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7:40 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, Politsch, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Hall. Sandy Stolte, Attorney Ted Dennis, Tyler Liefer, Chief Simburger and Officer Wilson were also present.

The board reviewed the minutes from the July 7th, 2014 board meeting. Trustee Hampton and Trustee Weber both noted a correction for the minutes.

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

VISITORS
Jerry Ohlendorf, Mark Schreder and Herb Foerster.

Herb Foerster was present to ask if his building permit can be renewed without paying the fee again. Herb stated he has paid a permit twice. Herb said he took on another project with another house in town to fix it up to sell. Trustee Kreher said there has to be extensive circumstances for extending the permit like weather or problems with getting supplies. The board is staying with the decision they made at the last meeting; Herb must purchase another building permit.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Mayor Klein opened the bids received for the purchase of the property at 406 South East Street. Jerry Ohlendorf bid $2500.00 and Richard Doug Poston bid $12,280.00. Attorney Dennis stated only one bid received was qualified since there was a minimum bid of $10,000.00. Attorney Dennis will take care of the deed.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to accept the bid from Richard Doug Poston for the amount of $12,280.00 for the purchase of the property at 406 South East Street. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

WATER & SEWER
Tyler Liefer noted he applied with the EPA to replace Andy’s name with his, now that Tyler has his water license.

Trustee Politsch discussed the water loss report and said it would be good to have a goal of 8 – 10 percent. Tyler said some of the loss is due to old meters and when we replace the waterlines on Van Buren Street it should also help take care of some of the loss. Tyler will also contact IRWA to help locate if there are any leaks in the waterlines.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Trustee Politsch noted on Hanft Street where the gutter work was done there are weeds growing and ask if that can be taken care of. Tyler said that maybe one of the streets that will be gatered before being oiled and chipped.

Trustee Politsch noted a snow route sign on Hanft Street is hanging and needs to be fixed.

PARK
Trustee Hampton noted the committee met July 16th to discuss the brush pile. The brush pile will be closed for a week while it is cleaned out to start fresh. Signs will be ordered for limbs, leaves and grass, all will have separate piles. Tyler Liefer said Reliable will bring in dumpsters to clear out the pile. Trustee Hall said no plastic trash bags can be thrown on the piles. If residents cannot follow the rules their privileges will be terminated. If problems continue, other steps will be taken or the brush pile will be closed.

Cemetery
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Geppert reported the generator will be installed July 29th. Tyler met with Ameren and we are good to install.

POLICE
Mayor Klein said the police did a good job handling things with the homecoming.
PERSONNEL
Trustee Weber reported the committee met July 21st. It was discussed since Ronnie Hampton III quit, Brendan Stolte should be moved up to take his position and hire Steve Ritter II as janitor and general maintenance.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to move Brendan Stolte to public works helper paying $10 per hour. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to hire Steve Ritter II as janitor and general maintenance paying $9 per hour for the seasonal position. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

The board previously approved to increase the insurance cap the Village pays on employee insurance to $850.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve to increase the Village’s portion of the health and dental insurance cap to $850 retro to July 1st. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

The board previously approved to add the day after Thanksgiving to the employee’s holiday schedule.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to add the day after Thanksgiving to employee’s paid holiday schedule. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

Resolution 2014-05 establishing wage rate for appointed officials and police department needs to be voted on.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Resolution 2014-05 establishing wage rate for appointed officials and police department employees. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

Resolution 2014-06 establishing wage rate for employees needs to be voted on.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Resolution 2014-06 establishing wage rate for employees. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Tyler Liefer received a bid from Moore Asphalt to seal the blacktop for the parking lot at the medical building for $2095. Moore installed the blacktop.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the bid from Moore Asphalt to seal the parking lot at the medical building for $2095.00. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Ordinance 2014-01 amending the vehicle tow ordinance needs to be voted on. Chief Simburger reviewed the ordinance prior to giving to the board.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Ordinance 2014-01 amending chapter 24 police tows. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Hampton 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, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

Sandy Stolte gave the board a copy of the yearly audit and asked them to review and bring back any questions to the next board meeting.
**CLERKS TIME**
Nothing new to report

**MAYOR's TIME**
Mayor Klein thanked Larry Weber and all the volunteers for the parade and an awesome job they did.

Mayor Klein said what a great job Tyler and his crew did cleaning up the property across from the Hein’s.

Mayor Klein stated the EPA was called about the railroad ties and he doesn’t know who did it. Attorney Dennis said if it was a trustee or employee it should have been brought to the board for a vote. Calling the EPA puts the Village in a bad position. Tyler said they were called about the big pile of railroad ties and now we have to move all our equipment and rock pile off the railroad right-a-way property.

**OTHER BUSINESS**
Tyler received a bid for 2 new tires for the back of the mower for $132.22 each.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to purchase two new back tires for the mower. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Rich Klein
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk