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, Officer Wilson and Chief Simburger were also present.

The audit committee reviewed the bills. Trustee Kreher said the Ameren bill for the ambulance shed seems high for this time of year and asked if they leave the bay lights on all the time. This bill needs to be compared with previous year’s 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, Kreher and Weber.

The minutes from the October 20th board meeting were reviewed.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the board minutes from October 20th as presented. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Geppert, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher and Hall.

**VISITORS**
Mary Sue and Geoff Iverson, Mark Schreder

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Tyler Liefer reported the locks have been changed for the brush pile and Multi-purpose center.

**WATER & SEWER**
Reliable sent their annual increase letter for trash service. This year the increase is $.43 per month making the cost to the Village $13.85. The board discussed increasing the rate to the residents from $14.00 to $14.25 to cover expenses.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve the increased rate of residential trash service of $14.25 starting with the November billing. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Geppert, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher and Hall.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Trustee Politsch said the curbing work on Van Buren looks good.

**CEMETERY**
Attorney Dennis suggested we check with our liability insurance for liability before resetting any stones and also get family consent if family can be found. Mark Schreder suggested leaving the head stones alone, but put up a memorial plaque. Mayor Klein will have Steve Ritter call Attorney Dennis to discuss.

**PARK**
Trustee Kreher said the public works department did a nice job at the park on the concession stand.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**
Trustee Geppert noted Mary Sue and Geoff Iverson would like to be ESDA Coordinators. An ad will also be placed in the News Brief looking for more people interested in helping with ESDA. Mayor Klein appointed Mary Sue and Geoff Iverson at ESDA Coordinators.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve Mayor Klein’s appointment of Mary Sue and Geoff Iverson to ESDA Coordinators. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Geppert, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher and Hall.

**POLICE**
Chief Simburger reported there were arrests made in the 100 block of South Benton Street for meth.

Chief Simburger noted the new police car will be ready to pick up late November or first part of December.

**PERSONNEL**
It was discussed to raise the portion the Village pays for employee health insurance up to $1000.00 per employee. Trustee Kreher asked if we get a better deal, can we go back to the $850 the Village currently pays. Trustee Hall said yes if the insurance rate drops we can go back to the $850. It was discussed to do this for two months and see
if we can get better rates in January.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to raise the Village portion of the employee health/dental insurance to $1000 starting December 1st for two months, then review. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Geppert, Politsch, and Hall. Hampton and Kreher voted nay.

Sandy and Ira Renshaw spoke this afternoon and Ira is no longer spending time at the sewer plant, but he is still needed to sign documents. Sandy said to reduce Ira’s monthly pay from $1000 to $600 for six months. To be put on next meeting agenda to be voted on.

**GRANTS**
Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**
Trustee Politsch asked the status regarding the lot where the yellow house was on East Street. Attorney Dennis said they are still working with the treasurer’s office over the back taxes. Attorney Dennis said the statute clearly states the treasurer’s office does not get back taxes when a municipality takes over the property. Attorney Dennis noted this matter needs to be cleared up before transferring the property to Doug Poston.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
Trustee Kreher said the ordinance will have to be changed for the employee health insurance showing the Village will pay up to $1000 per employee.

**TREASURERS TIME**
Nothing new to report

**CLERKS TIME**
Michelle noted our contract with AT & T expired and the rates went up to $50 per line. We can enter into another contract for one year and it will reduce the per line charge to $35 plus taxes.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to enter into a contract with AT &T lowering the phone line charges to $35 per line plus taxes. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Geppert, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher and Hall.

**MAYOR’s TIME**
Mayor Klein noted Halloween went well and he thanked Cathy Meggs and the Sportsmen’s Club for continuing the tradition of the Halloween parade. A thank you letter to be sent to Cathy Meggs and the Sportsmen’s Club.

**OTHER BUSINESS**
Officer Wilson would like a list of who has current UTV/Golf stickers.

Sandy and Tyler would like to meet with the grants committee November 5th at 6 p.m. to discuss the 2005 dredging grant from IDNR.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Rich Klein Mayor

Michelle Neff Village Clerk