7:30 p.m. The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Trustee Kreher in Mayor Kearns absence, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Weber, Hampton, Klein and Hall. Sandy Stolte, Jake Owens, Officer Fields and Lieutenant Buehler were also present.

Trustee Klein questioned the Julie Inc. bill in the amount of $277.73. Michelle noted the bill is for water and sewer locate notifications throughout the year.

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

Trustee Hall noted under public safety in the previous minutes a change needs to be made in the last sentence; changing “is” to “are”.

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

VISITORS
Robert Mann, Lisa Hundelt, Katie Weber, Kayytee Lercher, Cathy Meggs, Rachelle Fizer, Dallas and Britny Hill, Amy Swyear and Daryl Ostendorf.

Robert Mann was present asking if the Village has anything to do with the control of Dallas Hill’s dogs. Mr. Mann just wants to make sure the dogs are under control and this would not happen again. Lieutenant Buehler noted the Village ordinance requires a confined structure. It was discussed if the dogs were considered dangerous. Dallas Hill stated a judge has to deem the dogs as dangerous after two vicious bites per Illinois law. Trustee Klein doesn’t call what happened a bite he would call it a maul. Rachelle Fizer is concerned about the height and sturdiness of the fence the dogs are in and is very concerned about the kids playing in the neighborhood and another attack happening. Britny Hill stated the night the incident happened the Sheriffs department did inspect the fence and kennel and it was ok for them to keep the dogs for the night. Britny also stated Animal Control did inspect the fence at the time of the return of the dogs and was told if the fence was not ok he would not have left the dogs with them. Lieutenant Buehler to contact St. Clair County and Animal Control. Dallas Hill stated one of the dogs is gone and he is working on getting rid of the other one; Hill said he is just not going to put down a $10,000 dog. Trustee Hampton asked if Hill would inform the board when the other dog is gone. Lisa Hundelt stated the dogs chased her daughter’s friends in her house three hours prior to the attack. Lisa Hundelt went to Dallas and Britny numerous times to tell them their dogs were out. Rachelle Fizer said when she called previously about Hill’s dogs barking she was told she would have to file a complaint and would have to go to court to make it stick. Cathy Meggs asked what are the residents to do if the dogs are out again. Lieutenant Buehler said they need to call the police.

Daryl Ostendorf said phone books were mailed to the Kelly Miller Circus so they can start their pre-ticket sales. The Circus will be held April 29th.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Trustee Hampton asked if the board wanted Donny Weber to come to a board meeting to discuss the nursing home financial needs. It was stated the Village cannot donate money from Village funds, but if he wanted to attend the meeting in order to make more people aware of the situation which may help get more donations.

WATER & SEWER
Nothing new to report

STREETS & ALLEYS
Trustee Hall stated the public work guys did a good job cleaning the streets when we had snow.

CEMETARY
Nothing new to report

PARK
Bids were received for redoing the asphalt on the hockey rink and basketball court. It was discussed if both the basket ball court and the hockey rink should be done or just asphalt the hockey rink and do another project. Trustee Hampton made a motion to approve the asphalt bid on the hockey rink with the basketball court approved at a later date. The board discussed the asphalt bids and decided to hold off until the park committee can meet and discuss
what projects should be done with the park grant. The committee to meet Wednesday February 13th. Trustee Hampton withdrew the motion until the park committee meets.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Geppert noted Global Technical Systems checked the siren January 29th. The siren is in good shape but the encoder box is old needs to be replaced. Global has the siren currently hooked up to the radio. They will get a quote for a new encoder box.

Trustee Geppert also noted all board members need to be FEMA compliant by taking the 100, 200 and 700 NIMS test for the natural disaster plan. Lieutenant Buehler noted this is a federal requirement for all elected officials. Geppert asked to include Dr. Schwartz in the ESDA program and get him an ID card so he can enter town in case of a disaster. Tyler Liefer also needs an ID card. Geppert to make sure all employees have an ID card.

POLICE
Trustee Hall asked for an update on paperwork that was left in the Chief’s office. Lieutenant Buehler said all federal and state paperwork has been completed. Trustee Hall’s opinion is if Lieutenant Buehler is doing the Chief’s job he should be paid Chief’s pay. Lieutenant Buehler stated Mayor Kearns told him he would be acting Chief and do all the paperwork. Trustee Hall noted we have no police committee. Put on the agenda for the next meeting.

PERSONNEL
Nothing new to report

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Trustee Weber noted the committee met to discuss the multi-purpose center. Open House Theater signed an agreement and will be renting the hall March, 14, 15, 16 & 17 as well as using the hall for rehearsing. They will pay $400 for rental and if the play does well they may give more.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the agreement with Open House Theater and allow them to rent the hall for $400 for rehearsals and the play to be held March 14,15, 16 & 17. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hampton, Klein, Hall and Weber.

It was discussed to have Debbie Main to clean the multi-purpose hall for $60 per month for a once a month cleaning, deep cleaning at $10 per hour and if needed between rentals she would get the $25 rental deposit.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to have Debbie Main clean the multi-purpose hall for $10 per hour for deep cleaning, $60 for a once a month cleaning and $25 for after rental cleaning if needed. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hampton, Klein, Hall and Weber.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Trustee Kreher spoke with Attorney Ehlers regarding the police policy. Attorney Ehlers told Kreher she has not gone through it and nobody told her to. Trustee Kreher told her to review the police policy.

TREASURERS TIME
Sandy Stolte noted the State is still behind in paying the Village by about $70,000.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’s TIME
The LKSI membership dues are due. The fee is $20 per person. With the upcoming election it was discussed to leave the name blank at the time of turning in the dues.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve to pay the $20 membership dues to LKSI. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hampton, Klein, Hall and Weber.
OTHER BUSINESS
Sandy Stolte noted regarding the levee there has been no meeting set up at this time.

St. Clair Service is interested in putting in a belt line or truck dump on the other side of the levee on the river. It was discussed the area may have to be used for recreational use. Trustee Geppert to get more information to discuss at next meeting.

Trustee Hampton noted Reba Jones contacted him about putting up signs for the pancake breakfast CESNA is having. The board agreed it is okay to put up the signs as long as they are taken down. Trustee Hampton to contact Reba with the decision.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk