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, Tyler Liefer, Jake Owens, Chief Simburger and Officer Wilson were also present.

The board reviewed the minutes from the September 2nd, 2014 board meeting.

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

**VISITORS**
Mary Sue Iverson

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Nothing new to report

**WATER & SEWER**
Trustee Weber noted the committee met and Tyler Liefer stated the sewer line in the alley of Benton and Johnson needs to be lined and the services fixed. Tyler said they can fix the services, but they will need to hire somebody to line the pipe. The sewer line needs to be replaced from the medical building to US Bank and will have to go through the bid process.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to proceed with Benton and Johnson Street sewer line project and have Rhutasal put a bid package together for the sewer line from the medical building to US Bank. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

Trustee Weber reported a letter was received from Jerry & Rosemary Phillips of 8204 White Elm Drive asking for credit on their water bill because when they filled their hot tub and the water looked like river water. The Village was flushing fire hydrants that day. The hot tub holds 400 gallons of water and a credit would amount to $4.60. The board discussed. It was stated the fire hydrants are flushed the first Wednesday of every month.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the credit of $4.60 for Jerry & Rosemary Phillips water bill. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Trustee Politsch asked if the equipment was ready for leaf pick up and if the leaves could be picked up out of some of the ditches. Trustee Kreher said the leaves are not supposed to be raked into the ditches. It was discussed if the leaves that fall into the ditches and block the culverts they will be picked up by the leaf vac. If there are problems the committee will meet to discuss.

**PARK**
It was noted limbs are still being dumped outside of the gate at the brush pile.

**CEMETERY**
Trustee Politsch talked about the handout from Steve Ritter regarding raising tombstones and resetting some of the stones at the old cemetery. Trustee Kreher stated that is not our responsibility; we don’t own the stones and the Village would be liable if anything happens to them while trying to raise them. Mayor Klein stated we are only responsible to keep the grass mowed. Tyler said he will not move the stones if the board wants them moved they will have to hire a company to do it. Mayor Klein to talk to Attorney Dennis to see what the Village can do. Trustee Kreher said every attorney we have ever had said that if we touch the tombstones and do any damage to them, above what is already there, it’s our liability. Trustee Politsch wants to preserve the history of the cemetery since some of the stones are civil war.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**
Mayor Klein talked to Herb Simmons of Cencom about not being notified when the dispatching radios went down. Herb told Mayor Klein the tower was hit by lightening and was out for three days. Herb said all agencies were notified. Jake Owens said New Athens Ambulance was never notified and Jake emailed Cencom and asked why we were not notified. Mayor Klein to talk to Attorney Dennis about sending a letter to Cencom about not being notified.

It was noted Nancy does not have a copy of Nick Koester’s EMT license. Jake will call Nick. Mayor said not to
pay Nick until we have a copy of his license.

**POLICE**

Chief Simburger noted he needs a new vest. The cost is $925 and Chief said we will receive grant money of $311 once one is purchased.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the purchase of a bullet proof vest for Chief costing $925. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

Chief Simburger said the yearly dues of $500 are due to ALIER the report writing system for the department.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to pay ALIER $500 for yearly dues for the report writing system. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

Trustee Weber noted the committee met September 11th to discuss the purchase of a new police vehicle. Chief noted they just started making the Tahoe’s and the estimated price is low $40,000 not equipped. The state bid for an equipped Ford Explorer is $31,500, but does not include title and license. It was discussed to trade the old police car in to Moore when purchasing the new vehicle.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the purchase of a Ford Explorer on state bid from Moore for $31,500 plus title and license fees. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch. Hall voted nay.

**PERSONNEL**

Trustee Weber noted the committee met September 11th to discuss the drug testing policy. There will be no additional changes; the ordinance will stay as is.

**GRANTS**

Trustee Kreher reported Smithton received $50,000 grant from Illinois Department of Economic Opportunity for infrastructure projects. Freeburg received grant money for sidewalks from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Tyler to check if we can apply for those grants as well.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

Nothing new to report

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**

Nothing new to report

**TREASURERS TIME**

The board reviewed the monthly treasurer’s report.

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

Sandy Stolte reported we transferred $5,000 from general to cemetery.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the transfer of $5,000 from general to cemetery. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

**CLERKS TIME**

Nothing new to report

**MAYOR’s TIME**

Nothing new to report

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Knights of Columbus Proclamation needs to be voted on.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve Mayor Klein to sign the Knights of Columbus Proclamation. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.
Resolution 2014-07 is regarding the Environmental Protection Agency’s proposed clean power plan.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve Resolution 2014-07 regarding the proposed clean power plan. A vote was answered aye by Kreher, Hall, Weber, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Rich Klein
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk