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, Weber and Hall. Tyler Liefer, Sandy Stolte, Officer Murray, and Attorney Ted Dennis were also present.

The board reviewed the minutes from December 02, 2013 board meeting and noted a correction.

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

**VISITORS**
Leo Simburger

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Trustee Geppert noted the Steamboat Biscuit and Brisket restaurant is now open.

**WATER & SEWER**
Nothing new to report

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Trustee Politsch said he received comments from residents that on some streets the path of the snow plowed was wider than other streets. Also there were slick spots in Carr subdivision. Tyler Liefer said the plows are all the same width and we can’t salt every street, we do salt the main streets, hills and by school. Trustee Hall said when Casey’s lot was cleaned off the snow was pushed onto Old Baldwin Road. Officer Murray already addressed this with the crew that cleaned the lot and they are to push the snow into the ditch.

**PARK**
Nothing new to report

**CEMETERY**
Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC SAFETY**
Trustee Geppert to schedule a committee meeting to discuss increasing the billing rates for the ambulance service.

Trustee Kreher said he received an email from Jake Owens regarding a Cencom page where the ambulance was paged out but did not know where to go. Trustee Weber also received the email. The EMT’s found out through the police department radio where the call was. Cencom also called out Medstar and they arrived on scene first and loaded the patient. Trustee Kreher said we should bill Cencom or Medstar since we had to pay our crew to go out. Jake addressed this with Herb Simmons and Patti Michaels of Cencom.

**POLICE**
Trustee Hall noted the committee met along with the personnel committee to discuss the chief candidates. The meeting went into executive session to discuss the new hires. Trustee Hall contacted a candidate from Chicago and he is willing to come down here for an interview. Another meeting to be set up.

Officer Murray said the unmarked 2006 Impala needs a new heater core. Wetzel’s quoted $553.06 to replace the heater core, but the emergency lights and controls will have to be removed and re-installed by somebody else so the heater core can be fixed. IE Communications to be contacted for removing and re-installing the emergency lights and controls.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the quote from Wetzel’s for $553.06 to replace the heater core and to contact IC communications to remove and re-install the emergency lights and controls. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

**PERSONNEL**
Nothing new to report

**GRANTS**
Nothing new to report
PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Nothing new to report

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Nothing new to report

TREASURERS TIME
The board reviewed the monthly treasurer’s report.

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

Sandy Stolte noted the audit committee met December 3, 2013 to discuss the tax levy. It was recommended to increase by $11,700 or 4.89%.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve Ordinance 2013-04 Tax Levy. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Geppert, Hall, Weber and Politsch.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’S TIME
Mayor Klein said he wants to enter into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss litigation.

OTHER BUSINESS
Tyler Liefer reviewed the bids for backhoe tires. Gary’s Tire Center has the lowest quote of $1655.00 for two rear tires and includes mounting.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the quote from Gary’s Tire Center for two rear backhoe tires at $1655.00. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Geppert, Hall, Weber and Politsch.

The board discussed the color copier bid from Coast to Coast. It was discussed and agreed that the Village does not need a color copier. Tyler has a color printer in his office that can be used if necessary. It was agreed to wait until the end of the contract to get bids for a black and white copier.

Mayor Klein said he received a letter saying Jerry Luter is interested in being on the zoning board. He will be replacing Jay Ozier who resigned earlier this year. Mayor Klein recommends adding Jerry Luter to the zoning board.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the Mayor’s recommendation to add Jerry Luter to the zoning board to replace Jay Ozier. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Geppert, Hall, Weber and Politsch.

Sandy Stolte noted the liability insurance is going up $13.2% to a new rate of $105,634.00. Most of the increase is due to the new sewer plant.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to enter into the contract with Arthur J. Gallagher for the Village’s liability insurance at a rate of $105,634.00 for the year. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Geppert, Hall, Weber and Politsch.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to enter into executive session at 8:00 p.m. with Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer and Attorney Ted Dennis present. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Geppert, Hall, Weber and Politsch.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to return to regular session at 8:21 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Geppert, Hall, Weber and Politsch.

Trustee Politsch questioned why Westmore would still be getting the TIF monies since they sold the Dollar General property. Attorney Ted Dennis said he did not see the agreement that was signed, but typically Westmore will still
get the TIF monies as per the agreement, even when the property sells. Sandy Stolte stated we are obligated to pay the TIF monies to Westmore per the agreement with them. The agreement is for 75% of the improvement portion of taxes paid on that parcel of land to be paid over a period of time.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Rich Klein  
Village President

Michelle Neff  
Village Clerk