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, Jake Owens, Officer Wilson, Lieutenant Buehler, and Attorney Ted Dennis were also present.

The board reviewed the minutes from the January 6, 2014 board meeting and noted corrections on page 2.

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

VISITORS
Tim Pruett of Rhutasel and Assoc., Damon Haarmann of A.G.E., Daura Darin and Lindsey Middendorf with the PTO.

Damon Haarmann was present to discuss with the board residential “Opt-Out” Municipal Aggregation. The referendum would have to be placed on the ballot for a vote. The benefit is lower rates for power supply charges due to bulk buying. Residents will still only receive one bill from Ameren.

Daura Darin and Lindsey Middendorf asked the board if they can put sport signs on the telephone poles for all junior high school sports. They want the signs to be high enough so they can’t get knocked down. The board is in consensus to allow. It was discussed to have public works put up the signs. Tyler Liefer to coordinate with Daura and Lindsey on putting up the signs.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Nothing new to report.

WATER & SEWER
Michelle noted Brandon Fritsche requested credit for a water leak he found on January 9th. The water line was broke at the meter on his side and the water did not go into the sewer. Brandon thanked Tyler Liefer for his help with this. Tabled to next meeting when water bills will be calculated and it can be verified how much water was used.

Trustee Hampton asked Trustee Kreher for his perception on the pool sewer credit the board voted on May 21, 2012. Trustee Kreher said it was for new pool fill ups only and the spec sheets have to be brought in, it’s not for evaporation. Trustee Kreher said how you know if the water is not going down the sewer, that is why it is only for initial set up at time of filling up pool for the first time, or putting in a new liner, not for spring fill up.

Mayor Klein said Tyler Liefer and Gary Idecker want to attend the water class June 9th through June 13th in Collinsville to get their water licenses. The cost is $525. Mayor Klein would prefer to only send one at a time, so the department is not left shorthanded in case there would be a water break or other emergency. The board discussed sending both at the same time. It was decided to send Tyler this year and Gary next year.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve to send Tyler Liefer to the water license class this year for $525. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

Tyler Liefer also needs to attend sewer class in the evenings February 10th through March 10th for $250.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve to send Tyler Liefer to sewer class February 10th through March 10th for $250. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Tim Pruett of Rhutasel went over the change order for Haier Plumbing on the Johnson Street project in the amount of $7,882.60. The majority of the change order is for rock.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the Johnson Street change order number one for Haier Plumbing in the amount of $7,882.60. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.
Tim Pruett went over the final pay request for the Johnson Street project. The amount is $10,330.00 to Haier Plumbing.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the final pay request for the Johnson Street project to Haier Plumbing in the amount of $10,330.00. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

Mayor Klein read a letter that he received from Cheryl Raney Sommer praising and thanking public works for the good work done clearing our streets of snow and ice.

Tyler Liefer to check who owns the gates that go to the marina.

Trustee Politsch said the streets in Hidden Lake Estates need to be sealed. Tyler Liefer to get pricing. Trustee Kreher to set up a committee meeting to discuss maintenance of the streets in Hidden Lake Estates.

**PARK**
Nothing new to report

**CEMETERY**
Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC SAFETY**
Trustee Geppert noted the committee met January 16th to discuss raising the ambulance rates. Jake Owens to get more information about an ILS unit. It was discussed to send Nancy Ritter to certified billing coder class May 17th through May 19th. The cost is $995 and is held in St. Louis. The class is Saturday, Sunday and Monday. It was discussed to allow Nancy to take off two days during the week for attending the class on Saturday and Sunday; either take off Thursday, and Friday or Tuesday and Wednesday.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve to send Nancy Ritter to certified billing coder class May 17th through May 19th costing $995.00. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to allow Nancy two days off during the week for attending the class on Saturday and Sunday. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

Trustee Geppert noted Jake Owens will get a quote for computer software and three IPADS for the IPCR program.

The committee would like to add Officer Wilson’s name to the LESO program. The board agreed to put Officer Wilson’s name on the LESO program.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the rate increases for ambulance runs as Jake Owens presented at the committee meeting to take effect February 1st. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

Sandy Stolte stated that sending Nancy to the class would be good and it would help but, she wanted the board to know not to expect a big increase in income with the figures Jake Owens handed out at the committee meeting. Sandy reported Nancy called other ambulance agencies and was told that the percentage coming off for medi-care is not because Nancy is not certified or the Village is not certified. Medi care will only pay a percentage no matter how much we bill. Sandy stated we are getting paid faster than we ever have with our current billing system.

**POLICE**
Lieutenant Buehler said Officer Hamon hit a snow embankment and cracked the bumper on the 2006 Chevy. Bids were received from Dean’s Auto Body $970.28 and Jerry’s Truck & Auto Body $930.84.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the bid from Jerry’s Truck and Auto Body for $930.84 to repair the bumper on the 2006 Chevy. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber, and Politsch.

Lieutenant Buehler did the audit on Cencom calls. 56 calls were removed for an $800 savings. 44 expired
registration warning were given out. The unsafe structure at 303 St. Clair is now in compliance. Lieutenant Buehler attended a 16 hour advanced supervision and management training on his own time. K-9 vests were donated to Sparta, Freeburg and Millstadt police departments. Wednesday night the active shooter drill will be at St. Agatha’s and the public school with the principals present. January 29th Officer Wilson needs to attend an 8 hour death investigation training to keep his certification; a part-time officer will need to cover his shift.

Trustee Hall set up a committee meeting 1/27 at 6:30 p.m. for police and personnel to interview candidates for police chief. Mayor to call Oche and candidates. Trustee Hall said he would call the candidate from Chicago.

PERSONNEL
Mayor Klein said the employees would like to have the day after thanksgiving off as discussed in the last meeting. Trustee Hall stated we renew their contract in June/July so why are we discussing this now? Trustee Kreher agreed.

Mayor Klein would like to enter into executive session at the end of the meeting regarding employee’s benefits.

GRANTS
Tyler Liefer suggested replacing the waterline on Van Buren Street for the CDBG.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
The new ceiling tiles have been installed at the Village Hall.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Mayor Klein said to wait to order vehicle stickers until after next meeting.

TREASURERS TIME
The board reviewed the monthly 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, Weber and Politsch.

Sandy Stolte noted Resolution 2013-05 needs to be passed.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve Resolution 2013-05 Forgiving Cemetery Debt FY 2013. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Geppert, Hall, Weber and Politsch.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Klein again thanked the public works department and police department for a job well done during the last snow fall.

OTHER BUSINESS
The vacating of a piece of North Street was discussed. Tyler to check if any water lines are on the property. Tim Pruett to get a legal description.

Pending real estate issues are tabled to next meeting.

Tyler Liefer said they need blood borne pathogen clean up kits in their vehicles. The cost is $15.78 each and six are needed.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to the purchase six blood borne pathogen clean up kits for $15.78 each. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

Tyler Liefer received a bid for tree removal at 401 N Market on the Village property. The bid is from Deterding for $180.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the bid from Deterding for tree removal at 401 N Market Street on the Village property for $180.00. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.
Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to enter into executive session regarding personnel at 8:58 p.m. with Tyler Liefer, Sandy Stolte and Ted Dennis present. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to return to regular session at 9:39 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Rich Klein
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk