quote for city
stickers.

MAYOR’S TIME
Mayor Kearns noted trash is lying around town again.  Trustee Hampton suggested a cleanup day be held with the
residents or boy scouts or girl scouts.

OTHER BUSINESS
The board reviewed the rate quote and contract for electric purchase.  The rate for 12 month period is .04692 per
KWH.  Ira Renshaw noted AmerenIP cannot make a profit on this charge.  It was discussed if should enter into a
contract for 12 months or 24 months.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Klein to enter into a contract for 12 months for electric purchase
at .04692 per KWH.  A answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Hampton, Weber and Geppert.

Ira noted Herb Simmons with the county called and said the county is looking into a county wide telephone
notification system.  Code Red quoted the county $40,000.  Herb asked Ira if the Village would be interested if the
cost would be half of what we are paying now. Ira let Herb know the Village is happy with the system we currently have. Herb will contact the Village when he have more information.

Trustee Geppert asked what the next project should be for Village Hall, paint the walls, new furniture or new carpet? The board to think about before the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk