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 Politsch, Hall, Weber, Hampton, and Geppert. Kreher was absent. Sandy Stolte, Officer Wilson and Lieutenant Buehler were also present.

The audit committee reviewed the bills and approved to pay the bills. The committee had a question with the Wetzel’s bill for the public works truck, but Tyler Liefer was not at the meeting. Trustee Hall said the bill looked correct for all the work that was done; he just did not know that many repairs were needed to be done on one truck.

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

The board reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. A typo needs to be corrected on page 2 under other business.

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

**VISITORS**
No visitors present

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Nothing new to report

**WATER & SEWER**
A conference sponsored by Southern Illinois Water Operators Association is being held January 29, 2014. Michelle noted in Tyler Liefer’s absence Tyler recommended sending Andy Contratto and Gary Idecker. Tyler is unable to go that day since he has a meeting with IDOT. Andy needs the credit hours for his water license that the reports are still being filed under. If they attend this one day conference they will not need to go to the two day conference sponsored by IRWA in February. The cost is $25 per person.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve to send Gary Idecker and Andy Contratto to the conference sponsored by Southern Illinois Water Operators Association January 29, 2014. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Hampton, Geppert, Hall and Weber.

Michelle noted Tyler received a quote for a new meter reader which includes training for $4,660.00 from HD Supply. New meters that are being installed when the old meters quit working cannot be read with the meter reader we currently have. Also the meter reader we have is very old and you can no longer get parts to fix it in the event it quits working. No other quotes were received.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the purchase of a new meter reader from HD Supply for $4,660.00. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Weber, Hampton, Hall, and Geppert.

Trustee Hampton requested a credit for 10,000 gallons on the sewer portion of his water bill for filling his pool throughout the year. Michelle stated she is under the impression the credit is for a one time fill up, not for filling up throughout the year. Trustee Hampton was under the assumption the credit was for the total amount the pool holds one time a year. Trustee Hall asked why would we credit more than what was used? Trustee Hampton stated as a pool owner when cleaning the filter and vacuuming the pool water gets dumped out throughout the year as well as evaporation, so the pool owner is always putting water in their pool. Trustee Hampton said he puts in more than 10,000 gallons of water in his pool per year. Michelle gave the board the water usage history which shows only 4,000 gallons used for the summer over the 6,000 gallons average per month. Tabled till next meeting when Trustee Kreher will be present.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Mayor Klein stated the public works department did a wonderful job plowing the streets with all the snow we received. Mayor Klein authorized public works to purchase food from Casey’s and turn in the receipts to the Village while they were working around the clock plowing the snow.

The board received a letter from a concerned citizen about leaves that were raked onto the slope of the ditch and the Village workers ended up cleaning up the ditch to keep the drainage open. A letter to be sent to the resident whose ditch it was regarding the leaf pick up policy.
Trustee Politsch asked if there can be an ending date in the future for the leaf pick up. Tyler Liefer said the snow came in early this year and the leaf vac had to be taken off the truck to put on the snow plow before all the leaves were picked up so no ending date could be given. Trustee Weber said the village workers burned out some of the culverts where leaves were left to prevent blockage.

**CEMETERY**
Nothing new to report.

**PARK**
Nothing new to report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**
Mayor Klein noted the total run data was handed out to the board. Mayor Klein to contact Abbott to set up a meeting with the full board to attend. Trustee Geppert set up a committee meeting Thursday 1/16 at 6:30 p.m. with full board to attend to discuss ambulance billing rates.

Trustee Geppert thanked all the people that helped move cots from the medical building to the multi-purpose center January 4th, John Burkett, Leroy Faucett, Linda Schneider, Terry Politsch, Jeff Skiles, Debbie Main, Tyler Liefer, and Matt Ridlen. The sheds and office at the multi-purpose center are a mess and need to be cleaned up when it gets warmer.

Trustee Geppert said we still need a generator for Village Hall and she talked to the fire department about the type of generator they have.

Trustee Geppert asked if the EMT’s go to a run for mutual aid for Med Star do they get paid by the Village? Trustee Weber said they do get paid.

Trustee Geppert noted some items are missing from the ESDA office.

There was discussion about ambulance double run sheets for the same call. Jake Owens is writing a policy regarding transporting the deceased to the funeral home and charging for the transport.

**POLICE**
Lieutenant Buehler reported the meeting went well with the states attorney. Stat sheets were handed out for the year. All felony cases for the year 2013 have been solved. Lieutenant Buehler stated we have a 98% cases solved rate and thanked Officer Wilson for a great job as a detective. All state and federal paperwork is complete.

Lieutenant Buehler said he reviewed the ESDA book Trustee Geppert put together and said she did a great job and the book looks professional.

Trustee Weber reviewed the hours worked by the part-time police and asked Lieutenant Buehler if he calls all the part-time officers to work if there is an opening. Lieutenant Buehler said they all say they can’t work when asked to work. Mayor Klein stated he has already spoken to Lieutenant Buehler regarding the ordinance where a part-time officer cannot work over 40 hours per week, so either the full-time officers will have to put in overtime or hire more part-time officers.

Trustee Hall to set up a committee meeting to interview chief candidates after calling the candidate from Chicago to see when he could meet. The committee will also meet with two other candidates the same night.

**PERSONNEL**
Nothing new to report.

**GRANTS**
Sandy Stolte handed out information about a grant writing and grant management classes she is taking and would like Tyler Liefer to take as well. The cost for both classes is $1,020.00 per person. Sandy already paid for her classes and is not asking to be reimbursed.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve Sandy Stolte and Tyler Liefer to attend the grant writing and grant management classes for a cost of $1,020.00 per person. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Weber, Hampton, Hall, and Geppert.
PUBLIC BUILDINGS
An expense/revenue spread sheet was given to the board for the multi-purpose center. Trustee Hampton stated the multi-purpose center is operating at a loss. It was noted the building also operates as the emergency shelter. Trustee Weber and Trustee Hall did not have a problem with the loss since the building is also the emergency shelter. It was hoped to have more rentals this year.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Sandy Stolte to put together numbers for the vehicle stickers so the board can discuss if going to continue with them and how to charge.

TREASURERS TIME
Nothing new to report

CLERKS TIME
Michelle handed out the 2014 annual board meeting schedule.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the 2014 annual board meeting schedule. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Weber, Hampton, Hall, and Geppert.

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Klein wants to get bids again for installing video cameras inside village hall as well as outside of the building, now that the new roof is on.

Mayor Klein went over a list of holidays the employees used to have compared to what they now have. He spoke with the some of the employees and they would like to switch Martin Luther King Day to Good Friday. The employees would also like to have the day after Thanksgiving as a holiday like they used to have. Switching the holidays can be voted on tonight but the day after Thanksgiving will have to be put on the next agenda to be voted on since it would be spending money.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve switching Martin Luther King holiday to Good Friday. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Weber, Hampton, Hall, and Geppert.

OTHER BUSINESS
Attorney Ted Dennis was not present so pending real estate issues and vacating alleyway will be tabled till next meeting.

Officer Wilson stated he would like the board to consider Tim Buehler for the Chief’s position.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Rich Klein Village President
Michelle Neff Village Clerk