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 Hampton, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Klein and Kreher. Sandy Stolte, Lieutenant Buehler, Officer Hamon and Officer Wilson were also present.

Page 3 under other business on the November 5th minutes a correction needs to be made on the votes taken for the on the motion to go into executive session. Hall needs to be changed to Geppert.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the minutes from November 5, 2012 with the correction on the vote taken on page 3 under other business. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Weber and Hampton. Hall voted present.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the minutes from the special board meeting held November 13th, 2012 as presented. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Weber, Geppert and Hampton.

VISITORS
Jason Wolf and Tim Pruett

Jason Wolf was present to discuss the gambling ordinance. The State legalized video gaming. With the Village’s current ordinance he is unable to offer his patrons legal gambling. The machines are directly connected to the State managed central control system. The Village would receive 5% revenue share if video gaming was allowed in New Athens. The board discussed. Michelle to contact Frank Heiligenstein to get a copy of an ordinance allowing video gaming for the board to review and vote on at the next meeting.

Trustee Hampton asked Jason Wolf if the blinking light it was being turned off at night. Jason said most of the time it is being turned off when the business is closed. Mayor Kearns drove by to check the light brightness. Mayor noted the light by the door is brighter than the marquee lighted sign.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Tim Pruett reviewed the preliminary plat and plans for Casey’s. He noted they are labeling the old cemetery as an out lot but the owner of an out lot is always the owner of an out lot so it should not be a problem. Casey’s is only buying one lot.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the preliminary plat and improvement plans. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Weber, Hampton and Geppert.

WATER & SEWER
Tim Pruett of Rhutasel went over and recommended the Village pay the first pay request for Plocher. With the board’s approval Rhutasel will forward the pay request of $76,500 for Plocher and any engineer’s expenses to IEPA for payment from the loan. It will take IEPA about 30 days to review and then they will send a check to the Village for the Village to pay the contractor and engineer.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve to pay request from Plocher and Rhutasel, send to IEPA, and pay Plocher and Rhutasel when IEPA sends the Village a check. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Weber, Hampton and Geppert.

Tim noted the sludge permit paperwork needs to be filled out every three years and submitted to the State with $2,500.00.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the payment of $2,500.00 to the State for the sludge permit. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Weber, Hampton and Geppert.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Michelle noted in Tyler’s absence the snow plow was installed on the new public works truck.

PARK
Mayor Kearns noted the park grant was approved by the St. Clair County Board for the amount of $23,000.

CEMETERY
Michelle noted the Village is required to get a cemetery license per a new state law. Michelle has been gathering
information for the cemetery committee to review and will get to them before the next board meeting.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**
Trustee Geppert noted the committee met November 13, 2012 to discuss the ambulance contracts for Lenzburg and the Fire District. Sandy Stolte typed up the contracts using the same CPI for both contracts using St. Louis, Mo. – Illinois area except for food and energy. The CPI increased by 4.20% making the contract for Lenzburg $5810.12 for the year and the New Athens Fire District $60,615.11 for the year.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to enter into ambulance service agreements with the Village of Lenzburg and the New Athens Fire District based on the dollar amounts provided above. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Weber, Hall, Hampton and Geppert.

Trustee Kreher noted after the first of the year the fire dispatching calls will done by a company in O’Fallon Illinois. They are cheaper than Cencom. The committee to discuss about changing the dispatching for EMS and police after the first of the year.

**POLICE**
Lieutenant Buehler noted Officer Wilson’s K-9 passed away. The Wolfcom cameras were received. A new camera did not have to be purchased, however about $100 was spent on new batteries and chargers to get the camera’s working that were received from LESO.

Lieutenant Buehler said the police policy book that was voted on and passed by the board in 2009 was thrown away. The policy book Dallas Hill put together while he was Chief was never voted on by the board.

Lieutenant Buehler said we need to purchase a new cage for the Dodge Charger. A new cage cost $637.95 plus shipping. Officer Anderson is interested in buying the K-9 cage that was removed from the Dodge Charger.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to authorize the purchase of a new cage for the squad car at $637.95. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Weber, Hampton and Geppert.

Lieutenant Buehler stated all items were returned by Dallas Hill. All LESO items have been inventoried and accounted for.

Officer Wilson stated Officer Anderson has a certified K-9. Officer Wilson said K-9 Bianca has a lot of work to do to be certified with Officer Wilson.

**PERSONNEL**
Trustee Kreher discussed the giving hams and turkeys to the employees for Christmas like we did last year. Tyler to check with Ira how they were ordered last year. Michelle noted last year full-time employees received a ham and a turkey and part-time employees received a turkey.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to authorize the purchase hams and turkeys for employees for Christmas the same as last year. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Klein, Weber, Hampton and Geppert.

**GRANTS**
Nothing new to report.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**
Trustee Weber stated a committee meeting was held to discuss the Senior Center. Attorney Ehlers is working on a quick claim deed, once signed Sandy will take it to the courthouse.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
Nothing new to report.

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

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to accept the monthly treasurer report as presented. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber and Hampton.
Sandy noted an audit committee meeting needs to be held to discuss the tax levy. The committee will meet at 6:30 prior to the December 3rd board meeting.

CLERKS TIME
Michelle noted she is starting to look into purchasing a digital recorder to record the meetings. It is getting more difficult to find cassette tapes for the tape recorder. Pricing will be brought to a future board meeting.

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Kearns stated he has been thinking of installing indoor video surveillance system at the Village Hall and police department for the safety of the girls and everybody else. Also to get rid of any questions on what goes on in here. Officer Wilson said you can get a system for $300 to $800, it all depends on if you want audio with video or video only. Trustee Klein asked if a company would install. Officer Wilson said himself, Tyler and public works could install.

OTHER BUSINESS
The board discussed the quote from Arthur Gallagher for liability insurance. An ad hoc committee meeting to be scheduled with a representative of Arthur Gallagher Company present to answer any questions the board may have.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk