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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 Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Hampton, Weber and Klein. Sandy Stolte, Ira Renshaw, Tyler Liefer and Chief Hill were also present.

Trustee Kreher noted to change Lieutenant to Lieutenant Buehler under police. Trustee Hall noted the spelling needs to be changed from meg light to mag light also under police.

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

VISITORS
Charlotte Main, Doug Birkner, Terry Politsch and Britany Hill

Charlotte Main was present representing the historical society and is requesting to use the second floor at the old village hall in the future. Ira Renshaw said the stairwell is unsafe to use at this time. Also there is no heat or air conditioning in the upstairs. If the building would be open to the public the village would need to update to comply with the ADA standards. Trustee Kreher suggested the historical society to approach the other organizations in town to set up a committee to come up with a plan and monies to update the old village hall. The historical society to also look into having the building put on the historical list. Mayor Kearns suggested the historical society to ask the commercial club if they could hold their meetings elsewhere allowing the historical society use of the meeting room in the old village hall.

Terry Politsch was present with the idea of holding a spring clean up day. Trustee Hampton is talking with the boy scouts to coordinate a spring clean up day. Terry asked about cleaning up derelict properties. Chief Hill and Attorney Ehlers are working the derelict properties in town.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Mayor Kearns noted Dollar General will be having a soft opening on February 27th with the grand opening and ribbon cutting on March 10th at 8 a.m.

WATER & SEWER
Trustee Weber stated the new proposed water and sewer rate ordinance was handed out to the board members for their review. The new ordinance needs to be passed in May. Tyler Liefer and Sandy Stolte reviewed the sewer rate in the proposed ordinance and do not think the sewer rates need to be increased at this time.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Trustee Hampton noted a resident in Hidden Lakes subdivision requested a no through street sign be placed on Brooke Lane. Ira Renshaw talked with another resident of the subdivision and this resident was unaware of a subdivision meeting where the no through street sign request was discussed.

Chief Hill stated the boat on Market Street has been moved.

PARK
Trustee Hampton received 4 bids for a swing set and sand box. The cheapest bid is $1,044 for a swing set and sand box. Ira thought the swing set could be set in place for a total of $2000 which includes the $1,044 for the swing set. We have received 3 donations to put towards the purchase of a swing set.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve purchasing a swing set for $1,044 with the set up and swing set not to exceed $2000. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

Trustee Hampton noted the good picnic tables are at the Village Park and should be moved to Okaw Park. They can be brought back to the Village Park when needed. The stage needs to be painted. Daryl Ostendorf contacted
Trustee Hampton and asked if the current board, Ira and his wife would help out with the 5K run to be held June 16.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC SAFETY
Nothing new to report

POLICE
Nothing new to report

PERSONNEL
Nothing new to report

GRANTS
Mayor Kearns noted a resolution needs to be passed for the CDBG.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve Resolution 2011-09 CDBG and authorize Mayor Kearns to execute all paperwork involved with the CDBG grant. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

Tyler Liefer said for the $80,000 DCEO grant, a couple of ideas would be to put a new roof on the village hall and concession stands at both parks. Ira Renshaw requested the board to review and submit ideas to Tyler Liefer.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Trustee Weber stated the cabinets are done at the ambulance shed. The bills added up to $700 so far, but there is still more work to be done.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Ira Renshaw to contact Frank Heiligenstein to ask him if the TIF ordinances need to be included in the ordinance book.

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 Kreher to accept the monthly treasurer report as presented. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Klein, Weber and Hampton.

Sandy noted $30,000 was transferred to General from Water to cover expenses.

CLERKS TIME
Michelle Neff noted the city stickers have been ordered and will cost the same as last year around $1600. The Marina paid $203 on their past due invoices and should be able to pay the balance due in 30 to 60 days. The Marina past due invoices have been given to Attorney Ehlers. The chiropractor is also behind on invoices.

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Kearns noted a letter was received requesting a donation for CESNA. Also they are holding an annual soup supper March 15th.

OTHER BUSINESS
The police use storage in the basement at the medical center. ESDA also uses the basement. Trustee Hampton asked if the doctors’ offices are using the basement as well. It was discussed if it was part of their contract. Trustee Kreher to check with Tom’s in Freeburg about putting a pharmacy in town.
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk