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, Officer Wilson, Jake Owens and Tyler Liefer were also present.

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

VISITORS
Britny Hill, Tammy Sterthman, Robert Macke, Matt Ridlen, Leroy Faucett, Taylor Sterthman, David W. Robertson, Judy Robertson and Gary Hoelscher

David and Judy Robertson of 402 N Market was present to discuss a parking issue. They park across the street by the empty lot. A mound of dirt was placed 6” to 10” inches from the edge of the street to prevent them from parking there. Tammy Sterthman and Robert Macke said the dirt was placed there due to flooding issues. Tammy claims they can’t mow that area due to the cars always being parked there and it is hard to see when pulling out of the driveway when the cars are parked there. Matt Ridlen said there are deeper issues than the parking; the Robertson’s don’t respect boundaries. There was also discussion on doing u-turns at that location. Trustee Kreher to schedule a committee meeting with streets and alleys committee, Tyler Liefer, Chief Hill and all residents involved.

David Robertson’s 2nd complaint was when Officer Wilson is called out he stated every time he has to come down there the Robertson’s is the problem.

Gary Hoelscher of Hoelscher Engineering was present to review the levee recertification. The options to pursue reaccreditation are costly. To pursue a full recertification the cost is $400,000 to $2,000,000. FEMA will be meeting with the Village September 14th to discuss the levee. Hoelscher said FEMA is holding the meeting to inform the Village FEMA will begin the de-accreditation process on the levee.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Nothing new to report.

WATER & SEWER
Tyler Liefer noted classes for the water license program start September 24th at SIUE. Three sessions cost $600 and last 15 weeks. They are held Monday nights from 6pm – 9pm. Trustee Kreher told Tyler to keep track of his mileage and he will be reimbursed. If somebody is needed at the board meeting one of the public works guys or Ira Renshaw could attend.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to authorize to send Tyler Liefer to SIUE for water license classes for the amount of $600. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

Tyler said the gear boxes are shot on one side at the sewer plant. Two new gear boxes will cost $1800.00, but he will try to find refurbished parts. The repairs are needed to keep the sewer plant running until the new plant is built.

Tyler stated the bid opening for the new sewer plant is August 31st.

STREETS & ALLEYS
The Village will be receiving $8600 in additional funds for the MFT account.

PARK
The Board for the New Athens Community Hall sent in a letter requesting a tree located on the Village property be cut down. The roots are causing the sidewalk to buckle. A new rubber roof was recently installed and they don’t want it damaged by tree limbs. Tyler to get bids for tree and stump removal.
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CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC SAFETY
Jake Owens stated he received a resignation letter from Debbie Main. Trustee Kreher suggested we get her a plaque for her years of service.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to authorize the director of the ambulance to get a plaque for Debbie Main. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

Sean O’Brien returned to the ambulance service as part-time EMT. Jake is still working on the Standard Operating Guideline and is hoping to get a copy done for the board’s review.

POLICE
Chief Hill stated he received the revised bill from Cencom and the bill was reduced by $861. Chief to review and compare their numbers with our numbers, but he still thinks it is too high.

Chief Hill said the State Police awarded the car to us that was confiscated during a traffic stop. It costs $99 to transfer the title and $95 for plates.

Chief Hill said there was an OD on Thursday of which 3 people are in custody for drug induced homicide charges.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Kreher noted the committee met August 9th to discuss a personnel issue. The committee went into executive session and Trustee Kreher has the tape. When executive session ended the committee discussed and recommended to rescind the motion to terminate Mr. Culli and allow him to return to active duty when the Region 4 suspension is over on September 1st.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to reinstate Keith Culli as part-time EMT after Region 4 suspension is complete, with 6 months probation. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Weber, and Hampton. Hall voted nay.

Jake Owens noted he has about 9 applications on file for part-time EMT’s, but at this time doesn’t need anybody. Jake and Tommy are putting together a hiring policy for future use.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to enter into executive session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue with Chief Hill, Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer and Michelle Neff present. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to return to regular session at 8:16 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

GRANTS
Tyler noted Resolution 2012-06 needs to be passed for funding the park grant. The total project cost is $26,734.60 with $23,000 being requested from the grant.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Klein to approve Resolution 2012-06 Funding for the Park Grant. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
The board to review the service agreement Tyler wrote up for the Village’s air conditioners and furnaces for board
approval at the next meeting before going out for bid.

Tyler received 3 bids to resurface the medical building parking lot: Moore bid $21,440; Christ Brothers bid $20,299 and Sonnenberg bid $25,000.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to accept the low bid from Christ Brothers in the amount of $20,299 to resurface the medical building parking lot. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

Mayor Kearns noted Karen Zimmerman said water is leaking in the old Village hall when it rains. Bryan Rausch is willing to tuck point and Ron Hampton will make the mortar. Ron will contact Bryan to set up a time to repair.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
The Ordinance 2012-03 amending the official zoning map needs to be passed. A new zoning map will be needed.

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

The Ordinance 2012-04 allowing a variation to a required minimum lot depth at 404 S. Van Buren needs to be passed.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve Ordinance 2012-04 allowing a variation to a required minimum lot depth. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

Trustee Kreher said he misread the part-time police ordinance when at the last meeting he was talking about the part-time police pay. The part-time police pay is set by resolution.

TREASURERS TIME
The monthly treasurer report needs to be approved.

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

Sandy reviewed the summary audited financial report and statement of indebtedness with the board. We did not receive a management letter from the auditors this year.

CLERKS TIME
Michelle noted the Village received $1,674.01 from United Health Care for the 2011 medical loss ratio rebate due to the Affordable Care Act. The employees who paid for a portion of their health care will be reimbursed with the remaining balance to go to the Village.

MAYOR’S TIME
Mayor Kearns reminded the board the Lenzburg Ambulance Agreement expires in October. Trustee Geppert is working on and will have a committee meeting to discuss. The Lenzburg Agreement should go month to month until the Fire Department Agreement expires so they will both be due at the same time.

Mayor Kearns noted a proclamation for the Knights of Columbus annual fund drive.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to authorize Mayor Kearns to sign the proclamation for the Knights of Columbus. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber, and Hampton.

Mayor Kearns stated 2 eagle scouts need to earn merit badges. It was discussed to allow them to landscape the Village Hall and the medical building. They will need to work through Tyler.
OTHER BUSINESS

Ameren is requesting easement for overhead service wire for Kaskaskia Boat Storage on Spring Street. Tyler to ask Ameren if they could go on the west side of the storage building instead of the proposed east side.

Tyler noted he is checking into prices for radios for the public works department. Global quoted $1800 and IE Communications quoted $3000. Tyler to check into different ways to communicate possibly with CB’s or walkie talkies.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk