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

The board reviewed the minutes from the February 3, 2014 board meeting.

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

**VISITORS**
Ryan Welch of CTS and Leo Simburger

Ryan Welch with CTS went over the quote for a new phone system and security video cameras. If we choose the monthly payment option it builds refresh dollars that can be spent to upgrade or add to the system at a later date. A phone in the ESDA office was left off the quote: that will add $7.75 a month to the quote. There are 8 phones on the quote for $171.53 per month plus $519.78 installation fee and 6 total cameras on the quote with 1 DVR, 1 monitor, and 1 audio camera for $172.51 per month with $522.74 installation fee.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to enter into a contract with CTS for a new phone system and security system consisting of 8 phones, 6 video cameras, 1 DVR and 1 monitor with a monthly cost of $344.04 and installation fee of $1042.52. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Nothing new to report.

**WATER & SEWER**
Nothing new to report.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Michelle noted the Village’s portion of the bill from Haier Plumbing is $8,830.60 for the Johnson Street improvements. The rest of the bill was paid by the CDBG funds.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve to pay $8830.60 to Haier Plumbing for the Johnson Street improvements. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

Trustee Kreher said there is a family of raccoons living in a drainage pipe across from his house. Tyler Liefer to check to see if we can get a permit to remove them.

Mayor Klein suggested the committee to meet in the alley by the Bullpen to discuss the Bullpen putting in a handicap ramp and shifting the alley over four feet.

**PARK**
Nothing new to report

**CEMETERY**
Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC SAFETY**
Nothing new to report.

**POLICE**
Trustee Politsch asked if there has been a meeting set up to discuss hiring a police chief. Mayor Klein recommended hiring Leo Simburger.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the mayor’s recommendation and hire Leo Simburger for chief of police. A vote was answered aye by Kreher and Weber. Politsch, Geppert, Hampton, and Hall voted nay.

Police and personnel committee meeting was scheduled for February 24th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss hiring a police
Lieutenant Buehler attended a meeting held by Sheriff Watson regarding the jail expansion. At the meeting Sheriff Watson asked to consider sending police officers from their department to the Drug Tactical Unit. Also the Sheriff Department’s Rehabilitation Program can send four inmates with a guard to clean up roadways, lots and parks, all that is expected is to purchase lunch and provide water for them. Lieutenant Buehler will be attending an eight hour training course on vehicle reclaimations, a part-time officer will have to cover the shift. Lieutenant Buehler stated the part-time officers have been filling in a lot of shifts; officers that have not worked in the past. Lieutenant Buehler guessed the holidays are over so that has helped with covering the shifts. One of the part-time officers is still out on medical leave. Lieutenant Buehler reported Jeff Fields and Kurt Schmulback have not worked, but all the rest of the part-time officers have. James Murray is out of hours until June.

**PERSONNEL**
Mayor Klein would like to enter into executive session at the end of the meeting regarding litigation.

**GRANTS**
Tyler Liefer noted 75% of the CDBG surveys that were sent out to the residents on Van Buren Street have not been returned. Tyler is also looking at information for a park grant.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**
Nothing new to report.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
Sandy Stolte reviewed the handouts she prepared for the board for replacing vehicle stickers, dog tags and motorcycle tags by increasing the simplified municipal telecommunications tax. The majority of the communities in our area have already increased the telecommunications tax to 6% and they do not collect wheel tax. Our current rate is 3.5% with the max rate of increase to 6%. There was discussion on the different tax rates that could be used. Sandy recommended increasing the telecommunications tax to 6% and to discontinue the vehicle stickers, dog tags and motorcycle tags. Trustee Politsch asked if an infrastructure fee could be added to the water bills. Sandy said we recently increased the water bills and did not think it was a good idea to add to the water bill, plus by using the telecommunications tax it spreads out the collection from the residents monthly instead of being collected in one month.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve to raise the telecommunications tax from 3.5% to 6% and to discontinue the wheel tax, dog tags and motorcycle tags. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

**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.

**CLERKS TIME**
Michelle noted Baugher Financial is sponsoring a health care reform seminar March 13th to discuss the affordable care act and asked if anybody wanted to attend. The board thought Michelle should attend.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve to send Michelle Neff to the health care reform sponsored by Baugher Financial. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Geppert, Hall, Weber and Politsch.

**MAYOR’s TIME**
Mayor Klein thanked everybody that voted to get rid of the vehicle stickers and thinks it is a win/win situation for the village and the residents.

**OTHER BUSINESS**
Tyler Liefer said the copier lease expires in April and he has a proposal for a three year lease for $148.73 per month from the same company. Michelle said we entered the lease agreement August 2009 for 63 months which makes the lease up November 2014. The board was in consensus to wait until closer to the end of the lease before entering into another lease.
Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to enter into executive session regarding possible litigation at 8:37 p.m. with Sandy Stolte and Attorney Ted Dennis present. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to return to regular session at 9:02 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

It was discussed to send a letter to Officer Wilson regarding his letter he gave the board at the February 3rd board meeting.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to authorize Attorney Ted Dennis to write a letter to Officer Wilson pertaining to his letter he gave the board February 3rd. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Rich Klein
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk