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 and Kreher. Geppert was absent. Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer, Officer Wilson and Chief Simburger were also present.

The audit committee reviewed the bills. The committee questioned the bill for rip rap. Tyler Liefer said it was for shoulder work on both sides of the road by Casey’s. The Computype bill was also questioned. Michelle Neff said the copier would not scan to the computers anymore, so Computype needed to reset the net work.

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 and Weber.

The minutes from the February 17th board meeting were reviewed.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve the board minutes from February 17th as presented. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Politsch, Hampton, Kreher and Hall.

**VISITORS**

Amanda and Zachary Horn, Jen Hoffman, Mark Schreder, Mary Sue Iverson, Tom Weber and Matt Wineteer

Mary Sue Iverson noted her and her husband Geoff signed up for the ESDA 300 and 400 classes in Effingham in April.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Nothing new to report

**WATER & SEWER**

Amanda and Zachary Horn and Jen Hoffman have been having problems with their sewer line clogging up. The sewer lines run under Spotsylvania Street to the sewer main, which is about 100 feet of sewer line. A sewer main could not be put in the alley for 507 and 509 South Johnson Street because it does not have the correct elevation. Trustee Kreher stated he was on the board when the clean out was put in and it was understood years ago the clean out to the sewer main is the Village’s responsibility, since it runs under the street. The house to the clean out is the home owner’s responsibility. Trustee Weber said nothing could be found in the Village records stating the Village is responsible from the clean out to the sewer main. Trustee Weber noted they could not use any water or flush toilets so he talked to the committee to proceed with digging up the sewer line. The clean out cap was found to be blocking the line. Horn’s and Huffman’s agreed to pay $300 each to cover the Village employee’s salary for digging up the sewer line. Michelle will send a bill to Horn’s and Huffman’s.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to put into the records the sewer line from the clean out to the sewer main for 507 and 509 South Johnson Street is the Village’s responsibility. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher and Weber.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to bill $300 each to 507 and 509 South Johnson Street for the employee’s salary for digging up the sewer line. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher and Weber.

Trustee Weber spoke with Tony Buhr of 411 South East Street regarding the water leak. The water did not go into the sewer. His average usage is 1000 gallons. The leak used 26,000 gallons making the credit on the sewer portion $150.00.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the sewer credit of $150.00 for Tony Buhr of 411 South East Street. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher and Weber.

Jimmy Wade is putting in stadium seating and bathrooms at the high school ball fields and is requesting the Village waive the sewer tap in fee.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve to waive the sewer tap fee of $500 for Jimmy Wade for the high school ball diamonds stadium seating and bathroom project. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Politsch, Kreher and Weber. Hampton voted nay.
STREETS & ALLEYS
Trustee Kreher said public works did a good job cleaning the streets from the snow storm.

CEMETERY
Tyler Liefer noted cemetery cleanup will be the week before Easter.

PARK
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC SAFETY
The Cencom contract needs to be signed by Mayor Klein. The price per call will be $15.00.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve Mayor Klein to sign the Cencom contract. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher and Weber.

Tommy Weber would like to send Wineteer and Green to CPR instructor classes costing $300 per person. With more instructors they would be able to offer more community CPR classes.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve to sent Wineteer and Green to CPR Instructor class costing $300 each. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher and Weber.

Tommy Weber reported Jakes Owens needs Tyler’s assistance applying for a $5,000 grant for training, equipment or pagers needing upgrades. Memorial Hospital is offering the grant.

POLICE
Chief Simburger suggested signing Officer Wilson up for the Major Case Squad. Chief said it would be good in case there was a murder in town and we didn’t have any suspects. It can be limited to only get called out once or twice a year. The Village will have to pay Officer Wilson while he is called out and pay for an officer to cover his shift. Training is once a year. Chief will get more information to bring to the board.

Trustee Kreher has received several phone calls about a guy in a hoodie walking down the middle of Spotsylvania Street and he does not get out of the way for traffic. Officer Wilson knows who it is and will talk with him.

Trustee Hall said there is a loud vehicle driving around town early in the morning.

PERSONNEL
Mayor Klein stated when the committee met and talked about Keith Culli and Sean O’Brian not having their EMT license; Jake told Trustee Weber they had an extension. Mayor Klein then received an email from Memorial Hospital stating fees have not been paid for Keith Culli and Sean O’Brian for their EMT license. Mayor Klein told Jake they cannot be on the schedule if they don’t have a license. If they are on the schedule they are not getting paid without a license. Keith Culli received his license today and it was emailed to Nancy. Sean O’Brian does not have his license as of yet. Tommy Weber stated the license has to be in hand for them to run and if there was a lapse of time where they did not have a license and they were on the schedule, they will not be paid. And if they went on a call without a license and were paid they have to return the money.

Trustee Weber noted the committee met prior to the board meeting with Geoffrey Wells. The committee recommends hiring Geoffrey Wells as part-time police officer. Geoffrey Wells has to get permission from his police chief prior to working for the Village.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to hire Geoffrey Wells as part-time police officer pending background check and drug test. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher and Weber.

Michelle Neff reported Kris with Baugher Financial came in to discuss Aflac insurance and get approval to meet with employees to see if there was any interest. Trustee Kreher said they always allowed them to come in to talk with the employees in the past. Trustee Weber and Trustee Kreher asked when Kris was coming back to discuss the Obama Care changes and if there was a rate change. Michelle will call Kris and ask her to attend the next meeting.

Trustee Weber noted the background checks came back good for Katie Busby, Dustin Bingel and Rhinnon Huffman.
GRANTS
Tyler Liefer needs to change the CDBG grant from the waterline project as previously discussed to an ADA project due to the low to moderate income requirements. The sidewalk on the west side of Van Buren Street from the Bullpen to the motorcycle shop will be replaced. It will also include ramps on both sides of Van Buren Street.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Nothing new to report

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Trustee Kreher requested executive session at the end of the meeting.

Trustee Kreher noted the committee met February 25th to discuss several changes that need to be made in the ordinance book. The building permit ordinance needs to be corrected to read new building permits does include the electric and plumbing permits. The landlord/tenant water bill responsibility needs to be clarified. Insurance limits when digging on Village property are very high and Tyler will check with other communities what insurance limits they require. Occupancy inspection permits were also discussed. St. Clair County will do the occupancy inspections for a fee.

TREASURERS TIME
Sandy Stolte handed out and reviewed with the board an explanation of the taxes collected.

Resolution 2014-14 is urging the Governor and General Assembly to protect full funding of local government distributive fund revenues and needs to be voted on and sent to the Governor. The Governor is proposing a 50% reduction in the local share of the income tax collected.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve Resolution 2014-14 to protect full funding to local government. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher and Weber.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’S TIME
Mayor Klein is sending a letter of congratulations to Andrew Smith and Cole Dickerson for making Eagle Scouts.

OTHER BUSINESS
Tyler Liefer applied for a dredging permit and it has been approved. IDNR will not allow sludge to be put on the riverside of levee in the floodway. There is an area behind the industrial park and an area across from the old cemetery. Tyler can purchase a spray if the sludge smells. The board was okay with the two sites.

Attorney Dennis drafted a letter for Mayor Klein to give to the investors of the marina regarding the dates for events they plan to have.

Trustee Hampton asked if we ever heard back from Ed Cockrell’s office regarding the property taxes on 406 South East Street. Michelle said she has not received a response from the email that was sent to Ed on two separate occasions.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to enter into executive session at 8:50 p.m. for potential litigation with Sandy Stolte and Tyler Liefer present. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher and Weber.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to return to regular session at 9:01 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Politsch, Kreher and Weber.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Richard Klein  Village President
Michelle Neff    Village Clerk