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 Hamon, and Attorney Ted Dennis were also present.

The board reviewed the minutes from the April 7, 2014 board meeting.

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

**VISITORS**

Elizabeth Lobos, Chad Dachsteiner, Gary Kearns, Jerry Ohlendorf Sr., Charles Whitlow, Cathy Meggs, Steve Ritter, Vitoria and Savannah Hartwig, Cheryl Halasy, Kristine Jones, John and Christine Hein, Jennifer Hoffman, Nicole Carrol and Larry Rhutasel

Elizabeth Lobos and Chad Dachsteiner were present with concerns about the sewer backing up in their houses when we had the bad rain storm earlier this month. Tyler Liefer said when they checked the line there was a root clog. Mrs. Lobos would like the sewer lines cleaned out once a month to make sure this does not happen again. Trustee Hall made a suggestion to have a quick shut off valve to be installed on the wash machine line in Mrs. Lobos’s house. Mrs. Lobos and Mr. Dachsteiner both received letters from the Village’s insurance company that the Village is not legally responsible. Mrs. Lobos said her insurance would cover the damages with a $500 deductible, but Mr. Dachsteiner’s insurance company would not cover any damages.

Larry Rhutasel presented the Village with duplicates of the awards Rhutasel received for the engineering of the new sewer plant.

Jerry Ohlendorf asked what the status is on the house at 406 S East Street. Mayor Klein said the Village is getting bids to have the house torn down. In order for the Village to sell the property it will have to go through the bidding process.

Cathy Meggs, Jennifer Hoffman and Nicole Carrol were present representing the teen center to ask if they can hold a block party fund raiser on the street in front of Village Hall. The fire department entrance will not be blocked. The teen center will rent two port-a-potties and pay for police security during the event. Attorney Dennis said they will have to purchase event insurance. The teen center to bring a proposal to the May 19th meeting for the board to review.

Steve Ritter said he started to clean up the old cemetery last year with Tyler Liefer’s permission. Steve would like to see public works grade the edges of the cemetery and plant grass seed. Two trees need to be cut down as well as limbs need to be trimmed. Tyler Liefer to get a quote to cut the trees down and the cemetery committee to meet to discuss. Steve has also started to clean some of the old tombstones. The board thanked Steve for all the work he has done cleaning up the old cemetery and tombstones.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Gary Kearns was present to give an update on the status of the re-accreditation of the levee. Knight Engineering put together a team to cover everything to get the levee re-accredited for cost of $77,000. Trustee Kreher and the board thanked Gary Kearns for all the time he has put into this project.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the quote of $77,000 from Knight Engineering and to start the process to get the levee re-accredited. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

Trustee Geppert noted the committee met to discuss the house at 406 South East Street. Tyler Liefer to get bids from Steve Galle and Greg Blomenkamp to tear down the house, then the lot will be sold by the bid process.

**WATER & SEWER**

A letter was received from Nicole Fuca asking for a payment plan on her large water bill due to a leak with her toilet. She will be able to pay $50 to $75 on the previous bill plus the current monthly bill. Trustee Kreher said they have to pay by the 15th of the month or the deal is off.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the payment plan for Nicole Fuca; the payment must be received by the due date (15th of the month), and if paid late they must pay the full amount due
immediately or the water will be shut off. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber, and Politsch.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Tyler Liefer said the railroad personnel was here last week and looked at the structure on Market Street. The railroad said it is not their responsibility. The culvert at East Street is their responsibility and they will clean it out at some point. Trustee Kreher would like to meet with the railroad. Tyler to call the railroad and set up a meeting and anyone on the board that can attend.

Trustee Politsch said the culvert at East Street and Oakridge Road is old and needs to be replaced. Tyler to put on the list to replace the culvert.

**PARK**
Nothing new to report

**CEMETERY**
Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC SAFETY**
The board was in consensus to allow additional EMT crews for the boat races May 17th and May 18th.

Mayor Klein said he spoke with Jake Owens regarding the plaque for Debbie Main. Jake said the plaque has been ordered.

Trustee Geppert noted Ryan Rusteberg and Bob Nealon have been terminated for inactivity.

**POLICE**
Trustee Kreher asked when we got a Deputy Chief. Mayor Klein said last Friday Tim Buehler asked if he can be called the Deputy Chief instead of Lieutenant. He has all the credentials and schooling. Mayor Klein said he did not have a problem with it, but he was not going to get any more money or order a bunch of stuff that costs the Village money. Trustee Kreher said he should not use the title, there is nothing in the ordinance book with that title and I don’t want him signing his name with that title on any kind of Village paperwork. He is Lieutenant and acting Chief. Mayor Klein will talk with Tim Buehler tomorrow and tell him that he will have the title Lieutenant.

**PERSONNEL**
Trustee Weber said he has applications for EMT position’s from Philip Brown, Christopher Seders, Corey Weber, Rhiannon Huffman and Anthony Butler. Trustee Weber said background checks have been done with St. Clair County.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve hiring Philip Brown, Christopher Seders, Corey Weber, Rhiannon Huffman and Anthony Butler as part-time EMT’s. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

Tyler Liefer asked about the first set of clothing for Matt Ridlen. When the guys started wearing the fluorescent shirts, the Village purchased the first set. Michelle noted from October 18, 2010 minutes it stated the Village would purchase the first round of clothing.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve to purchase the first set of clothing for Matt Ridlen. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

**GRANTS**
Tyler Liefer noted Resolution 2013-08 to approve funding for a park grant needs to be voted on.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve Resolution 2013-08 funding for a park grant. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Hall, Geppert, Weber and Politsch.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**
Nothing new to report
ORDINANCE REVIEW
Nothing new to report

TREASURERS TIME
The board reviewed the monthly treasurer’s report.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the monthly treasurer’s report. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hampton, Geppert, Hall, Weber and Politsch.

CLERKS TIME
Michelle noted Tyler’s computer and the computer at the sewer plant have Window’s XP which will no longer be supported. A quote was received from Compu-Type for the two computers Tyler needs. Lieutenant Buehler said today the three laptops in the police department also have Windows XP. Michelle to get pricing on laptops.

MAYOR’s TIME
Nothing new to report

OTHER BUSINESS
Nothing new to report

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Rich Klein
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk