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, Jake Owens, Officer Murray and Lieutenant Buehler were also present.

The audit committee reviewed the bills and approved to pay the bills.

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

The board reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. A correction needs to be made under public buildings and ordinance review.

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

VISITORS
Cathy Meggs, Nicole Carroll, Robert Johnson and Tim Pruett

Cathy Meggs and Nicole Carroll were present to update the board about the teen center. They hold events twice a month. The last event they had 45 kids in attendance. They have not been charging admission except when they have a DJ. Cathy and Nicole thanked the board and appreciated the board for allowing them to use the space. Trustee Weber asked if any fee could be paid for the rental. Cathy said they could afford $25 if they have to start paying for hall rental, but they could not afford the $75 rental fee. Trustee Hall does not have a problem allowing the teen center to use the multi-purpose center as a donation. Mayor Klein agreed with Hall’s statement. Trustee Geppert informed Cathy the multi-purpose center is also a shelter and if there is a disaster their event will have to be cancelled. Cathy understood.

Robert Johnson has concerns about a black lab jumping his 5 foot fence and breeding with his bird dog. The officers took the dog away to the kennel, but the dog got back out. Tyler Liefer to put roof on the kennel. Robert said the village needs a dog catcher. It was stated there is no money in the budget for a dog catcher at this time. Five tickets have already been written to the owners of the black lab. If the dog is caught again the owners do not get their dog back until all the fees are paid and dog tags are purchased. Robert asked the board if his dog is breed is it the village’s fault since the black lab got out of the village’s kennel. Attorney Dennis said it is still the dog owner’s responsibility and the village is not at fault; any bills should be sent to the owners of the black lab.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Nothing new to report

WATER & SEWER
Tim Pruett of Rhutasal said we are ready to close out the project for the sewer plant. A change order needs to be done since the generator was changed from natural gas to diesel decreasing the loan by $7,469.32. The final pay request for Plocher is $22,530.68.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve change order #1 reducing the loan by $7,469.32. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Kreher, Hampton, Geppert, Hall and Weber.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve the pay request # 12 for Plocher for $22,530.68. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Kreher, Hampton, Geppert, Hall and Weber.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Johnson Street has been re-opened and public works did a nice job. Tyler said the sidewalk will be finished tomorrow.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PARK
Nothing new to report
PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Geppert noted the committee met 11/25/13 to discuss Medi Claims billing. Mayor Klein to contact Charlie Kelly of Medstar to set up a meeting with the full board to attend. Trustee Geppert said her and Nancy called Millstadt and Breese about the Medi Claims billing system. Millstadt was one million dollars in debt and they were not keeping up with the billing. Breese was also behind on the billing. It was stated we are not behind on billing.

Jake Owens forgot to order the plaque for Debbie Main that was previously voted on August 20, 2012. Jake said he will get the plaque ordered.

POLICE
Lieutenant Buehler stated the department received animal control complaints. The bank robber pled guilty.
Lieutenant Buehler said with the teen center holding events it is cutting down on juvenile crime. Officer Wilson is driving the Chrysler 300.

Mayor Klein reviewed the applications with Ochie and now the committee should meet with Ochie present to review the applications to pick applicants to interview. Trustee Geppert noted there are eight part-time officers and a lot of them are not working any hours. Trustee Geppert asked if we should send a letter asking them if they still want to work for the Village. Lieutenant Buehler said he asked the part-timer officers and they all still want to work for the Village.

PERSONNEL
Tyler Liefer asked if he should order hams and turkeys for the employees for Christmas like last year. The board was in agreement to do the same as last year.

GRANTS
Sandy Stolte handed out information about abandoned property and the housing department grant. We have none at this time, but we may be able to apply for next year. Attorney Dennis said the paperwork for the yellow house on East Street has been filed. It has to be published for three weeks before a hearing is held. The process should be complete in 60 to 90 days. Michelle noted Robert Reilly said he is still interested in purchasing the house from the Village.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Nothing new to report

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Nothing new to report

TREASURERS TIME
Nothing new to report

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Klein asked about having a Christmas party for the board members, mayor and employees. The board to think about if they want to have a Christmas party and also when to have it.

OTHER BUSINESS
Tyler Liefer said leaf pick up will continue for a while yet.

Trustee Geppert said she went through the vehicle stickers and about half of the residents have purchased vehicle stickers. Mayor Klein said to set up a meeting and discuss what to do.

Attorney Dennis asked the board if they want another letter sent to the owner of the dog that bit a resident. The board was in agreement the attorney send another letter. The letter would state the board has decided to not take action to have the dog put to sleep at this time, but if the dog is out again the board will act to put the dog to sleep.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Rich Klein Village President
Michelle Neff Village Clerk