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, Attorney Dennis, Officer Wilson and Chief Simburger were also present.

The audit committee reviewed the bills.

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

The minutes from the January 19th board meeting were reviewed.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the board minutes from January 19th as presented. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Politsch, Hampton, Kreher, Geppert and Hall.

VISITORS
Mark Schreder

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Nothing new to report

WATER & SEWER
Tyler Liefer suggested that he and Gary Idecker attend the IRWA Water Conference February 17 – 19 in Effingham for a cost of $175 per person plus hotel fees.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve to send Tyler Liefer and Gary Idecker to the IRWA Water Conference February 17-19 in Effingham costing $175 per person plus hotel fees. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Politsch, Geppert, Kreher and Weber.

Tyler Liefer noted the bid opening date of March 12th at 10 A.M. for the sewer slip line project needs to be approved.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve to send the sewer slip line project out for bid with a bid opening date of March 12th. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Politsch, Geppert, Kreher and Weber.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Tyler Liefer reported a submittal MFT resolution for 2014 in the amount of $94,114.62 needs to be passed since we went over budget last year by $26,000.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve the MFT resolution submittal for the year 2014 in the amount of $94,114.62. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Politsch, Geppert, Kreher and Weber.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PARK
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC SAFETY
Nothing new to report

POLICE
Chief Simburger reported the old full size light bar was sold to Lenzburg for $300 and the old small light bar was sold to Ruma for $100.

Trustee Kreher thanked Officer Hoffman and Officer Hamon for their help with information on an open investigation. The officers went above and beyond in helping Kreher getting the information he needed.

Trustee Politsch requested a monthly work schedule to be put in trustee’s mail box like was done in January. Chief will put a copy in the trustee’s mail box.
PERSONNEL
Mayor Klein asked Trustee Weber to schedule a personnel committee.

GRANTS
Trustee Geppert, Trustee Kreher, Trustee Hampton, Trustee Politsch, Mayor Klein and Tyler Liefer attended the St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants meeting January 28. Trustee Geppert thanked everyone who attended.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Michelle noted Paul Kinsella called and asked if the Girl Scouts can use the Multi-purpose center to meet weekly on Tuesdays for an hour from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. There are currently 6 girl scouts. The board requested Paul or a representative to come to the next meeting to discuss.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
The committee needs to meet to review the ordinance book.

TREASURERS TIME
Sandy Stolte handed out a report on payroll expenses for the board to review.

Sandy reported we received a check from the Marina for $10,000 for their rent and should get the rest by the end of the week.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Klein thanked the trustees who attended the grant meeting held by St. Clair County.

OTHER BUSINESS
Tyler Liefer reported the quote received from Hi-Way Lumber for $699.99 is comparable to the other quotes he received for the pressure washer.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the purchase of a pressure washer from Hi-Way Lumber for $699.99. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Politsch, Geppert, Kreher and Weber.

Michelle said a $2500 deductible needs to be paid to Gallagher Basset for a wrongful act suit with the police department involving a call in Lenzburg. The board discussed.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve to pay the $2500 deductible to Gallagher Basset. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Politsch, Geppert, Kreher and Weber.

Attorney Dennis will give an update on the property at 406 S East at the next meeting.

Trustee Kreher said some tree trimmers from out of town are using the brush pile while doing work for the residents in town. They are charging for this service then using the Village’s brush pile at no cost. The brush pile is for residents only. Before village hall hands out a key for the brush pile they need to show a driver’s license that shows a New Athens address. The board was in consensus with this.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Richard Klein       Village President
Michelle Neff       Village Clerk