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 Politsch, Weber, Kreher, Hampton and Hall. Geppert was absent. Sandy Stolte, Attorney Dennis Tyler Liefer, Chief Simburger, Officer Hamon and Jake Owen were also present.

Jake Owens, Mayor Klein and the Trustees thanked Don Birkner and Larry Weber for their years of service and dedication with New Athens Ambulance Service. Don Birkner retired with 30 years of service as an EMT and Larry retired with 29 years of service as an EMT.

The board reviewed the minutes from the April 6th board meeting. Trustee Hampton and Trustee Hall noted a couple corrections and additions on page 2 and page 3 of the minutes.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve the minutes from April 6th with the corrections and additions noted. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Weber, Kreher, Hampton and Politsch.

VISITORS
Sara Wright, Crystal Cathcart, Ed Toedte, Mike Kosarek, Gabe Kimmel, Jerry Phillips, Chad Goldschmidt, Steve Womack, Dale Vasquez, Kenny Womack, Mary Sue Iverson, Mark Schreder, and Jim Engel

Sara Wright and Crystal Cathcart would like to hold a 5k run June 20th starting at the Bullpen for the girls gone walking for a cure fundraiser. Most of the run will be held at the park. They will inform Tyler Liefer if they need barricades to block a portion of the street off by the Bullpen.

Chad Goldschmidt, Ed Toedte, Mike Kosarek, Gabe Kimmel, Jerry Phillips, Steve Womack, Dale Vasquez, Kenny Womack, all are with union 520. They have concerns with the company dredging the marina using non union workers and workers that are from out of state. Chad asked what deemed the dredging an emergency and why it was not put out for bid. Attorney Dennis said the price quoted was an off season rate; Groh would stop on his way back to Wisconsin to dredge the marina in the spring for the price quoted otherwise it would have been more costly. Also the marina needed to be dredged before the new investors opened for business in the spring. Other companies were contacted and the job was too small for them or they were no longer in business. Attorney Dennis stated the board of trustees voted the project was deemed an emergency so it was not put out for bid. Chad reminded the board prevailing wages must be paid. Attorney Dennis said the Village gave Groh notice that prevailing wages apply. The future rent from the marina will pay for the dredging.

Jim Engel is holding an auction June 20th at 405 S East Street. He would like the road blocked from 405 S East Street to 407 S East Street. Blocking this portion of the street will not block any driveways. The board was in favor to allow Jim to block off the road for his auction. Tyler will drop off barricades prior to the auction.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Mayor Klein spoke with the director of St. John’s to get more information regarding the village yard sales. They currently provide signs for the yards, maps and details about each sale. There are two yard sales each year. They would like the Village to take care of making the map. Mayor Klein to get a copy of the map before the next meeting.

WATER & SEWER
Tyler Liefer noted the notice to proceed with Visu-Sewer of Missouri, LLC needs to be signed.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to authorize Mayor Klein sign the notice to proceed with Visu-Sewer of Missouri. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Weber, Kreher, Hampton and Politsch.

Trustee Weber noted the committee met April 17th to discuss the sewer back up at 202 Mill Street. The committee recommended turning it into the Village’s insurance.

Trustee Weber and Trustee Kreher attended the Fire District meeting to discuss the Village invoicing the fire department for repairs to the broken water lines and the water loss caused during the fire department monthly training. The fire department was not receptive to paying the invoice. Trustee Weber to get more information to take back to fire department’s next meeting. The fire department was told in the past not to use the lines on Van Buren Street; they were told to use the lines by Siemens. Trustee Weber reported nobody from the fire department remembered being told this. A written notice to be sent to the fire department to not use the waterline on Van Buren Street for their training.
STREETS & ALLEYS
Trustee Kreher noted he has received a few complaints regarding the pot holes in the streets. Trustee Kreher said public works is doing the best they can to patch the streets trying to stay ahead of it. The winter was hard on the streets.

Trustee Hampton noted the roofing company at the nursing home backed over the sidewalk. The sidewalk is not cracked now, but wanted it recorded in the minutes in case the sidewalk cracks.

PARK
Nothing new to report

CEMETERY
Trustee Politsch asked Tyler Liefer if he followed up on the concern Rodney Sauerwein had with his cemetery lots. Trustee Hall said a person cannot dump water out on other people’s property. Tyler to talk to the residents about redirecting the water they are pumping out of their basement onto the cemetery lots.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Jake Owens asked about increasing the EMT staff for the concert Kaskaskia River House will be having May 24, 2015. Jake recommended a minimum of six EMT employees including one ambulance. This would cost $210.00. It was discussed if Kaskaskia River House would pay for this expense.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve one fully equipped ambulance and six EMT’s for the concert on May 24th at the marina. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Weber, Kreher, Hampton and Politsch.

Trustee Kreher discussed the two houses on East Street with the siding flaking off. He is being asked if there is asbestos in the siding. Attorney Dennis recommended the citizen concerned should call the health department to have it tested.

POLICE
Chief Simburger received two quotes for tires on Officer Hamon’s police car. A & J Auto Repair quoted Mastercraft tires for $158.50 each or $634.00. Wetzel Automotive quoted Firestone tires from Nudeal for $467.08. Nudeal has the state bid. Chief thought the cost for Wetzel’s to mount and balance the tires and do an alignment would be around $40. A & J cannot do alignments.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to approve to purchase tires from Nudeal for $467.08 and Wetzel’s to mount and balance the tires and do an alignment. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Weber, Kreher, Hampton and Politsch.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Weber noted Steve Ritter’s hours are about up. Weber said public works needs two seasonal public work employees. Tyler and Weber went through the applications and recommend hiring Dillon Ostendorf tonight. Trustee Weber posted a committee meeting Wednesday to discuss hiring the second person. Trustee Weber said Gerald Badgett needs to be rehired for cemetery maintenance.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to hire Dillon Ostendorf for seasonal public works and Gerald Badgett for cemetery maintenance. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Weber, Kreher, Hampton and Politsch.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Nothing new to report

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Attorney Dennis did not have the ordinance ready to vote on.

TREASURERS TIME
The board reviewed the monthly treasurer’s report.
Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the monthly treasurer’s report. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Weber, Kreher, Hampton and Politsch.

**CLERKS TIME**
Michelle Neff reminded the board to turn in their economic statement of interest to the county.

Michelle noted IPRF is done with the annual payroll audit for the work comp insurance. We will be getting a refund of approximately $2,400.

Michelle spoke with Kris of Baugher Financial regarding the health insurance. Kris sent over a quote for Blue Cross Blue Shield. The Quote is approximately $300 more than our current plan; insurance rates have not gone down. Michelle was not able to compare the plans since the internet was down all day and she could not get a detailed spreadsheet to compare, but Kris said it was a comparable plan. Since the beginning of the year there has been no change to the current health care ACA plan the Village has for its employees.

**MAYOR’s TIME**
Mayor Klein wants to go into executive session at the end of the meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS**
Tyler Liefer reported our electric aggregation contract with Nordic Energy expired in March. The old rate was .0482 and the Village saved $4,526.76 in two years. The current rate for 3 years is .05602. Next year they expect the rates to be around .06.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Kreher to authorize Mayor Klein to sign a 36 month contract with Nordic Energy for .05602 for the electric charges. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Weber, Kreher, Hampton and Politsch.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to enter into executive session to discuss property with Sandy Stolte, Attorney Dennis and Tyler Liefer at 9:01 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Weber, Kreher, Hampton and Politsch.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to return to regular session at 9:20 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Weber, Kreher, Hampton and Politsch.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to authorize the treasurer, mayor and village clerk to go into negotiations for the property at 200 North Van Buren Street in the best interest of the Village. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Weber, Kreher, Hampton and Politsch.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation with Sandy Stolte, Attorney Dennis and Tyler Liefer at 9:22 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Weber, Kreher, Hampton and Politsch.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to return to regular session at 9:53 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Weber, Kreher, Hampton and Politsch.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to authorize the treasurer and mayor to sign paperwork to increase the dredging contract by $40,000 in order to meet prevailing wage requirements and to authorize borrowing $124,000 for dredging. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Weber, Kreher and Hampton. Politsch voted nay.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Rich Klein
Village Vice President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk