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, Hampton, Kreher, Weber, Hall and Geppert. Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer, Attorney Dennis, Jake Owens, Chief Simburger, and Officer Wilson were also present.

The audit committee reviewed the bills.

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

The minutes from the June 16th board meeting were reviewed.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve the board minutes from June 16th as presented. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Kreher, Weber, and Hall. Geppert and Hampton voted present.

VISITORS
Jerry Ohlendorf, Jamie Mattern, Marian and Darrell Hein, James Wann

Jerry Ohlendorf asked why grass can no longer be put on the brush pile. Mayor Klein said his understanding was grass was never supposed to be dumped on the brush pile from the beginning, grass doesn’t burn it just smolders. Trustee Hampton said the board is going to discuss later in the meeting.

Jamie Mattern was present to discuss conditions on North Van Buren Street and Illinois Street. The curbs are crumbling onto the streets and some of the properties have gotten out of hand. James Wann was also present with concerns the way some of the town looks. Mayor Klein said we don’t have the funds at this time to repave the street and put in new sidewalks and curbs on Van Buren. Mayor Klein spoke with the grants department and said he was told they should be able to help next year with repaving the road. Trustee Hall said Van Buren Street is scheduled to get new water lines and this needs to be done before the road can be repaved. Trustee Hampton stated in the past year we have put in 1000’ of sidewalk. James Wann said maybe a day can be held to help clean up the town. The board was in agreement.

Darrell Hein was present with concerns about two houses next to him. Attorney Dennis said we are working on taking over one of the houses. Darrell Hein said the house at 303 North Benton Street has trees and brush growing around the house and he would like it taken care of to keep the animals away. Tyler to clean up the yard and keep track of hours.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Nothing new to report

WATER & SEWER
The Illinois Rural Water Association yearly dues are $363.86.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve to pay the yearly dues to Illinois Rural Water Association of $363.86. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch, Weber and Kreher.

Michelle Neff gave the board a letter from Mike Junge requesting a sewer credit for a water leak they had in their yard. The leak was 15,000 gallons over normal usage calculating to an $82.50 credit.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to issue credit of $82.50 to Mike Junge on the sewer portion of their current water bill. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch, Weber and Kreher.

Michelle Neff noted Diane Range did not send in a letter requesting sewer credit and paid the bill under protest.

Tyler Liefer received a bid for a new fire hydrant at Mill Street and Johnson Street for $1,794.34. Tyler also noted they have flushed and flow tested some of the fire hydrants last Wednesday and he is keeping record of this.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to purchase a new fire hydrant for $1,794.34. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch, Weber and Kreher.
Trustee Politsch asked if a resolution should be passed for SB3507. Sandy Stolte said the Mayor sent a letter to the Governor regarding this.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Tyler Liefer received a bid to gator the streets before oiling them. We can do one mile for $2,920 which includes the gator and operator. Tyler recommended only gatering for a day to see how it works.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the bid to gator one mile of streets for $2,920 plus deliver and pick up. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch, Weber and Kreher.

Tyler Liefer noted street oiling is scheduled for August 5th.

**CEMETERY**
Nothing new to report

**PARK**
Tyler Liefer said we received the notice to proceed on the grant and the new roof on the stage is done.

Tyler Liefer said the inmates to clean up the park are coming tomorrow. We have to provide them water and lunch.

Tyler will tear out the bush by the entrance to the park sign, since it is blocking the view of cars leaving the park.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**
Jake Owens said the stars routers have come in and need to be installed on the ambulances. Jake talked with Medstar and they will install for free. This will give internet access while on call but simcards will need to be purchased. Jake said it is similar to what the officers have in their squad cars.

Jake Owens asked for extra staffing for the homecoming like he has in the past years. Two additional crews from the hours of 4 p.m. to midnight were approved in the past years.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve two additional crews for the homecoming from the hours of 4 p.m. to midnight. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch, Weber and Kreher.

Jake said the Kaskaskia Valley Consortium Communication met Wednesday June 25th. Jake Owens and Trustee Kreher attended the meeting.

Jake noted the ambulance pagers are now on the same frequency and the sound quality is better, but there is no consistency in the page itself.

The crew likes the IPRC program. Jake will meet with Nancy tomorrow to review the past month of IPRC. Jake said now a picture can be taken of the insurance card to go with the report.

**POLICE**
Mayor Klein stated “I would like to thank Leo in his preparation for the Rage Fest event at the Marina. Leo prepared for the anticipated large crowd. Similar events to the Rage Fest have brought in crowds in the thousands. Leo was in contact with Marissa, Freeburg, County, State and the Conservation Police. I authorized a part time officer on duty that night with our full time officer. I know some have expressed concern about us having too many part time officers. Leo unfortunately couldn't get any of them to work, so after working all day Leo came back that evening and worked with Chuck until 2am. Cody came in at 2 a.m. The crowd was not as large as anticipated. Great job Leo, Chuck and Cody.”

Vehicle tow policy is tabled to next meeting.

Trustee Weber stated the committee met to discuss purchasing new lap tops for the police cars. Four laptops and docking stations cost $13,848 on a state bid.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the purchase of four laptops and docking stations for $13,848. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch, Weber and Kreher.
Officer Wilson stated he needs two new tires for the front of squad car 102. The board discussed purchasing them from Wetzel’s.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve to purchase two new tires from Wetzel’s for squad car 102. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch, Weber and Kreher.

**PERSONNEL**

Mayor Klein requested executive session at the end of the meeting.

The committee met July 3rd. Employee benefits will be discussed at the end of meeting.

**GRANTS**

Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

Tyler Liefer noted the hot water heater is leaking at the medical building and it will cost $299 to replace.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to purchase a new water heater for the medical building for $299. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch, Weber and Kreher.

Tyler Liefer said the transfer switch was wired wrong when originally put in. Ameren said the meter is out of date and has to be updated before the generator can be put in. Oakley services will do the work. Tyler said there may be a day where Village Hall has to be closed during this process.

Tyler went over the design from Andrew Smith for the Eagle Scout project to landscape each side of the parking lot. The cost is $557.69

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the Eagle Scout landscaping project costing $557.69. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch, Weber and Kreher.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**

Nothing new to report

**TREASURERS TIME**

Sandy Stolte noted $10,000 was transferred from sewer jet deprecation, $10,000 from sewer jet machine deprecation and $10,000 from water deprecation account to pay for the generator.

Sandy Stolte received a letter from the state regarding a class action suit with telecommunication tax ordering to seek a refund of $4,616.

**CLERKS TIME**

Nothing new to report

**MAYOR’S TIME**

Nothing new to report

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Tyler Liefer said Herb Forester is requesting an extension on his building permit. Tyler said he has purchased the building permit twice. Michelle noted he purchased a building permit in 2010 and 2012 for this property. The board was in consensus to not extend his permit this time.

Mayor Klein appointed Chuck Whitlow to the zoning board. Resolution 2014-04 is now ready to approve.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Resolution 2014-04 appointment of Zoning Board. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch, Weber and Kreher.

Tyler Liefer noted the gas tank for the 2000 dump truck needs to be replaced. It will cost $1675 for a new tank installed.
Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to purchase a fuel tank for the 2000 dump truck for $1675. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch, Weber and Kreher.

Tabled review executive minutes to next meeting.

Trustee Weber noted the parade donation for the bike brigade is $400. The money to come out of the special events account.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the donation of $400 to the New Athens Parade Fund from the special events account. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch, and Kreher. Weber voted present.

The board discussed the brush pile. They also discussed putting up cameras to watch who is dumping what they are dumping. New signs have been put up stating limbs and leaves only. Trustee Hampton called Reliable and they can provide a dumpster or bags for grass for a charge. Attorney Dennis suggested to start charging to dump there. Mayor Klein to call other communities and see what they do. Tyler Liefer to call the mulch place in Belleville to see if they take grass. The park committee to meet and discuss. Michelle Neff to add what can be taken to the brush pile on the key out sheet.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to enter into executive session at 9:24 p.m. with Attorney Dennis, Sandy Stolte and Michelle Neff present under personnel. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Hampton, Kreher, Weber, Hall and Geppert.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to return to regular session at 9:53 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Hampton, Kreher, Weber, Hall and Geppert.

Employee pay rates were discussed.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to increase the following employee’s pay: public works $21.69, deputy clerk $16.71, collector $18.26, superintendent of public works $23.37, lieutenant $22.72, fulltime patrolman $20.83, and part-time patrolman $15.86 retro pay to July 1st. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch, Weber and Kreher.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Rich Klein Mayor

Michelle Neff Village Clerk