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, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch and Hall. Weber was absent. Tyler Liefer, Sandy Stolte, Officer Murray, and Lieutenant Buehler were also present.

The board reviewed the minutes from November 04, 2013 board meeting.

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

VISITORS
Kenny Kraus and Charlotte Main of the New Athens Historical Society and Leo Simburger

Kenny Kraus gave an update about the historical society. Kenny thanked the Mayor and the board for providing the building. He also thanked Ron Hampton and Bryan Rausch for the brick work they have done on the building. Kenny invited each board member to see all they have on display and what they have done inside the building. Charlotte Main offered their help if there are any projects or grants that the Village is working on for the town.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Nothing new to report

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.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Nothing new to report

PARK
Nothing new to report

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Geppert noted she and Tyler Liefer met Friday to go over the new code red emergency phone system.

POLICE
Lieutenant Buehler noted the 2013 federal paperwork for NIMSCAST and the 2013 LESO rifle accountability paperwork has been completed. Lieutenant Buehler mailed the paperwork to the village attorney regarding the ordinance violation for 211 N Benton Street.

Trustee Hall noted a police/personnel committee meeting will be set up to review the applications.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Geppert noted Brandi Wilson’s back ground check was done and is clear. She applied for an EMT position.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve to hire Brandi Wilson as a part-time EMT. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert and Politsch.

GRANTS
The board received information for a 2014 IPRF safety grant of which $678 has been reserved for the Village.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Tyler Liefer noted the new roof is complete and looks great. The ceiling tiles need to be replaced in the village hall. There are 300 tiles at a cost of $4.59 each from Hi-way Lumber. The insulation may also have to be replaced in some areas. Tyler to check pricing with other stores before purchasing.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve to replace the ceiling tiles in the village hall and the insulation as needed. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, and Politsch.
ORDINANCE REVIEW
Mayor Klein noted the committee met November 12th regarding the leash law and a dog bite incident. Attorney Dennis sent a letter to the owner of the dog stating they had 14 days to get the dog out of the Village; if they don’t the board may make the decision to have the dog put down. Trustee Politsch spoke with animal control and St. Clair County gave their okay to return the dog back to the owners and did not deem the dog as dangerous. Trustee Kreher stated St. Clair County did not know this is the second time the dog has bitten someone and St. Clair County’s ordinance has nothing to do with our ordinance. Trustee Kreher said our ordinance says we have the right to put the dog down after two bites. Trustee Politsch noted if there is an animal bite St. Clair County has to be contacted and they take over the bite case. Trustee Kreher said St. Clair County cannot supersede our ordinance. Trustee Hall said yes they can. Mayor Klein stated Attorney Ted Dennis said at the committee meeting even thought we have our own ordinance St. Clair County still over rides us. Trustee Kreher said the attorney did not say that and if you look at the Illinois law online it states if a dog bites twice the dog is considered vicious and dangerous and can be put down. Mayor Klein said before we vote on having the dog put down he will talk with the attorney again. Trustee Politsch noted there is an ordinance if a dog is considered vicious the dog has to be muzzled and always on a leash or in a kennel. Officer Murray checked on the dog and it was muzzled while he was there. He was told by the owner the dog, the dog will not leave the house and if in the yard it will be in a chain linked kennel. Officer Murray will check the kennel to make sure it meets our ordinance. Mayor Klein will contact the attorney.

Trustee Politsch said a resident called him and told him their dog was let loose by someone and when the resident found the dog it was going to be destroyed the next day by animal control. Lieutenant Buehler stated two black labs were pick up and went to animal control. Lieutenant Buehler also stated the resident waited seven days before calling the police when their dog went missing. Trustee Politsch asked Lieutenant Buehler what the procedure was when picking up a dog. Lieutenant Buehler said it is recorded in the log book and he also lets village hall know in case anybody calls about a missing dog.

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, Geppert, Hall and Politsch.

Sandy Stolte noted the audit committee needs to meet to discuss the tax levy so it can be voted on at the December 16th board meeting. Trustee Kreher to set up an audit committee meeting.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Klein said the police department is doing a good job working shorthanded and well as Tyler Liefer and his department.

OTHER BUSINESS
Tyler Liefer said Gary, Vic, Andy, and himself all need to attend the commercial pesticide training in Collinsville April 22nd and 23rd costing $40 per person. Tyler will talk with Ira to see if he can cover the days while they are out of town in case of an emergency.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the commercial pesticide training for Tyler, Gary, Vic and Andy costing $40 per person. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Geppert, Hall and Politsch.

The St. Clair County Building and Zoning agreement for inspections needs to be signed. Michelle said there is a typo and she is requesting a correct copy to be sent over so the mayor could sign once approved.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve to enter into an agreement with St. Clair County Building and Zoning. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Geppert, Hall and Politsch.

Trustee Geppert, Trustee Hampton and Trustee Kreher all three said there are three no parking signs on Belsha Street by the school as discussed in the last meeting. On Lela Drive the no parking signs need to be replaced since
they are faded and hard to read.

Trustee Hampton asked if the teen center information can be added to the village website. The board agreed to allow the information to be on the website.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Rich Klein
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk