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 Geppert, Kreher, Weber, Hampton, Klein and Hall. Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer, Jake Owens, Officer Wilson and Lieutenant Buehler were also present.

Trustee Klein noted the Ameren bill needs a correction changing the name.

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

A correction needs to be made to the last sentence under park and public safety.

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

VISITORS
Lee Smith and David Owens

Lee Smith Fire Chief of Freeburg Fire District invited the Village Ambulance Service to join the consortium for dispatching. The consortium will be moving the dispatching from Cencom to O’Fallon dispatching. Jim Sinclair the Freeburg Fire District lawyer has written up the contracts. The approximate cost to acquire the radio equipment has increased from $20,000 as stated on the agreement to $24,000 of which $800 will be billed to the Village Ambulance Service per year for five years. The $9400 on the communications services contract was based on calls from 2011 for each member of the consortium. The $9400 will be split on a per call basis. The New Athens Ambulance Service crew runs approximately 352 calls per year making the per call rate $10.77. $3800 for dispatching calls plus $800 equipment reimbursement will be billed to the Village Ambulance Service and locked in for five years. Cencom charged $5600 for 2012 calls. Lee noted O’Fallon will have better coverage and also better policies and procedures. The police department will not be able to switch at this time do to the tone and voice pagers they use. Lee said 911 calls are always routed where the police calls are handled. The 911 calls will go to Cencom then be routed to O’Fallon dispatching. Lee stated this is a very common occurrence. Lee also stated when Cencom is busy calls are routed to the City of Belleville to be answered and parked until Cencom can handle the call. With switching to O’Fallon dispatching when the call is routed to Belleville, Belleville can transfer it to O’Fallon.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve Mayor Kearns to sign the contract to enter into the consortium for ambulance dispatching. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hampton, Weber, Hall and Klein.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Nothing new to report

WATER & SEWER
Sandy Stolte noted IEPA has amended the loan and is now allowing an addition principal forgiveness of $175,000.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Nothing new to report

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PARK
Trustee Hampton noted we have a grant application for the park. Hampton will be setting up a committee meeting to discuss. Sandy noted the committee needs to discuss the tax exempt number with the little league. Tyler stated the park was opened today.

Trustee Hall said the north pavilion door at the Village Park is open and kids are getting into the pavilion.

Michelle noted the circus tickets are in and ready to be sold.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Jake Owens asked for approval to staff two ambulance crews starting one hour before the circus to one hour after the
CIRCUS
The board was in agreement. Jake to check into the additional cost to set up a program for residents to properly dispose of needles. It was also questioned if the new pharmacy will have a place to dispose of needles for its customers.

POLICE
Lieutenant Buehler noted the St. Clair County road and bridges monthly reporting has not been done for two years. Buehler redone the 2011/2012 crime reporting stats; it was previously turned in as zero thefts for the year 2011, when there was actually 20 thefts for the year 2011. The ILEAS taskforce radio was removed from a police car within the last couple of years. This radio has to be hooked up and tested monthly. Wireless USA will install the radio in the ESDA office.

PERSONNEL
Mayor Kearns stated there is a personnel issue with an officer. Lieutenant Buehler said he spoke with Mayor Kearns about it and Lieutenant Buehler verbally reprimanded the officer.

Mayor Kearns asked Officer Wilson if he has ever received cable television and not paid for it. Officer Wilson stated when he first moved into his house, it took three months for New Wave to come out and disconnect. Mayor Kearns said an ex-New Wave employee that hooked up Dallas Hills free cable also hooked up free cable for two other officers in town. Lieutenant Buehler to check into.

Mayor Kearns noted Dallas Hill has 30 days to appeal his plea with St. Clair County. Kearns guesses then it would start over with the court.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
The Clean service agreement can be renewed at this time and the prices will be lowered. The board discussed.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to renew the Clean service agreement. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hampton, Weber, Hall and Klein.

The new floor has been installed in the medical building and looks great. Tyler to check into having the roof at the Village Hall sprayed and re-flashed by the ac unit.

Trustee Weber noted a committee meeting was held to discuss rental of the multi-purpose building for the Teen Center. The committee told the Teen Center they would not be charged rent for the next two months. The Lions Club will be using the multi-purpose center to register people for the eye testing van on June 7th. The after prom committee will also be using the hall for a couple hours April 5th.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Nothing new to report.

TREASURERS TIME
Sandy Stolte said the real estate tax bills are due July 17th and September 4th.

CLERKS TIME
Michelle noted the vehicle stickers came in and are ready to sell.

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Kearns noted the Village is receiving an award April 16th for environmental excellence from St. Clair County Health Department for offering curbside recycling.

Mayor Kearns stated the levee project has come full circle and he has sent copies to Sandy on all correspondence regarding the levee. Tyler Liefer to write a letter requesting help from the Corp. of Engineers. After the letter is written then we need to contact Jerry Costello Jr.

OTHER BUSINESS
Amman Electric is looking into the electric at the village park.
Tyler Liefer noted a couple of things have been stolen lately; the backhoe bucket and the diamond drag.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk