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, Geppert and Kreher. Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer, Jake Owens, Attorney Dennis, and Chief Simburger were also present.

The audit committee reviewed the 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, Politsch, Kreher and Weber. Geppert voted present.

The minutes from the December 15th board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Politsch noted on the bottom of page 2 Mayor Klein’s name needs to be changed to Larry Weber, since Mayor Klein was absent from that meeting.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the board minutes from December 15th with the noted correction. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Politsch, Hampton, Kreher and Hall. Geppert voted present.

VISITORS
Mary Sue Iverson

Mary Sue Iverson noted Geoff Iverson updated the ESDA computer with virus protection and changed the printer option to print to the copier.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Nothing new to report

WATER & SEWER
Tyler Liefer stated we received paperwork the Mayor needs to sign for the Community Development Block Grant for the waterline project on Van Buren Street.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve Mayor Klein to sign the Community Development Block Grant paperwork for the waterline project on Van Buren Street. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Politsch, Geppert, Kreher and Weber.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Trustee Politsch stated Ameren did some digging around a gas line at 209 North East Street last year and the area needs more repair to the road. Tyler has contacted Ameren in the past and they made the repairs. Tyler will call them again to see if they will make the repairs. Trustee Kreher said Tyler needs to keep track of the hours and material used to send Ameren a bill if the Village is making the repairs.

Trustee Hall asked how the alleys were holding up with the heavier trash trucks using them. Tyler said most are holding up but there are a few problem spots.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PARK
Trustee Hampton said the new concession stand at Okaw Valley Park looks great. Tyler said when it warms up they will finish the work that needs to be done.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Jake Owens handed out a run data packet to the board. 52 calls were received in December, which is a new record.

Jake accepted a formal resignation from Don Birkner and Larry Weber. Don has been with the service around 38 years and Larry has been with the service for 29 years. Trustee Kreher said to put on the next agenda to order plaques for Don and Larry for their years of service as EMT’s.

Jake is still working on getting the star routers installed; which should be done in a month.
POLICE
Chief Simburger reported there has been some cosmetic damage to the levee. Chief has discussed with Tyler and the police will patrol the area more. Tyler will be working on a way to block off the levee to keep this from happening again.

Chief noted the new police vehicle has arrived and is in service.

PERSONNEL
Chief Simburger stated all back ground checks on Kennedy came back clear. He is still waiting on the results from the back ground checks for Romero.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Nothing new to report

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Nothing new to report

TREASURERS TIME
Nothing new to report

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’S TIME
Mayor Klein requested executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss a legal contract.

OTHER BUSINESS
Trustee Politsch asked the status with the property on East Street. Attorney Dennis said they are still working on getting the taxes cleared up and he is going to contact Mark Kern. Jake Owens requested to go into executive session for possible litigation.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to enter into executive session at 7:57 p.m. for possible litigation with Attorney Dennis, Sandy Stolte, Jake Owens and Chief Simburger present. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher, Geppert and Hall.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to return to regular session at 8:08 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher, Geppert and Hall.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to enter into executive session at 8:09 p.m. under legal contract with Attorney Dennis and Sandy Stolte present. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher, Geppert and Hall.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to return to regular session at 8:49 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher, Geppert and Hall.

Resolution 2014-09 authorizing Mayor Klein to give permission for lease assignment to be voted on as discussed in executive session.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to authorize Mayor Klein to sign Resolution 2014-09 authorizing Mayor Klein to give permission for assignment of lease as long as all specifications are met. A vote was answered by Kreher, Geppert, Hampton, Hall and Weber. Politsch voted present.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Richard Klein       Village President
Michelle Neff       Village Clerk