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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, Klein, Hall, Hampton and Weber. Sandy Stolte, Chief Hill, and Tyler Liefer were also present. Jake Owens arrived at 7:54 p.m.

It was noted to make the corrections “Rich” to “Rick” and “leash” to “lease” under park on the July 16th minutes.

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

VISITORS
Larry Rhutasel

Larry Rhutasel went over the ordinance authorizing the Village to borrow funds from the EPA for the new sewer plant. The current estimate for the new sewer plant is $2.2 million but the ordinance allows up to $3.3 million in case the bids come in higher than the estimate. Rhutasel will have it published in the paper. Bids will be received by August 31st and brought to the 09/04 board meeting for approval. EPA also has to approve the bid then will make a formal loan offer. Construction should start by the beginning of the year, weather permitting.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Ordinance 2012-04 authorizing the Village of New Athens to borrow funds from the EPA for the new sewer plant. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Mayor Kearns and Sandy Stolte went over the lease agreement for Red Bud Clinic Corp. The lease is good for 3 years. Red Bud Clinic Corp. requested some changes on Attachment A Improvement list. Sandy to schedule a walk through with them. Fixing the parking lot was discussed as well as making repairs and painting the outside of the building. Red Bud Clinic Corp. wants the wording “when budget allows” removed from attachment A.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the lease agreement between Red Bud Clinic Corp. and the Village of New Athens. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

Jake Owens arrived at 7:54 p.m.

WATER & SEWER
Tyler Liefer received pricing for a 3” trash pump. Illinois Meter Company had the best price of $820 plus $50 to $100 for shipping for a 3” 5.5 HP pump.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Klein to approve the purchase of a 3” Ridged 5.5 HP semi-trash pump from Illinois Meter Company for $820 plus shipping. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

Jay Ozier is requesting a credit on the sewer portion of his water bill for refilling his pool 1/3 of the way twice due to a leak in the liner. The amount he is requesting is $82.13. Ozier used a formula to calculate the gallons used.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the credit of $82.13 for Jay Ozier on the sewer portion of the water bill. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

Michelle noted a bill from Rhutasel was not paid in full last December. The amount still owed for sewer treatment improvements is $4746.50.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve paying Rhutasel the balance of the remaining invoice 9214 in the amount of $4746.50. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall,
STREETS & ALLEYS
Chief Hill said a stop sign is needed at the corner of South and Highland. He has received complaints. It was discussed to amend ordinance at next board meeting to add the stop sign.

Trustee Kreher noted a neighbor is complaining about a tree limb that fell in the alley at 108 S Market. The limb is on the owner’s property and the only part of the tree left is the trunk. Mayor Kearns said a letter should be sent to the owner that this is a public safety issue.

PARK
Tyler Liefer noted there is a grant for up to $25,000. Some ideas to apply for are fix the rink, new roofs on the pavilions, nets on batting cages. Mayor Kearns said to include in the grant paperwork the safety reasons we need the repairs done.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC SAFETY
Jake Owens said on the bids for the narrow band radios; two out of three companies have turned in bids. Global Tech has not returned his phone calls or emails. IE Communications and Wireless USA bid, with the cheapest bid being from IE Communications $1800.00 for a new radio and $329 to reprogram radios the EMT’s already have. The narrow band switch takes place August 21st, 2012.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the purchase of a new radio and have the other radios reprogrammed by IE Communications for the amount of $2,129 per the FCC regulations. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

Mayor Kearns did not think the ambulance fund needed to be discussed any further.

POLICE
Chief Hill stated Officer Fields was involved in a 1050 Saturday night. A woman ran into the police car. St. Clair County came down to investigate and issued her tickets. Fields was taken to Sparta Hospital for drug testing per the ordinance and Fields also did an alcohol test in the police department. Chief Hill would like to do mandatory random testing on all police officers. It was suggested to look into it more when the new doctor gets to town. Chief Hill said the ordinance for part-time police pay needs to be looked at. It was said the pay rate was taken out of the ordinance and is now set by resolution, but Trustee Kreher will check into. Chief Hill is issuing the marina a citation as they have not cleaned up the trash by the tree line, they did however put a tarp over it. It was discussed to issue a ticket for each day it is not cleaned up. Chief Hill will be on vacation and will not be able to attend the next board meeting. Chief is working on a way for residents to drop off unwanted pills. Jake Owens has a lock box that can be used to turn in the unwanted pills. The Schaffer truck that was discussed at a previous board meeting has valid plates.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Kreher noted he has an EMT application for Robert Nealon and he has been checked out.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to hire Robert Nealon as part-time EMT and to be scheduled per the director. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to enter into executive session at 8:38 p.m. to discuss personnel issue with Chief Hill, Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer and Michelle Neff. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.
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Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to return to regular session at 8:50 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to terminate the employment of EMT Keith Culli with the Village of New Athens Ambulance service immediately. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

**GRANTS**
Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**
Nothing new to report

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
The Annual Appropriations Ordinance 2012-03 needs to be passed.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Ordinance 2012-03 for the Annual Appropriations. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

**TREASURERS TIME**
The monthly treasurer report needs to be approved.

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

**CLERKS TIME**
Michelle noted the annual audit was held last week and everything went well.

**MAYOR’s TIME**
Mayor Kearns thinks the ambulance account is labeled wrong. Ambulance, police, medical building, ESDA, emergency phone system is all public safety. Mayor Kearns recommended changing the name of the ambulance account to public safety account. Trustee Kreher said it makes sense to put ambulance under public safety.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Klein to change ambulance account to public safety account. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

Mayor Kearns thanked public works for a job well done with the street oiling.

There are minor repairs that need to be done to the river bank before the barge trip. A load of rock and clean up of weeds is needed before the barge trip. The trip is for 300 people. Fireworks will be shot off at the end of the trip. Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer, Mayor Kearns, Arlene and Larry Geppert, Don and Michelle Hall, Michelle Neff and David Kreher would like to attend the barge trip. The cost is $100 per person. Arlene will pay for Larry’s ticket and Don Hall said he will pay for his and his wife’s tickets. Sandy Stolte also said she would pay for her own ticket.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve to pay for 7 people to attend the barge trip. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

**OTHER BUSINESS**
Mayor Kearns called Neal’s Heating and Cooling last Sunday because the air conditioner was not working at Village Hall. It was plugged with dirt, the fan motor went out and it was also low on Freon. It was discussed to get prices for a service contract for spring and fall for all the Village owned buildings with air conditioning.
Mayor Kearns has a set of plates for the confiscated car that was awarded to the Village. Chief Hill is looking for used lights to put in the car so the police can use the car.

Tyler noted they picked up the new truck today from Morrow Brothers. The old truck will be bid out and will sit in Village Hall’s parking lot when ready to bid out.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk