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

The audit committee reviewed the bills. The ambulance phone bill needs to be checked into on why it is so high.

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

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

**VISITORS**
Ron Birkner, Jim Engel & Gary Kearns

Ron Birkner was present to request permission to put barricades up at 404 S Johnson Street to close the street to hold an auction October 26th. It was discussed to put the barricade so patrons could still enter Wolfs Tavern.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to allow 404 S Johnson Street to be closed for an auction October 26th while allowing Wolf’s entrance open. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert and Weber.

Jim Engel was present to discuss what the Village plans to do with derelict houses in town. His main concerns are in the 400 block of S East Street. Trustee Weber said we are working, through our attorney, on getting the yellow house in the 400 block of S East Street in the Village’s name; but it is a slow process. Jim’s other concern was with stray cats. Trustee Kreher said years ago they tried to get an ordinance about cats and at that time the attorney told them it was against the state law. Mayor Klein said we will check into if we can trap the stray cats.

Gary Kearns was present to let the board know they are making good progress with the levee. We received two quotes and are waiting for one more quote. Gary told the board if any of them want detailed information regarding the levee to contact him, Sandy or Tyler since some of the information could not be spoken about in open meeting.

Michelle said a representative for the girls scouts did not show up, but they wanted to use the multipurpose center to hold their meetings every other Tuesday for an hour. They also wanted to know if they would be charged. The board discussed.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to allow the girl scouts to use the multipurpose center every other Tuesday for an hour at no charge. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert and Weber.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Trustee Geppert stated the pharmacy is waiting on the state license before opening.

Sandy noted DMI was going to do the TIF reporting but they don’t return phone calls or emails. Keith Moran of Moran Economic was contacted and he quoted a price not to exceed $1045 to do the TIF reporting and will help answer any questions we may have. The agreement needs to be signed by the mayor if approved. Trustee Hall asked if the cost could come out of the TIF fund.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve to enter into the agreement with Moran Economic for the TIF reporting. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert and Weber.

**WATER & SEWER**
Trustee Weber said we are waiting to pay the final pay request for the new sewer plant.

Trustee Politsch questioned about the water loss on the recap report. Tyler Liefer said the master meters have been checked and they are good. Tyler Liefer said Pat Gamble of Rural Water is going to come down here to start looking for leaks. This is a free service since we are a member. A leak was fixed by KTM and it helped with the water loss a little bit. Trustee Politsch asked when we changed the larger meters in town. Tyler will check.
STREETS & ALLEYS
Tyler Liefer received a bid to do front end work on the Ford dump truck from Wetzel’s for $1588.33.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to accept the bid from Wetzel’s in the amount of $1588.33 for front end repairs on the Ford dump truck. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert and Weber.

Trustee Kreher noted the committee met September 26 at the 400 block of S Clinton Street to discuss the water back-up problems. Tyler can get a vacuum truck to suck out the rock from the culvert for a cost of a couple hundred dollars. The committee also discussed the problem with the street in that block being so much higher than the parking area and sidewalks. Tyler suggested renting a gaiter to grind down the street then reshape it the proper way so the water runs off without damaging the sidewalks and the properties.

CEMETERY
Vickie Luter is requesting to allow a headstone height of 38” on her grave spaces. Tyler Liefer stated the ordinance says the headstones cannot be over 36” tall, so it will have to be approved by the board. The angel on the stone puts it above the 36” height limit.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to allow a 38” tall headstone on the Luter grave spaces. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert and Weber.

PARK
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Hall said in a previous meeting it was stated a big percentage of the calls to police are for catching dogs. Why don’t we have a dog catcher in town? Trustee Kreher said the last dog catcher we had in town was Andy and it was a liability issue because if the dog catcher got bit he had no way to protect himself. The police carry a gun and can protect themselves. Trustee Hall said we can have somebody contracted as a dog catcher and we pay them by the number of dogs that gets picked up. The board consensus was to leave as is.

Trustee Geppert noted Jake Owens could not attend the meeting tonight so she reported for him. Cole Kaemmerer resigned as EMT. Year to date ambulance calls are 350. Approximately 30 people took the CPR course. The volleyball tournament had eight teams sign up to play. The vehicle extrication with the fire department was a huge success and offered great training.

Trustee Geppert stated Sandy Cummings resigned as ESDA Coordinator.

Trustee Hall stated the ambulance was in the hole $100,000 for the year and at that rate we have about three years left in the account before it is drained. The committee to meet October 16th at 6:30 p.m. and discuss what to do. Sandy stated she would rather have money in the account in case we would have to go with Medstar.

POLICE
Chief Marquardt stated Lieutenant Buehler had a traffic stop with meth supplies.

Mayor Klein noted Chief Marquardt is resigning October 31st. Police and personnel committee to meet and discuss October 17th 6:30 p.m. with the full board invited.

PERSONNEL
Mayor Klein said James Murray went to mandatory training 20 hours on the last payroll for which he was not paid. The Village paid for the training class. Chief Marquardt said the training is mandatory per the state and he should be paid to attending. Trustee Kreher said he don’t remember paying for the hours to go to training for part-time officers, he just remembers paying for the classes. The board discussed. Officer Murray said he was already paid for 20 hours of the 40 hours for the mandatory training class.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to pay for the mandatory training class for Officer Murray. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert and Weber.

Michelle stated Lieutenant Buehler went to a funeral for which sick time was docked from his check. Chief
Marquardt said he sent him to the funeral to show support from our department. The board was in consensus the sick time should not have been docked.

Trustee Weber made a motion to pay Officer Murray the 20 hours for his time while attending the mandatory training. No one seconded the motion. Mayor Klein to call the attorney and check if we are required to pay for the hours while attending training for part-timers.

Trustee Weber stated the committee met October 3rd to discuss hiring a seasonal public works employee. The committee recommends hiring Matt Ridlin. Trustee Politsch asked if a background check was done. Trustee Weber said we have not done background checks on seasonal employees in the past.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to hire Matt Ridlin as seasonal public works employee. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert and Weber. Politsch abstained.

**GRANTS**
Tyler Liefer is checking on a grant for replacing waterlines.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**
Nothing new to report

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
Trustee Weber noted the committee met September 20th to discuss derelict properties. Mayor Klein to check with the attorney the status on the yellow house on East Street.

**TREASURERS TIME**
Nothing new to report.

**CLERKS TIME**
Michelle asked Trustee Geppert if she wanted to help go through Village stickers like she has in the past to see who has not purchased them. Trustee Geppert asked the board if we find residents that have not purchased Village stickers if they will support sending the police out to issue tickets. The board was in consensus to issue tickets.

**MAYOR’s TIME**
Mayor Klein noted the benefit for Andy went well and thanked everybody that helped.

**OTHER BUSINESS**
The New Athens School is asking if the Village wants to place an ad in the yearbook.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve to put an ad in the yearbook; the same as last year. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Kreher, Hall, Hampton and, Geppert. Weber voted nay.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.