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, Officer Hamon, Lieutenant Buehler, and Attorney Ted Dennis were also present.

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

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

VISITORS
Charles Whitlow and Chris Hespen

Charles Whitlow has concerns regarding loud motorcycles in town as well a neighbor that has a motorcycle with loud pipes. Mayor asked Charles Whitlow to call the police when he hears the loud pipes. Officer Wilson is going to speak with the neighbor.

Chris Hespen on behalf of the New Athens Falcons softball is renting ball diamonds April 4th. Tyler Liefer said he is going to turn on the water to the park April 1st. Chris asked who is allowed to drag the diamonds during the tournament. The coaches are Chris Hespen, Jay Ozie, Brad Ragland and Jeff Miller.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to allow the New Athens Falcon coaches to drag the diamonds during the tournament on April 4th. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber, and Politsch.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Nothing new to report.

WATER & SEWER
A letter was received from John and Michelle Merlenbach regarding a water leak from an outside faucet that froze and leaked in the yard. Their average usage is 6000 gallons. The sewer credit would be $99.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the sewer credit of $99 to John and Michelle Merlenbach on 204 South Benton Street. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber, and Politsch.

Michelle noted Sheila Menk turned in a letter requesting sewer credit for the water leak that was discussed during the last board meeting. The board previous voted to approve a credit of $1,041. Michelle said the sewer credit should have been $1,199, not the $1041 credit that was previously voted on.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve to change the sewer credit to $1199 for Sheila Menk at 205 North Jackson Street. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber, and Politsch.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Trustee Kreher noted the committee met March 12th to discuss the issue with Lindauer’s driveway due to the water leak on the Village’s line in the utility easement. The committee discussed whose responsibility it was to repair the driveway that is in the utility easement. Attorney Dennis recommended the Village pay to replace the portion of the driveway that had to be removed when repairing the water leak in the utility easement for this circumstance.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve to repair Lindauer’s driveway. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber, and Politsch.

The committee also discussed renting a crack filler to repair the streets in the Village. Tyler noted the prices to rent a tar buggy crack filler is $3,000 a month, air compressor $100 per day, and estimated the tar to cost $2,268 for a total cost of $6,268. The unused tar can be returned.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve to rent a crack sealer from Nobbe, an air compressor from Quality Rental, and purchase tar for a total cost not to exceed $6,268. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber, and Politsch.
Tyler Liefer said a village tree at 100 North Market has bees in it and needs to come down. The board was in consensus to allow Tyler to cut the tree down in the morning while it is still cool outside.

Tyler received a quote of $320 from Deterding to cut down a village tree at 209 South Van Buren Street that is in a resident service line.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve Deterding to cut down the tree at 209 South Van Buren Street for $320. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber, and Politsch.

**PARK**
Nothing new to report

**CEMETERY**
Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC SAFETY**
Tyler Liefer put together a bid package for a generator for Village Hall. The board reviewed.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve to send out the bid packages for a new generator for Village Hall with a bid opening date of April 7th at 10 a.m. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber, and Politsch.

**POLICE**
Trustee Hall reported the committee met March 17th to discuss hiring a part-time officer. The committee recommended hiring Cody Mahan. To be put on the next meeting’s agenda.

Lieutenant Buehler handed out the activity log for board review.

Lieutenant Buehler handed out awards to Officer Wilson and Officer Hamon for recent felony arrests made making the community a safer place.

**PERSONNEL**
Trustee Weber to set up a committee meeting to review applications.

**GRANTS**
Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**
Trustee Politsch noted the Lions Club would like to use the multi-purpose center for electric hook up and use of the bathrooms when they schedule the hearing health van to come to town, like they have in the past years. The board was in consensus to allow the Lions Club use of the multi-purpose building.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
Nothing new to report

**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 handed out a contract for Azavar and asked the board to review and get back with her if they have any questions prior to the next meeting. Azavar audits a variety of taxes to make sure we are getting the correct amount. Sandy will contact some of the cities that are under contract with them to get their experiences with Azavar. Attorney Dennis will also review the contract.

**CLERKS TIME**
Michelle noted the new phone system and video cameras will be installed the week of March 24th. St. Clair Housing invited the board, Sandy Stolte and Lieutenant Buehler to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Rickert Station
March 28th.

**MAYOR’s TIME**
Mayor Klein noted the troop leader for the boy scouts called him about the boy scouts working on a project for the Village so they can get their eagle patch. Tyler to work with the boy scouts on the project.

**OTHER BUSINESS**
The board approved Attorney Dennis to proceed with abandonment at 211 North Benton Street and 407 South East Street. The Village will be getting judicial deed for the property at 406 South East Street April 4th.

Attorney Dennis stated the Eve Bartels case is Wednesday March 19th and fine will be set at $250.00.

Tyler Liefer said part of the boat dock at the Marina is damaged and they are going to take the “L” off of the dock, so the dock will just go straight out into the river.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Rich Klein
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk