7:30 p.m. The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Trustee Weber, who led the Pledge of Allegiance, in Mayor Klein absence. A roll call was answered aye by Politsch, Weber, Kreher, Hampton, Geppert and Hall. Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer, Jake Owens, Chief Simburger and Officer Wilson were also present.

The board reviewed the minutes from the January 5th board meeting. It was noted the roll call vote was missing under other business, also a correction on page 1 and at the bottom of page 2.

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

VISITORS
Mark Schreder

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Nothing new to report

WATER & SEWER
Tyler Liefer noted they had a water leak over the weekend and 828,000 gallons of water was lost. The leak was at the corner of Clinton Street and Belsha Street. The water ran into the storm sewer.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Tyler Liefer noted the MFT budget of $82,922.65 needs to be approved. Last year the budget was $68,000 and we went over budget. The gatering was not included in the budget last year. Tyler said he is not sure if the Village should gater the streets again. It started out good but he is not sure it is holding up. It was discussed a good operator is needed to run the gatering machine.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve the MFT resolution yearly budget of $82,922.65. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Weber, Kreher, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

PARK
Tyler noted the hockey rink will be resealed this year. Trustee Politsch said there is one area where the rink is holding water and needs to be looked at. Tyler will try to get a grant to pay for the resealing.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC SAFETY
It was discussed to order plaques for Don Birkner and Larry Weber for their years of service as an EMT.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve Jake Owens to order plaques for Don Birkner and Larry Weber for their years of service as an EMT. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Kreher, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch. Weber voted present.

Jake Owens said they no longer need the cell phones in the ambulances; all the EMT’s have all their own cell phones if they need to use a phone.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve to get rid of the cell phones for the ambulances. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Weber, Kreher, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

POLICE
Chief Simburger noted the police department needs two four drawer filing cabinets. Chief priced the file cabinets on Amazon and can get them delivered for under $200.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the purchase of two filing cabinets from Amazon not to exceed $200. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Weber, Kreher, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.
PERSONNEL
Applications were received from Katie Busby and Dustin Bingel to work as part-time EMT’s. Types of background checks were discussed. Chief Simburger said he can get a full background check from the State for $16 without fingerprints, with fingerprints it costs $20. The board agreed to the full background check without fingerprints costing $16 per person.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to hire Katie Busby and Dustin Bingel as part-time EMT’s pending background checks. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Weber, Kreher, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

GRANTS
Tyler received information for a Right Tree Grant from Ameren. They remove the trees and also pay $125 for each tree removed to purchase another tree to plant in an approved area. Tyler to get more information on the grant.

Tyler suggested replacing the waterline on Kaskaskia Street from Market Street to Van Buren Street for the 2015 CDBG grant.

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 Hall, Weber, Kreher, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

Sandy handed out the asset report.

CLERKS TIME
Michelle previously gave the board the 2015 board meeting schedule for review before posting.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the 2015 board meeting schedule. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Weber, Kreher, Geppert, Hampton and Politsch.

MAYOR’S TIME
Nothing new to report

OTHER BUSINESS
Trustee Hampton asked about the status on the assignment of the Marina lease. Sandy Stolte reported there is a definitive statement signed and tomorrow the first down payment will be held in escrow. The close date is still by February 1st.

Tyler Liefer received a price on a pressure washer from Hi-way Lumber and is in the process of getting a couple more prices to bring back to the board.

Chief Simburger contacted AT & T about updating the cell phone plan. The new plan includes 5 phones for $127.50, which includes one smart phone. Tyler may need a smart phone to monitor the water tower in the future. One of the phones can be left in ESDA office.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Larry Weber
Village Vice President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk