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, Hall, Klein and Kreher. Sandy Stolte, Lieutenant Buehler, Officer Fields and Tyler Liefer were also present.

A correction needs to be made in the fifth paragraph changing “make” to “made” and under clerk’s time a correction needs to be made in the second paragraph removing the word “that” from Trustee Klein’s statement.

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

VISITORS
Dave and Judy Robertson, Terry Poltisch and Dallas Hill

The Robertson’s were present to find out why the police told them they cannot park in the dead end alley behind their house. Lieutenant Buehler stated we do not allow parking in alleys. Trustee Hall said it is better parked in the alley than on the street. Robertson has his truck parked all the way at the end of the alley. The board discussed.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to allow the Robertson’s to park their truck at the end of the alley. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Trustee Geppert noted the Casey’s is going up fast.

WATER & SEWER
Tim Pruett of Rhutasel stated we received the third pay request from Plocher for $312,704. Pruett recommends the board approve the pay request and to authorize Rhutasel to forward the pay request and engineering expenses to the IEPA for payment from the loan.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the third pay request from Plocher and authorize Rhutasel to forward the pay request and engineering fees to IEPA for payment. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Nothing new to report.

PARK
Trustee Hampton is still working on setting up a committee meeting. Tyler Liefer noted the bid opening for paving the rink and basketball court is scheduled January 30th. Trustee Kreher said the batting cages are in working order but, the nets are getting bad. The cost to repair and replace the net is approximately $4000. The heavy snow we had in December pulled the poles in and there has been some talk about putting a roof on the batting cage.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Geppert noted a committee meeting was held January 10th to discuss the wish list presented by Jake Owens for the Ambulance Service. The purchase of EKG monitors was discussed. New monitors cost $25,000 each but, the Zoll Company has two for sale at $9000 each. The committee did not recommend purchasing at this time since the collections coming from runs are not covering the bills.

Trustee Geppert noted there are complaints from some EMT’s about the 12 hour shifts. The Fire Department sent the ambulance contact to their lawyer to review.

POLICE
Lieutenant Buehler noted he would like approval to purchase a computer program from St. Clair County for entering warrants. There is a cost of $300 start up fee and a $100 yearly fee. This would allow all the information to be entered into the system and sent to St. Clair County, so the officers would not need to leave town and wait around for the warrant.
Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Klein to approve the purchase of the warrant program from St. Clair County for a cost of $300 for the start up fee and a $100 yearly fee. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

Officer Wilson needs to take the 40 hour basic investigator course. There is no cost to attend since the class is through SILEC.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to send Officer Wilson to the 40 hour basic investigator course January 28th through February 1st. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Weber would like to go into executive session at the end of the meeting regarding Dallas Hill.

Josh Owens resigned as an EMT.

GRANTS
Tyler noted we received the contract for the 2012 CDBG grant. The amount of the grant will be for $48,000. This is for improvements on S. Johnson Street in front of the nursing home.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Tyler noted he received a bid from Hackett Security for 1 DVR and 3 cameras for the amount of $1970 to install in the Village Hall and Police Department. Tyler to get more bids.

Trustee Weber noted a committee meeting was held January 17th to discuss the Multi-purpose Center rental rates. It was discussed to raise the rates to $75 for four hours and $125 for all day rental; both require a $25 security deposit. Another committee meeting to be held January 24th to discuss the rules and regulations.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the rental rates of $75 for four hours and $125 for all day for the Multi-purpose Center and the reservation permit. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Lieutenant Buehler noted Attorney Ehlers is reviewing the tow fee ordinance.

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, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

Sandy Stolte noted we received $104,000 from the Atrazine class action law suit.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report.

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Kearns stated he is still working on the levee recertification. Kearns is expecting a phone call in the morning to set up a meeting with the Army Corp. Jerry Costello Jr. and Senator Durbin want to also attend the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS
Tree bids were received to cut down the sycamore tree on Belsha Street. Deterding bid $540 and Kurtz $950; both for cut down and no clean up.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the bid from Deterding for the amount of $540 to cut down the sycamore tree on Balsa Street. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

Tyler Liefer received a price of $285.04 from Wetzel Automotive to replace 2 tires on the 1994 Chevy pickup. The
current back two tires are bald.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the purchase of two tires from Wetzel Automotive for the amount of $285.04 for the 1994 Chevy pickup. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

Tyler Liefer noted Chris of Nordic Energy Service quoted an electric rate of $.0484 if we lock into a 2 year contract. Chris said all accounts will be on the Ameren bill, there will not be separate billing. We saved over $5000 using Next Era last year.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the two year contract with Nordic Energy Services for the purchase of electric at a rate of $.0484. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to enter into executive session at 8:27 p.m. to discuss personnel. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to return to regular session at 8:56 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to instruct the Village Clerk to contact the insurance company for a recommend employment law firm and get a price for them to attend a meeting for consultation. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk