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

Trustee Klein noted the FKG Oil bill amount needs to be corrected in the audit.

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

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

VISITORS
Charles Whitlow, Terry and Debbie Politsch, Ted Dennis, Sharon and Terry Marquardt, Cheryl Klein

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Casey’s grand opening will be held Friday May 10th and Saturday May 11th.

WATER & SEWER
Tyler Liefer said the fire hydrant needs to be replaced at Siemens. Tyler suggested replacing it on a Saturday afternoon when Siemens is closed since the water will have to be shut off. Tyler noted it should only take a couple of hours to fix. The board was in agreement to allow the public works employees to replace the fire hydrant on a Saturday.

Diane Sinn is requesting a credit on the sewer portion of their water bill. Their outside hydrant was leaking below the ground for four or five months. The board discussed if they should issue credit for four months or only the last month.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve a credit on the sewer portion of the last month’s water bill in the amount of $44.00. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hampton, Klein, Hall and Weber.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Steven Reuss of 209 S East Street sent in a request to allow him to remove a tree on the village side of the sidewalk at his expense. The tree is causing damage to the sidewalk and the seed pods are a hazard.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to allow Steven Reuss to remove a tree on village property at 209 S East Street at his expense as long as the person doing the work is licensed and bonded. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hampton, Klein, Hall and Weber.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PARK
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Geppert noted a committee meeting was held with the full board in attendance as well as Herb Simmons from Cencom to discuss the dispatching. Trustee Geppert is still working on the committee minutes from that meeting. Trustee Hall stated the village is paying $14.06 per call. There is also a $.47 charge on cell phone bills and $.65 charge on land line phone bills. Trustee Hall went on to say the ESTB board took in $2,357,457 in taxes plus the dispatching fee from villages. The Village of New Athens paid Cencom about $20,000 last year for dispatching fees. Forty percent of their calls are from the Sheriff’s department, who do not pay a fee per call to be dispatched.

Jake Owens is working on providing a place for the community to drop off used needles a couple times a month in the evenings at the ambulance shed. A notice will be placed in the News Brief, the phone notification system, village web site and the ambulance face book page. Jake has launched a new face book page to advertise events.
He will be the only one to set up and will monitor the page. There is a blood drive Wednesday night at the community hall. The EMT’s have new uniforms and the EMT’s will be paying for them themselves.

POLICE
Lieutenant Buehler noted they took in five pounds of prescription drugs last Saturday during the drug drop off day. Notices went out to residents with derelict garages which are considered dangerous and unsafe. They have 90 days to take care of. Detective Wilson received the warrant for the NAPA burglary.

Trustee Hall stated Lieutenant Buehler and Officer Wilson have been putting in a lot of extra hours due to being short of staff. The board appreciates the extra time put in.

PERSONNEL
Nothing new to report

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Tyler Liefer received a bid from John Beal for fixing the village hall roof. Trustee Kreher suggested Tyler contact Rhutasel for names to send bids to.

A bid of $1545 was received from Moore Asphalt to seal village hall parking lot.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to accept the bid of $1545 to seal the village hall parking lot. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hampton, Weber, Hall and Klein.

The basement at the medical center was full of water due to a breaker kicked off. Tyler to check into getting a price for a battery backup sump pump. Public works to take out the carpet in the basement.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
The residency ordinance 2013-01 needs to be voted on. The board voted at the last meeting to change the residency to residing within twelve driving miles. Frank Heiligenstein typed the ordinance.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Klein to approve Ordinance 2013-01 changing the residence requirement to twelve driving miles. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hampton, Weber, Hall and Klein.

TREASURERS TIME
Sandy Stolte noted Allison Knapp & Siekmann quoted $9725 for the yearly audit and an addition $1500 for a single audit. The single audit only needs to be done if $500,000 of federal funds were awarded which includes the IEPA loan for the new sewer plant.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Allison, Knapp & Siekmann to do the yearly audit and the single audit if required. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hampton, Weber, Hall and Klein.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’s TIME
Nothing new to report

OTHER BUSINESS
Tyler Liefer noted they will start to spray for mosquitoes.

Trustee Weber stated the circus went well and it was a great show. The village made $710. For the next circus there needs to be an assignment of duties. It was stated the circus was not well advertised. Trustee Weber noted Lieutenant Buehler worked 3 hours and Officer Hamon worked 1.5 hours extra for the circus and should be paid special event pay.
Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to pay Lieutenant Buehler 3 hours and Officer Hamon 1.5 hours of special event pay for working the circus. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Kreher, Hampton, Weber, Hall and Klein.

Trustee Kreher swore in Rich Klein, Terry Politsch and Arlene Geppert. Michelle Neff swore in David Kreher.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Gary Kearns
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk