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

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

VISITORS
Tim Pruett of Rhutasal

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Tyler Liefer noted the floor at the medical building will be repaired this weekend. St. Clair Service will be working with the Marina about subleasing for the purpose of putting in a loading dock. The Marina lease is up in 2019.

WATER & SEWER
Tim Pruett of Rhutasel gave a status report on the new sewer treatment plant project. Tim recommended to approve the fifth pay request from Plocher in the amount of $214,533 and recommended to authorize Rhutasel to forward the pay request and any engineering expenses to the IEPA for payment from the loan.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the fifth pay request from Plocher in the amount of $214,533 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
Nothing new to report

PARK
Tyler Liefer noted he received a price to rent a buggy and fertilize the park ball diamonds. The cost is $750 for approximately 9 acres. The cost to plant seed this fall is cheaper than fertilizing this spring. It was decided to plant seed this fall instead of fertilizing. Public works will be applying mulch where needed at the park as well as removing the barrels in the ditch. Persons needing community service time will be cleaning up the park. The triangle will also be worked on.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC SAFETY
Sandy Stolte reviewed the resolution for the public safety fund. All monies go into the Ambulance account which is an enterprise fund. Any monies over and above the contractual service agreements can be used for public safety. The contractual amounts are only to be used for ambulance. Sandy noted this has been discussed with the board previously and she spoke with the accountant that audits the village and he was in agreement.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve Resolution 2012-10 Public Safety. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Klein and Hampton. Weber voted nay.

Sandy Stolte met with Doug Kinzinger of the Fire District about the changes to the ambulance contract the Fire District is requesting. The change was made to mutual consent in section 15, which covers the Fire District as well as the Village.

Jake Owens noted the ambulance service crew delivered a baby this morning on the way to the hospital. The crew will get a stork pin.

POLICE
Lieutenant Buehler noted the ILEAS agency preparedness program was completed and submitted. The D.A.R.E. graduation will be held at the New Athens elementary school April 17th at 7 p.m. Lt. Buehler reviewed the fourth amendment with the seventh and eighth grade students from St. Agatha as well as reviewing the Illinois vehicle code laws with the New Athens high school driver’s ed. students. Lt. Buehler will be attending 20 hours of deputy chief mandatory training on March 25th and March 26th. A department meeting will be held March 19th for training. Two retail thefts from Ron’s One Stop were investigated with one suspect going back to prison and the second suspect confessed to a residential burglary. The police department received a Hot and Pop for the K-9 program
donated by the Belleville Kennel Club with a value of $2500. Lt Buehler applied for the Illinois Liquor Control Commission 2014 Tobacco Grant.

PERSONNEL
Lieutenant Buehler noted the department is in need of part-time officers as three of the officers are currently unable to cover shifts due to some medical issues. Michael Dahm was interviewed and had background check in the last group of interviews, but was not hired at that time. Lt. Buehler noted Dahm has a federal security clearance and currently works for Freeburg part-time. Trustee Hall said he knew Dahm and his family. Trustee Kreher stated this is an emergency situation for the police department and advised the board to hire Michael Dahm as part-time police officer.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Klein to hire Michael Dahm as part-time police officer do to the emergency situation the police department is in with the lack of coverage do to medical issues with current part-time officers. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Klein, Weber and Hampton.

Trustee Kreher stated Mayor Kearns immediately stopped Dallas Hill’s pay when Hill pled guilty March 7th to a Class 3 felony for official misconduct from St. Clair County, now he needs to be officially terminated.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to terminate Dallas Hill as of March 7th do to his guilty plea to a Class 3 felony for official misconduct with St. Clair County. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Klein, Weber and Hampton.

Unemployment paperwork was received for Dallas Hill. Michelle to contact the states attorney office to get paperwork that states he was convicted of a felony to forward to the unemployment office.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Tyler Liefer received one bid to put a new roof on the Village hall. Tyler will bring bid to committee meeting and get more bids. Committee to meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. Kenny Krause spoke with Tyler about painting that needs to be done in the old village hall jail room. It would take 2 gallons of sealer and 2 gallons of paint at $23 per gallon.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
The vehicle impound ordinance is ready to be voted on. Lieutenant Buehler looked over the ordinance and said it is now correct.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve Ordinance 2012-08 Vehicle Impound. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Klein, Weber and Hampton.

TREASURERS TIME
Treasurer’s reports from January and February need to be approved.

Trustee Klein made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the monthly treasurer reports for January and February. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Klein, Weber and Hampton.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’s TIME
Nothing new to report

OTHER BUSINESS
Sandy Stolte reviewed the resolution approving the transfer of the cable franchise.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Resolution 2012-09 Transfer of the Cable Franchise. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Geppert, Hall, Klein, Weber and Hampton.
Trustee Kreher stated he received a complaint regarding Wolf’s tavern light. They have quoted parts of the ordinance. Trustee Kreher and Lt. Buehler to review ordinances. Trustee Weber and Trustee Geppert said they have seen the light being left on all night.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk