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

The audit committee reviewed the bills. The bill for new mirrors on the ambulance 4C20 was discussed. It was said the mirrors ordered were not the correct mirrors. The board agreed to hold off paying this bill until they were sure the mirrors were the correct ones.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to pay the audit bills as presented with the exception of the bill for the mirrors. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Politsch, Geppert and Weber.

The minutes from the June 15th board meeting were reviewed.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the board minutes from June 15th as presented. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Hall and Geppert.

**VISITORS**
Jacob Burris, Mark Schreder, Terry Hamon and Matt Wineteer

Jacob Burris was present to request credit on his water bill. He had a leak on the supply line under the house for the toilet using 17,000 gallons of water over his normal usage. Jacob also informed the board water has backed up in his home twice due to the heavy rains. Trustee Weber recommended issuing credit on the sewer portion of the water bill for $93.50

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the credit of $93.50 on the sewer portion of the water bill at 104 South Clinton Street do to a water leak. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Hall and Geppert.

Terry Hamon was present to request credit on his water bill. He stated they must have left their hose turned on when the kids used the slip and slide. The amount figured to be over their average was 11,000 gallons, with 4,000 gallons being the average and 2,000 used for the slip and slide. Trustee Weber recommended issuing credit on the sewer portion of the water bill for $60.50.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the credit of $60.50 on the sewer portion of the water bill at 101 North Jackson Street. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Hall and Geppert.

Nancy Ritter was present for Jerry Ritter to request a credit on Jerry’s water bill. The water heater in the cellar ruptured causing a major leak using 80,000 gallons of water over their average of 2,000 gallons. Trustee Weber recommended issuing credit on the sewer portion of the water bill for $440.00.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the credit of $440.00 on the sewer portion of the water bill at 104 North Clinton Street. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Hall and Geppert.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Attorney Dennis noted a petition was filed to declare the house at 407 South East Street abandoned and St. Clair County immediately filed a tax lean for $800 in back taxes. Attorney Dennis said it may be cheaper to purchase for back taxes at the county auction. If St. Clair County cannot get a clear title the money for back taxes is returned. Attorney Dennis recommended to attempt to buy the house at the auction and bid up to $1,200.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to authorize Attorney Dennis to bid up to $1,200 for the property and house at 407 South East Street during the St. Clair County auction for back taxes. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Hall and Geppert.

Attorney Dennis stated the trailer at 200 North Van Buren Street was advertised in the Freeburg Tribune to accept bids; no bids were received. Since it is personal property it can be sold for $1 if Freeburg MHC still wants it.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve to sell the trailer at 200 North Van Buren
Street to Freeburg MHC for $1. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Hall and Geppert. Trustee Politsch noted the weeds at 205 and 209 North East and the weeds in the right away. Tyler Liefer said per ordinance every residence is responsible to cut the right away connected to their property. The house at 209 North East Street has broken windows. Mayor Klein will discuss with the ordinance officer, Lieutenant Buehler.

**WATER & SEWER**

Tyler Liefer received bids for a 4” trash pump. One was $2,319.70 and the other is $3,565.28 and includes a dolly and an electric start. Tyler to check into what warranty comes with them for the next meeting.

The lift station pumps at the sewer plant were not working properly so Tyler Liefer had Vandeventer come to check them. The pumps will have to be sent in one at the time to be fixed.

Tyler Liefer noted there is a large water leak at the marina and the water had to be shut off until the river goes down so it can be repaired.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**

Street oiling is scheduled for July 28th.

**CEMETERY**

A military plaque for Melvin Newman was damaged by the lawnmower. Michelle will check into how to get a replacement and let the board know what the costs will be.

A couple complaints were received about grass on the headstones at the cemetery. Tyler said they are having a hard time keeping up with all the rain.

**PARK**

Nothing new to report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Trustee Politsch noted the committee met July 2nd to discuss how to better fund the ambulance service to keep the service going. The committee will meet again to continue the discussions.

Matt Wineteer spoke for Jake Owens and said they would like to have two extra ambulance crews on call for the homecoming, just as they have in the past years.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve two extra ambulance crews to be on call for the homecoming. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Hall and Geppert.

The dryer at the ambulance shed works intermittently and cannot be fixed. The washer and dryer are both old and are in need of being replaced. They are looking at getting a scratch and dent and should not cost more than $600 for both.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve the purchase of a washer and dryer not to cost more than $600 for the set. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Hall and Geppert.

**POLICE**

Chief Simburger noted he needs 5 new batteries for the police radios.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Chief to purchase 5 new batteries for the police radios. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Politsch, Geppert and Weber.

**PERSONNEL**

Trustee Weber noted the committee met June 23rd to interview Peter Wszalek and Daniel Lipe for part-time police officers. The committee recommended hiring both, pending background check and drug test, but to allow Chief to place them on the schedule prior to the results.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve to hire Peter Wszalek and Daniel Lipe as part-time police officers pending background checks and drug testing. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Hall and Geppert.
GRANTS
Trustee Geppert noted the committee met July 2nd to discuss ideas for the park grant.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Tyler Liefer recommended the board purchase a push mower for use at the multi-purpose center since windows have been broken out in vehicles and on the building in the past. Tyler can get a push mower for $150.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the purchase of a push mower not to cost more than $150. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Hall and Geppert.

The window in Todd Ozier’s truck was broken when public works was weed eating at the multi-purpose center. The repairs cost $260.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve to reimburse Todd Ozier $260 to replace the window in his truck damaged by the village. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Hall and Geppert.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Ordinance 2015-02 amending cemetery regulations allowing one cremation and one full body to be buried in one space needs to be voted on.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve Ordinance 2015-02 amending Chapter 9 of the Cemetery ordinance. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Hampton, Politsch, Geppert and Weber.

Attorney Dennis handed out the amended utility ordinance for the board to review and vote on at the next meeting. Trustee Weber said the ordinance committee will meet and review.

TREASURERS TIME
Sandy Stolte noted the audit committee is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. July 20th to review the appropriations.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Klein noted the annual homecoming is coming up and recommended to donate $400 from the special event fund for the parade. The board was in agreement.

OTHER BUSINESS
Parking concerns at the marina was discussed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Michelle Neff Village Clerk