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

The audit committee reviewed the bills. Trustee Kreher said the Ameren bill for the ambulance shed is high. Michelle said it was for two months. Trustee Kreher noted the AT&T bill was high and said we need to check the rates with New Wave Communications.

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

The minutes from the September 15th board meeting were reviewed.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve the board minutes from September 15th as presented. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Geppert, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher and Hall.

**VISITORS**
Mary Sue Iverson, Dennis Breithaupt, Norman L. Roy, Stanley Bailey, Larry Kinzel

Dennis Breithaupt was present to introduce Norman L. Roy, Stanley Bailey and Larry Kinzel of Weir in Redbud. They have purchased Dennis Auto Sales and will continue to keep it a Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep Dealership. Mayor Klein and the board thanked Dennis for all his years of business in the Village of New Athens. Mayor Klein and the board welcomed Weir Chrysler to the Village.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Tyler Liefer reported the generator is up and running at the Village hall. It is set to run every Tuesday at 10 a.m. for 30 minutes. Tyler went over the service agreements for all three generators from Oakley Services for a total cost of $1,533.61 per year.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to enter into a service contract with Oakley Services to service the generators at Village hall, the south lift station and the sewer plant costing $1,533.61 per year. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Geppert, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher and Hall.

Trustee Geppert asked Tyler if we were going to get the siren checked yearly. Tyler will set up a schedule for a yearly checkup for the siren.

Trustee Politsch asked about the generator at the multi-purpose center. Tyler said public works tests it every month.

Mayor Klein thanked Andrew Smith and his crew for the Eagle Scout landscaping project he did at Village hall. Mayor Klein and the board said the project looks great.

**WATER & SEWER**
Nothing new to report.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Trustee Politsch said East Street needs some patching, there is a sink hole off of Market Street and St. Clair Street, and the grate by the nursing home has chat in the drain. Tyler said they will get to the patching on East Street. Tyler is unsure what is causing the sink hole since they have checked that area in the past and there is no main service line there.

**CEMETERY**
Nothing new to report.

**PARK**
Nothing new to report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**
Trustee Geppert noted we received a bill from the Freeburg Fire Protection District for the work they started on for the new dispatching service that was supposed to take place. Trustee Kreher said they are still working to start new dispatching service; it’s just on hold for now.
Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve to pay the Freeburg Fire Protection District $220.25 for one fifth share of the construction of the VHF radio transmission site for dispatching as previously agreed too. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Geppert, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher and Hall.

**POLICE**

Mayor Klein noted Lieutenant Buehler called him about boxes and bags of construction materials that were dumped in the brush pile. One of the boxes had a name and address on it. Mayor Klein said to write him a ticket and give him 24 hours to it clean up.

Chief Simburger reported the new computers are up and running and the new car has been ordered.

Trustee Hall reviewed the monthly report and asked why only five speeding tickets were written for the month of September. Trustee Hall said there are numerous cars that speed past his house. Trustee Hall also said the police need to sit on Old Baldwin Road, by the bank on Spotsylvania Street, Keim Road and on Market Street and issue tickets to the speeders. If something isn’t done someone is going to get hurt or killed and we will be asking why and how it happened.

**PERSONNEL**

Tyler Liefer noted Brendan Stolte’s last day was September 19th and Steve Ritter moved to public works helper on September 22nd, which was Brandon’s position.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve to move Steve Ritter to public works helper and pay $10 per hour starting September 22nd. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Geppert, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher and Hall.

**GRANTS**

Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

Nothing new to report

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**

Nothing new to report

**CLERKS TIME**

Nothing new to report

**MAYOR’s TIME**

Nothing new to report

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Michelle received a quote from Coast to Coast for $639 to ship the Toshiba copier back. This includes picking up the copier, packing it for shipping, shipping costs and insurance. We have not received the specifications on how or where to ship the copier. Trustee Geppert made a motion and Trustee Kreher seconded the motion. Trustee Hall asked if we can ship it back ourselves to save money. Michelle to find out where to ship the copier and how to ship it back. Trustee Geppert rescinded her motion.

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