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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, Weber, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch and Hall. Tyler Liefer, Sandy Stolte, Officer Hamon, Officer Murray, and Chief Marquardt were also present.

Trustee Geppert noted a correction needs to be made on the previous meeting minutes under public safety.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with the correction noted. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Politsch, and Weber.

VISITORS
Bob Reilly

Bob Reilly was present inquiring about the house at 406 S East and his request to purchase the house. Mayor Klein said he spoke with Attorney Dennis about this house and it is in the title companies hand now and could take sixty days to get transferred to village’s name.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Trustee Geppert noted the state did an inspection on the pharmacy and they have some changes to do before getting approved.

WATER & SEWER
Tim Pruett of Rhutasal was not present tonight and there is no final pay request ready at this time for the sewer plant.

Tyler Liefer noted the sewer jet needs to be fixed; it smelled hot the last time it was used. The dip stick is wrong and the machine is out of warranty. Coe Equipment will give us the pump but charge to install the pump for a cost of $300.

Reba Jones is requesting a sewer credit due to a leak. Trustee Weber questioned if the water that ran down into the basement drain. Trustee Weber to call Reba and ask. Tabled to next meeting.

Michelle Neff requested to change the water bill stock from white to a color. This should make them more visible. The cost is $14.10 more for 2000 sheets. Michelle to print some samples and see what color will work the best.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Haier Plumbing is requesting payment for the Johnson Street improvements job. The village needs to approve to submit for payment from the IGD grant. Tyler noted public works is working on getting the sidewalks in. The street will be oiled October 30th.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the pay request from Haier Plumbing in the amount of $46,500.60 be submitted for payment from the IGD grant. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Politsch, and Weber.

Trustee Politsch said there is a manhole needs to be raised on Oakridge Road. Also the Phillips Street housing that drains to the ditch need to be worked on.

Tyler Liefer noted the leaf vac fuse keeps blowing and needs to be repaired. Wetzel’s will take out the part and send to St. Louis for repair. We do not know the cost at this time.

PARK
Nothing new to report

CEMETERY
Trustee Politsch asked what the rates for the grave openings are and if the prices were the same for full burial verses cremains. Michelle noted all the fees are in the ordinance book, but the price for burial of cremains are cheaper than a full body burial. He was told the rates were the same.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Geppert noted the committee met October 16th to discuss the future of the ambulance service with the full board in attendance. Mayor Klein stated as the leader of the board I would like to state my position on the service’s
situation and hopefully the board would agree with the following. The employees that do the service work for the
government. Any changes with the service will be at the discretion of the board. All decisions and recommendations
will come through the board and the public safety committee. As a leader it is my recommendation that no changes
take place, not that one of them would take place until a complete analysis is done on at least of the following. A
presentation of the med claim computer billing system and a review of the current users of the system is completed
by the committee and Nancy. As you know a presentation and a recommendation to proceed on the code red
system was made a year ago and now we find out the system is very costly. Please note a computer billing system
will not save the village a full-time employee position. My second recommendation is maybe we get a presentation
from Medstar if they will come here and are interested to do so, and also from Abbott. If the above issues do not
offer a solution to our situation, then not before will we entertain other possible avenues to provide ambulance
service to our community. If that time comes I think it would be a valuable exercise for us to gather some outside
medical professionals with some of our businesses and residents to help us out. This is very important and we
really need to think this out before we do anything. Trustee Kreher agreed with Mayor Klein’s statement and if we
get to the point of setting up a meeting with the business leaders and community leaders then we need to also get the
code red involved at that time. Trustee Hall had an idea to try to get more runs by adding more territory which is
what Abbott or Medstar would be doing if they would come here. Maybe if we had more area and more calls the
service would be okay.

Trustee Geppert stated the ESDA book is up to date and thanked Terry and Tim for helping.

Trustee Kreher asked if we found anything out about trapping cats. Trustee Hall said the cats can be trapped.
Tyler to look and see if we still have traps. Trustee Politsch said we should check with legal before loaning out
traps.

POLICE
Chief Marquardt noted the SILEC dues for training are due. The cost is $100 per officer for a total of six officers,
four full-time and two part-time. The other part-time officers are covered by other departments.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve to pay the yearly dues for a total of $600
for six officers. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Politsch, and Weber.

Trustee Kreher said Freeburg is buying used police cars from the Missouri highway patrol. Trustee Kreher spoke
with a couple board members from Freeburg and they said they are pleased with the cars. The cars usually have
50,000 miles on them and are in very good condition. The board to check into when time to purchase a car.

PERSONNEL
Mayor Klein noted the police and personnel committee met October 17th. Trustee Hall recommends taking
applications for the chief’s job immediately. It should run in the Belleville paper and on the website.

Mayor Klein spoke with Attorney Dennis and was told we have to pay Officer Murray for the 20 hours of training
that was discussed in the last meeting because he is an employee.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve to pay the 20 hours of training for Officer
Murray. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Politsch, and Weber.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve to pay Tim Buehler chief’s pay while he is
interim chief once Terry Marquardt leaves. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Politsch,
and Weber.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Tyler Liefer noted installing the new roof for village hall will start on Monday October 28th. Mayor Klein said once
the roof is fixed then we need to get cameras as previously discussed.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Mayor Klein noted everybody was given the ordinance regarding dogs. A resident was jogging in town and was bit
by a dog. Mayor Klein said this was the second time that dog has bitten someone in the last three months. The
ordinance says the village can have the dog put down since this is the second time it has bit someone. Mayor Klein
is waiting to hear back from Attorney Dennis before proceeding. Chief Marquardt said he spoke with animal control and with our ordinance they will come down and take the dog and put it down after the 10 day waiting period, if that is what we want them to do.

TREASURERS TIME
The board reviewed the treasurer’s report.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the monthly treasurer’s report. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Weber, Geppert, Hall and Politsch.

CLERKS TIME
Michelle noted Reliable is increasing the trash bill to $13.42 to the village starting with November pick up. The residents currently pay $13.50 on their water bill. It was discussed to keep the charge at an even number and raise it to $14.00.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve to increase the trash fee to $14.00 per month. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Weber, Geppert, Hall and Politsch.

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Klein noted Jay Ozier is resigning from the zoning board. Mayor to ask Jamie Newman if he knows anybody that would be interested.

OTHER BUSINESS
Mayor Klein noted St. Agatha’s will be hosting their derby dash again May 3, 2014. They are asking for the streets to be blocked off again around the school and church and police presence while runners cross Van Buren Street, like they did earlier this year.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to allow the street to be blocked off and police presence the same as in the past for the St. Agatha’s derby dash May 3, 2014. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Weber, Geppert, Hall and Politsch.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Rich Klein
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk