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 questioned the power bill for the ambulance shed. Michelle noted the bill for was two months. Trustee Kreher said the committee was shocked at the cost of the delivery for the gator. The cost was $1260 to deliver and pick up. Tyler Liefer said next year we will plan to keep it longer than one day. Trustee Kreher also noted the shipping charges are high for Clen.

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 July 21st board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Hall noted corrections are needed under streets and alleys and public safety. Trustee Politsch stated he would like to make a comment about the minutes and the last meeting and stated the following. Several individuals made accusations that are not substantiated. We do not know exactly what is going on with the railroad or the EPA, but the individuals were very accusatory at the meeting that some person has done something wrong. If the Village received information regarding an EPA violation, don’t you think it is best that we address the issue rather than sit in a meeting slinging accusations and threats? The comment was made that “maybe this will go away”. If we have a problem, we need to address it, not just hope it goes away. I would ask the board to work together.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the board minutes from July 21st with corrections. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Kreher, Weber, Geppert, Hampton, and Hall.

VISITORS
Mary Sue Iverson, Mark Schreder, Kelly and Tim Brandenburger, Dan and Mary Jo Nuernberger

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Trustee Geppert reported the generator has been installed.

WATER & SEWER
Helen Paulson turned in a letter requesting a sewer credit for a water leak they had in their crawl space. The leak was 9,000 gallons over normal usage calculating to a $49.50 credit.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to issue credit of $49.50 to Helen Paulson at 406 South Elizabeth Street on the sewer portion of their current water bill. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch, Weber and Kreher.

Tyler Liefer would like to attend the water operator’s conference September 10th through September 12th to get credits for his water license. Full attendance is $170 plus hotel costs of $109 plus tax per night.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve Tyler Liefer to attend the water conference costing $170 plus the cost of the hotel. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch, Weber and Kreher.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Tyler Liefer noted street oiling is scheduled for August 5th. Savannah Idecker, Brandon Contratto, Pat Dougherty and Chris Birkner will be the street flaggers and last year flaggers were paid $50 per day.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve Savannah Idecker, Brandon Contratto, Pat Dougherty and Chris Birkner as street flaggers pay them $50 per day. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch, Weber and Kreher.

Trustee Politsch noted the curbing is chipping away in front of Village Pizza. Mayor Klein said he had already spoken with Tyler regarding this and the prisoners are coming back next week to clean up and sweep the area.

Trustee Politsch talked about the street from the Bullpen to St. Clair Service and the hydrant by St. Clair Service. Tyler said all the hydrants and water services will be replaced in those blocks before they repave the street.
CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PARK
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Jake Owens is waiting for the stars routers to be installed on the ambulances.

POLICE
Mayor Klein noted Lieutenant Buehler applied and received a couple of grants. The 2015 Tobacco enforcement grant for $1,100 and a $1,000 grant from United Way of St Louis for the 2015 D.A.R.E. program.

Chief Simburger reported there was some vandalism last week. Officer Wilson got confessions from two of the individuals.

Chief Simburger presented Officer Wilson with a letter of accommodation for doing an outstanding job during the early morning hours of June 2nd. Officer Wilson received a medical call involving an unconscious male breathing with difficulty. Officer Wilson arrived and determined there was no pulse and resident was not breathing; he began CPR until the ambulance arrived and continued to assist as needed. This was labeled a clinical save since there was no pulse and the patient was not breathing when he arrived on scene. Dan Nuernberger stated the doctors told him Officer Wilson’s quick action saved Tim Brandenburger’s life.

PERSONNEL
Michelle noted Matt Ridlen is unsure if he already got the Hep-B shots in the past with the military. Redbud Clinic can do a titers test for $75 to see if he already has gotten the shots. The Hep-B shots cost $90 each and you need three shots.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve Matt Ridlen to get the titers test for $75. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch, Weber and Kreher.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Trustee Politsch noted at the multi-purpose center on the east side of the building the down spout is not connected to the drain and on the west side of the building there is a vent cap that is damaged. Also the a/c unit is not secured. Tyler said he put a lock on each of the a/c units after the last meeting.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Mayor Klein discussed wheelchair/scooter safety on the streets. Attorney Dennis said any kind of reasonable restriction can be put in place like flags or lights at night. Attorney Dennis also stated you can’t stop them from driving on the streets, but you can pass an ordinance to ensure safety on the streets.

Sandy Stolte reviewed the proposed annual appropriations. A hearing will be held prior to the next board meeting.

TREASURER’S TIME
Trustee Kreher reviewed the yearly audit report and thanked Sandy, Michelle and Nancy for all the work they do so we always get a good report from the auditors.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’S TIME
Mayor Klein thanked Officer Wilson for an outstanding job regarding Tim Brandenburger and also for the vandalism case. Mayor Klein went on to thank the police department for the good job they are doing.

OTHER BUSINESS
Tyler Liefer said last week several people from the railroad came down. They are going to take out the old main and clean up the railroad ties. The property from the bottom of the hill to most of the way to the shed is the railroad
property. We will have to lease the property or move everything. Tyler asked them about the ditch on the Market and East Street. The railroad said it was not theirs and they will not clean it up. They will give Tyler a flagger for a week if he wants to clean it up. The railroad also told Tyler the East Lawn subdivision drains onto the railroad right away and the railroad can shut off all the drainage from there if they wanted to. Trustee Politsch discussed different ways for drainage at the top of the hill.

Sandy Stolte talked with the head engineer on the levee project. The under seepage report should be complete in about two weeks, and then they can do the final report.

Tyler Liefer noted two new tires are needed for the rear of the dump truck. They cost $227.82 per tire.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the purchase of two new tires for the dump truck costing $227.82 each. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch, Weber and Kreher.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to enter into executive session at 8:17 p.m. with Michelle Neff present to review the executive minutes. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Hampton, Kreher, Weber, Hall and Geppert.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to return to regular session at 8:28 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Hampton, Kreher, Weber, Hall and Geppert.


There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Rich Klein Mayor

Michelle Neff Village Clerk