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, Jake Owens, Officer Wilson and Chief Hill were also present.

Trustee Geppert noted in other business on the 03/05/12 minutes, need to change Trustee Kreher statement to one of the down falls of the way they are picking up trash now is if it is a windy day when dumping the recycling carts paper blows out and falls on the ground. A couple of words were mistakenly left out.

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
Charles and Brenda Whitlow, Rob Kalert and Matt Davis

Charles and Brenda Whitlow were present with concerns on why the zoning board would allow commercial property in a residential area. Trustee Kreher stated the address in question applied for a variance to work on cars years ago and the board turned it down at that time. Charles also stated there is a car on a trailer for the past 6 to 8 years and would like to see something done about it. Chief Hill or Officer Wilson to check if a business is being operated at 201 S Jackson.

Rob Kalert and Matt Davis of Constellation Energy were present to discuss electric rates and get a seal of approval from the village. Trustee Kreher said if we lock in electric rates for the whole town the village would have to put it on a ballot to be voted on by the residents. The village voted to go with Next Era Energy for 1 year to see how it works for the village’s usage. Rob would still like to quote the village for the village usage but, can give a 5.19cents fixed rate per KWH for 2 years for the residents. Rob and Matt asked for board backing to go to the residents. Mayor Kearns noted they are welcome to go door to door but they will have to get a solicitors license. Local improvements to work with Rob and Matt to set up a town meeting where Rob and Matt can discuss electric deregulation with the residents.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Nothing new to report

WATER & SEWER
Tyler Liefer informed the board the state bid for a F250 2012 truck for public works is for $19,700 with Morrow Brothers in Greenfield IL. The committee to discuss.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Trustee Klein asked about when Route 13 was going to be repaved. Ira stated the state has it in the plans for 2014.

PARK
Trustee Hampton noted the swing set has been installed and mulch was put down around it.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Hall inquired about getting a picture ID for the village board in case of a disaster. Chief Hill will get ordered for all board members that don’t have an ID.

POLICE
Chief Hill noted that through the LESO program they were able to get lap tops, screens, computers from Scott Air Force Base. The computers are missing the hard drives. Officer Wilson valued the equipment at $27,000. Brandon Paulson can update and retro fit the computers for $1045. The computers are for ESDA office. Chief’s March 19,
office and the police department. Trustee Geppert asked about getting a generator for ESDA. Officer Wilson said they are already working on it. The equipment received from LESO must be kept for 2 years and keep a record of the equipment.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Brandon Paulson to update the computers received from the LESO program for $1045. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Kreher noted a committee meeting will be held Thursday 03/22 to interview applicants for the seasonal public works job. The committee will make their recommendation at the next meeting. An application has been received and checked out for Adam King for part-time EMT. Jake Owens stated he did not need anybody at this time.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to hire Adam King as part-time EMT and Jake Owens to schedule when needed. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

GRANTS
Tyler Liefer reviewed the bids for a tractor, mower, backhoe and loader for the park grant. The grant is for $15,000. It was discussed if all the equipment is needed and Tyler said all the equipment would be used. Mascoutah Equipment bid $25,200 minus trade in $6,500.

Trustee Klein made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the purchase of Kubota tractor, mower, backhoe and loader from Mascoutah Equipment for a total price of $18,700. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

The $80,000 DCEO grant application has been sent in.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
The Dr. Office lease expires 04/01/12. The rate has not been increased in five years. The rate increase proposed will be going from 9.44 per square foot to 9.87 per square foot, making the new monthly rate $1,236.37.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Addendum No. 6 Lease Agreement for Memorial Medical Group with the rate increased to 9.87 per square foot. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Nothing new to report

TREASURERS TIME
The treasurer report needs to be approved.

Trustee Weber 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 $31,000 was transferred to general from water to cover expenses. Mayor Kearns, Sandy Stolte and the board to hold an audit committee meeting to discuss expenses and finances.

CLERKS TIME
It was noted the city stickers are in and will be available for sale April 2nd. Tyler Liefer to send out a message on the notification system about city stickers.

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Kearns noted Attorney Ehlers sent a letter to the Marina about late rent payments. Mayor Kearns reminded
the board DARE graduation for the public school is Tuesday, March 20th. St. Agatha’s DARE graduation will be held April 2nd at 1:30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS
The FCC license needs to be renewed. The cost to renew is $150.00.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the renewal of the FCC license at a cost of $150.00. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

The pipe under the levee still needs a video camera ran through from the pump station to the river for the levee inspection. It was discussed to allow Walden video next time they are in town.

The bridge on Old Baldwin Road needs to be inspected. This is an IDOT requirement.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve Rhutasel to inspect the bridge on Old Baldwin Road. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

Mayor Kearns noted Resolution 2011-11 and 2011-12 need to be passed for IDOT replacing the stop lights with LED lights.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Resolution 2011-11 Exhibit B Agreement with IDOT. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Resolution 2011-12 approving plans and specifications for replacing stop lights with LED lights. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

Trustee Geppert asked if the car impounded at the ambulance shed if it should be driven. The board consensus is it should not be driven around town. The car was park on the street while cabinets were being built in the ambulance shed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk