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. Lieutenant Buehler, Officer Wilson was also present. Sandy Stolte was absent.

A correction needs to be made in the second paragraph under other business removing the word “be”.

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

VISITORS
Tim Pruett of Rhutasal, Jen and Derrick Hoffman, Dallas Hill and Ted Dennis

Jen and Derrick Hoffman were present to ask if they could hold a 5K color run April 6th at the park and if the board would waive the fees. The run is a fund raiser for the Charlie Lynch Foundation “Because we can”.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Klein to allow a 5K color run to be held April 6th and allow use of the park and waiving the deposit fee. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Trustee Geppert and Tyler Liefer met with St. Clair Service to discuss the loading dock plans. The ground they are looking at is leased by Ervin Smith from the Village. Smith’s lease is not up until 2019. Mayor Kearns will talk with Ervin Smith about the northern portion of the ground they are leasing to see if it is at all possible St. Clair Service would be able to use it for a possible adjustment on the lease.

Casey’s expects to open April 18th. The property is in the TIF but Casey’s has not come forward requesting TIF funds nor has any TIF agreement with the Village at this time.

WATER & SEWER
First Baptist Church had a leak in the garage. The water flooded the garage and ran down the back of the property. It did not go into the sewer. They are requesting a credit of $110.00 for 20,000 gallons of sewer that was charged, but did not enter into the sewer.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve the credit of $110.00 for the sewer portion of First Baptist Church’s water bill. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

Tim Pruett of Rhutasel gave a status report on the new sewer treatment plant project. Tim recommended to approve the fourth pay request from Plocher in the amount of $264,237 and recommended to authorize Rhutasel to forward the pay request and any engineering expenses to the IEPA for payment from the loan.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the fourth pay request from Plocher in the amount of $264,237 and authorize Rhutasel to forward to IEPA along with any engineering expenses for payment from the loan. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

STREETS & ALLEYS
A couple of addresses were reported to some of the board members by an anonymous caller stating the yards need to be cleaned up, fences repaired or mold on siding. Lieutenant Buehler to check to see if any ordinances are being violated.

PARK
Trustee Hampton noted a committee meeting was held February 13th to discuss how to spend the grant money. Tyler informed the committee the money had to be spent on the improvements that were turned in when applying for the grant. Bids were received to repave the hockey rink and basketball court but still need to be approved.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the bid from Moore Asphalt to repave the hockey rink for $14,360 and basketball court for $6,100. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report
PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Geppert noted we received the signed fire department ambulance contract back from the fire department, but their lawyer requested a change in section fifteen. The fire department noted they do not receive the written report as stated in the contract. Attorney Ehlers to review the changes the fire department is requesting.

Trustee Geppert stated Justin Ellis is requesting a leave of absence as EMT while he is going to paramedic school. The board saw no problem with this.

There are 5 EMT’s that may need to take the Hepatitis B shot and TB test. Gary Idecker needs to take the Hepatitis B shot and Tyler needs to check if he needs the shot too. The Hepatitis B shot costs $263 per shot for a 3 shot series and the TB test cost $27.00. The police need the TB test.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the Hepatitis B shot and TB test for those that require them. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Weber, Klein and Hampton.

The quote for a new encoder box for the siren from Global Technical is $3847. Trustee Geppert to talk with Tyler more about the quote.

Trustee Kreher stated he never got his Village ID card. Trustee Geppert noted we should wait until after the election to get new ID cards for everybody.

POLICE
Officer Wilson called Brian Dowdy about getting Bianca certified with him. The cost is $1500 for 3 to 6 weeks of training and the certification is good for one year. Officer Wilson said he is getting his personal dog certified and it would save the Village money if his dog were to pass the class and get certified. Officer Wilson stated Bianca is a superb dog and has a lot of drive. The certification we have now on Bianca is thru NADDA with Dallas Hill. Trustee Klein is against having a K-9 since we have had problems with the last one. Trustee Kreher said we need to look into before getting Bianca certified and schedule a meeting with Officer Wilson and Lieutenant Buehler to discuss prior to approving. Lieutenant Buehler noted a K-9 policy still has to be voted in.

The pay rate for Lieutenant Buehler was discussed. Trustee Hall’s opinion is if he is in charge he should be paid Chief’s pay. Mayor Kearns noted Buehler is employed by appointment and paid by resolution so the appointment and resolution would have to be changed. In May the appointments will be voted on, so it should wait till May. Mayor Kearns thanked Lieutenant Buehler for all he has done.

Lieutenant Buehler audited the Cencom calls for last year. None of the calls were audited for the months of January thru October when Hill was Chief. It took about 20 hours to complete. There were 46 calls in question. Trustee Kreher noted it is taking longer than first stated to change from Cencom to O’Fallon Dispatching with the fire department. They want to work out all of the kinks with the fire departments first before adding police departments and EMT’s.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Klein said he spoke with the lady the insurance company recommended and she recommended putting Hill on leave with no pay, which is what the board previously voted on. It was questioned why she has not attended a meeting to discuss. Michelle noted Diane has requested information prior to coming to a meeting and Michelle has been forwarding what information she has. Trustee Hall noted we need to get the information she needs and get Diane here to see what we need to do. The next court date is March 7th. Mayor Kearns stated nothing will be done at this meeting.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
The floor is coming up in the waiting room at the Dr. Office and will have to be replaced. Tyler to get bids to repair the floor.

Trustee Hampton noted when the weather warms up they will plug up the area where the window a/c unit used to be in the old village hall.
ORDINANCE REVIEW
The impound ordinance needs to be reviewed and brought back to the next meeting for a vote.

TREASURERS TIME
Nothing new to report.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report.

MAYOR’S TIME
Mayor Kearns noted a copy of a letter from the Corp was handed out. A second proposal should be in this week for levee certification so a meeting can be set up with the Corp.

Mayor Kearns received a letter from Attorney John Pawloski stating Dallas Hill is owed $2100 in unpaid back pay, medical insurance coverage and that the clerk is not preparing the checks for Hill’s payroll. Mayor Kearns stated Hill is not owed $2100 for back pay and Michelle has written every check for payroll, she has not signed the checks. Mayor Kearns stated the insurance should have been reinstated when pay was reinstated, but I am not going to do that battle it will be between an attorney and the Village, not between the Mayor and an attorney.

OTHER BUSINESS
Tyler left pricing for mud flaps and full running boards for the 2012 Ford truck for the board to vote on. The board discussed and tabled to next meeting.

Mayor Kearns noted the agenda needs to have a date on it when it is posted. The agendas are to be posted 48 hours prior to a meeting. Everything for the agenda needs to be given to Michelle prior to her posting it on Fridays before Monday’s meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk