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

The audit committee asked about the Quality Rental bill and the two different amounts. Michelle noted the higher amount was the estimated amount, but the machine was not needed as long as expected so the actual bill is $144. The Woody’s bill for the snow plow should only be in the MFT account. Trustee Hampton said he spoke with Tyler and he will be checking the Ameren bills and Next Era bills. The Amann bill for the electric work was questioned. Michelle noted it was billed as quoted, 8 posts were put in as well as wire to the posts.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to pay the audit bills with the Woody’s bill in the MFT account. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Weber, Hall, Klein and Hampton.

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

VISITORS
Dick Petrowich and Charles Lingafelter of the Open House Theater

Dick Petrowich said the Open House Theater is a non for profit organization. Dick noted everything of theirs is out of the senior center, but they still have things in the garage. Dick is concerned with the storage and the play already scheduled in March. Dick offered to give the Village $400 for four nights of the March play to help cover the heating bill, but would not be able to pay rent for rehearsals. They hold about 20 rehearsals during the weeknights. Trustee Kreher said the Village would honor the dates booked in March. Mayor Kearns told Dick the Village would not be responsible for items left in the building and that the Village has no plans to sell the building at this time. The plan is to turn this into an asset for the community. Public buildings committee to meet with the Open House Theater group to come up with a plan.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Mayor Kearns received the final plat for Casey’s. No changes were made it is the same as previously voted on.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to authorize Mayor Kearns to sign the final plat for Casey’s. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Klein, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

WATER & SEWER
Tim Pruett of Rutusel was not able to attend the meeting tonight and sent over a memo of the engineer’s report on the sewer plant progress.

The IEPA sewer permit application for Casey’s needs to be sent in.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to authorize Mayor Kearns to sign IEPA sewer permit application for Casey’s. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Klein, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Trustee Geppert noted there is a tree on Belsha Street that has dead limbs. The tree was on the list to be cut down last time but somehow got taken off the list. Tyler to get bids to have cut down.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PARK
Trustee Hampton said Tyler is getting bids for asphalt for the hockey rink. Hampton suggested moving the basketball court to the hockey rink. Hampton to schedule a committee meeting in January to discuss.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Nothing new to report

POLICE
Lieutenant Buehler stated part-time Officer Reid resigned last week. A drop off box for prescription medicine was put up in the Village Hall and a policy was written up. The police will be using the Sportsman’s Club shooting
range and the officers have also offered to help with the hunter safety course held there. The police will be holding a protect your identity day in the future. The 2013 Illinois Code Book needs to be purchased at a cost of $185. The cost of license and title registration for the Chrysler 300 is $194. The vehicle must be kept for one year. The Chrysler 300 previously had a meth lab in it and needs to be detailed at a cost for $150. Lieutenant Buehler thanked Officer Hamon for an outstanding traffic stop for removing drugs from out town. Lieutenant Buehler to put applications in the personnel committees’ mail box for review and personnel to set up a committee meeting. The police procedure book from 2009 needs to be updated. The ordinance committee to review.

Trustee Klein agreed with the need of video cameras for the Village Hall and police department, but is against audio. Also Klein feels a reputable company should install them. Lieutenant Buehler noted per the eavesdropping guidelines the Police Department can be recorded by video and audio as long as there is a sign. In Village Hall if audio cameras would be installed the employees would have to announce to everyone that comes in that they are being recorded before receiving a water bill or etc. Trustee Kreher said Tyler to come up with a bid package for audio and video in Police Department and video only in Village Hall.

Trustee Klein made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to authorize Tyler to put bid package together for video system inside and outside of Village Hall and an audio and video system in police department. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

Officer Wilson noted the cage was ordered for the 2010 Charger. Officer Wilson and Lieutenant Buehler spent 5 hours cleaning the 2010 Charger and removing the K-9 cage. The car needs to be detailed by a professional to remove the dog odor.

PERSONNEL
A committee meeting to be scheduled.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
A draft rental agreement for the Multi-purpose center was handed out to the board. The board to review for approval at next meeting. The deed is recorded and will be mail to the Village.

Trustee Hampton and Bryan Rausch tuck pointed the spots that were the worse at the old Village Hall. There is still more that needs to be done. Tyler to check for grants.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Ordinance 2012-06 amending chapter 7 and 21 gambling needs to be voted on.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Klein to approve Ordinance 2012-06 amending chapter 7 and 21 for gambling. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

TREASURERS TIME
Sandy noted the tax levy needs to be approved. The audit committee met prior to the board meeting and it was discussed to levy $167,363.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the tax levy of $167,363.00. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber and Hampton.

CLERKS TIME
Michelle noted the date to turn in petitions has been extended to December 26th.

MAYOR’s TIME
Nothing new to report

OTHER BUSINESS
The liability insurance was discussed at a previous meeting and now needs to be voted on.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Klein to approve Arthur J. Gallagher as the Village’s liability insurance carrier. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Klein, Geppert, Hall, Weber and Hampton.
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Gary Kearns  
Village President

Michelle Neff  
Village Clerk