8:00 p.m. The special 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. Sandy Stolte, Officer Wilson, Officer Hamon and Tyler Liefer were also present.

VISITORS
Robert Johnson, Jennifer Schlemmer, Terry Poltisch, Chuck Whitlow

Robert Johnson was present to ask for a replacement dog training collar. Robert stated Chief Hill borrowed his training collar for the Village’s police dog. When the collar was returned the collar was cut to fit a dog which damaged the antenna system. The collar was also taken apart and the water seal was taken out. Robert said Hill borrowed the collar last fall and was recently returned. The cost to replace is $169.99 from Cabela’s.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Klein to approve to pay for the replacement D.T. dog training collar system for Robert Johnson. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Weber, Geppert and Hampton.

Chuck Whitlow has concerns about lack of police patrol in his neighborhood. He rarely sees them patrolling anymore. Chuck also made a complaint of dogs barking. Officer Wilson said he will need to call the police next time the dogs are barking and they will take care of it.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
One of the old HVAC units at the medical building broke down. Neal’s put in a new squirrel cage and also quoted for a new unit to be installed. Two of the four units have been replaced in the last two years. Neal’s quoted $4,350 for a replacement HVAC unit. Or Neal’s can bill for the new squirrel cage if the Village does not want to replace the old system.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the quote of $4350 from Neal’s to replace a HVAC unit at the medical building. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Weber, Geppert and Hampton.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Tyler noted we received the EPA permit application and sewer line extension plans from Casey’s. They need to be approved and sent to EPA for the permit. Tyler reviewed the plans.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Klein to authorize Mayor Kearns to sign the necessary documents and send to the EPA for the sewer line extension permit. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Weber, Geppert and Hampton. Hall voted nay.

OTHER BUSINESS
Michelle noted there were some unpaid bills found on the Chief Hill’s desk from New Wave, Atlantic Tactical and the I-win bill. There is also a bill to replace the seat belt in Chief Hill’s police car that was damaged by the dog, a bill from Animal Services for a rabies tag was found in the trunk of Chief Hill’s police car that was dated September 6, 2012. Michelle to call Animal Services to see how much is due at this time and if they will waive the penalty. Glass America replaced the windshield in Chief Hill’s police car today and wanted payment today.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to put all the bills in the next audit except the Animal Services bill with Michelle to contact Animal Services. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Weber, Geppert and Hampton.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Kreher made a motion to enter into executive session. Mayor Kearns stated there was no need to go into executive session for what the Mayor had to discuss.

Mayor Kearns un-appointed Dallas Hill as Chief of Police with the advice and consent of the board.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Klein to approve the mayor’s recommendation to un-appoint Dallas Hill as Chief of Police. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Weber, Geppert and Hampton.
Mayor Kearns would like the board’s permission to remove Dallas Hill from paid administrative leave and put on unpaid administrative leave at this time. Trustee Hall asked if Mayor Kearns discussed with an attorney. Mayor Kearns did talk with an attorney.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Klein to approve the Mayor’s recommendation to put Dallas Hill on unpaid administrative leave as of this date. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Weber, Geppert and Hampton.

Mayor Kearns said we have to offer Hill cobra health insurance since he is on unpaid administrative leave and it is his choice if he wants it.

Mayor Kearns stated he is not appointing Tim Buehler as Chief or interim Chief. Tim Buehler will be doing some of the duties of Chief at Lieutenant pay. There will be no pay increase since Lt. Buehler is the second highest ranking officer in the department and has the knowledge. Mayor Kearns will not appoint a Chief at this time. Trustee Hall asked if Lt. Buehler is doing the Chief’s job for a certain amount of time should he be compensated for it. Mayor Kearns did not think so, but it is up to the board if they wanted to at that time. Trustee Hampton said we should wait until May to appoint a Chief.

Mayor Kearns noted Bianca is at Officer Wilson’s house. Bianca and Officer Wilson need to be certified as a team and attend training together. Training will take about four to six weeks. Officer Wilson stated the Dodge Charger that is set up as a K-9 unit should be taken back to a regular transport car since we only have one full-time certified K-9 Officer. Officer Wilson said Dean Anderson is the other officer that has a K-9 that is certified and if he works and brings his dog he can use his car. Only one K-9 car is needed.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve K-9 training for Officer Wilson and Bianca. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Weber, Geppert and Hampton.

Michelle noted Officer Anderson worked 12 hours that was not on a time sheet from October 15th. Mayor Kearns said Anderson worked 12 hours for Hill. Since Hill is out of days we need to deduct 12 hours from Hill.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to pay Anderson 12 hours and deduct 12 hours from Hill since he was out of sick or vacation days. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Weber, Geppert and Hampton.

Mayor Kearns said the dog training boxes are the Village’s; they were built with material purchased from Hi-way Lumber paid by the Village. Officer Wilson asked what K-9 equipment was purchased by the Village. What was purchased by the Village needs to be returned to the Village. Officer Wilson said a letter was sent to Dallas Hill regarding returning all Village’s equipment. Officer Wilson said most of the items were returned. Trustee Geppert asked if the weather alert radio was returned. Trustee Geppert also asked if there is a list of the items received from LESO. Officer Wilson to call Tracy Nicoles to get a copy of the LESO list.

Officer Wilson asked about where to get dog food for Bianca. The board said to get the dog food from the mill.

Trustee Weber left at 8:53 p.m.

**MAYOR’s TIME**
Mayor Kearns said the levee issue is still being worked on. Sandy noted she got the copies of the maps and they are at Village Hall for anybody that wants one.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk