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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 Politisch, Hall, Weber, Hampton, Geppert and Kreher. Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer, Attorney Dennis, Chief Simburger and Officer Wilson were also present.

The board reviewed the minutes from the August 3rd board meeting.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the minutes from the August 3rd board meeting as presented.  A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hall, Hampton, Geppert and Politisch.  Kreher voted present.

VISITORS
Mark Schreder, Shelley Fizer, Dennis Schneider, Brendan Kelly, Tom Weber and Josh Dietz

Shelley Fizer was present to ask what can be done with the abandoned house at 507 South Street.  There are large branches on the roof, the grass needs to be cut and the property is an eye sore.  Tyler Liefer to check out the house and report at the next meeting.  Attorney Dennis to check into the title for the house.

Dennis Schneider was present asking if the dried mud on the marina parking lot from the flood can be washed off. Trustee Geppert stated the fire department washed off the ramp but can’t wash the parking lot, because the force of the water coming out of the fire hose would damage the parking lot.

Brendan Kelly, St. Clair County State’s Attorney is taking time to visit each community.  Mr. Kelly spoke on the importance of public safety in the community.  He also recommended all of the trustees take advantage of the free courses for Good Government 101 which is sponsored by the states attorney’s office and SWIC.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Attorney Dennis said the Village did not get the house at 407 South East Street the board approved him to bid on at the tax sale.  It sold for more than the board approved.

WATER & SEWER
Tyler Liefer would like to have Walden run a camera in the sewer line behind Hespen’s house and on Van Buren Street.  Tyler also requested a committee meeting be set up.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Tyler Liefer noted the gear box on the zero turn mower went out last week and he had it fixed.  Tyler requested a committee meeting be set up.

Tyler stated a tree needs to be removed on Johnson Street, its dead and hanging over a service line.  He will also get a quote on a couple more trees that need to be cut down.

Tyler will do some work on the alley behind the nursing home and the grate by the funeral home.

PARK
Nothing new to report

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC SAFETY
Tommy Weber spoke in Jake Owens absence.  Some of the new EMT’s do not have the required Hep-B shots and TB tests.  EMT’s can sign a waiver denying shots after attending a blood borne pathogens class.  The board discussed if the Village should pay for the shots, their primary employer should pay or should be left up to the EMT to pay for their shots.  The consensus of the board is the EMT’s should have the required shots before being hired by the Village.  Attorney Dennis suggested adding a section to the application if they have their shots or not.

POLICE
Chief Simburger noted he created a face book page for the police department.

PERSONNEL
Tyler Liefer noted two of the part-time public works workers are going back to school and he would like to rehire
Steve Ritter II.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve re-hiring Steve Ritter II for part-time public works. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Kreher and Politsch.

Trustee Weber recommended hiring Courtnie Niederbrach as a part-time EMT.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve hiring Courtnie Niederbrach as part-time EMT pending background checks and necessary shots. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Kreher and Politsch.

**GRANTS**
Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**
It was discussed if the codes have been changed to the garage doors at the multi-purpose center since the Village took it over. Tyler Liefer was sure they were changed but will change the code again.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
Trustee Geppert noted the committee met August 12th to discuss ordinances that need to be changed. Another meeting will be held with all the board members present.

Amending utility ordinance will be discussed at the next meeting.

**TREASURERS TIME**
The board reviewed the monthly treasurer’s report and financials.

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

Sandy Stolte noted the auditors met with the board prior to the board meeting in an audit committee meeting to discuss the yearly audit with them. It was noted the audit went well. Trustee Kreher thanked Sandy, Nancy, Tyler and Michelle for all the hard work they do to make sure the audit goes smooth.

**CLERKS TIME**
Michelle Neff noted Trustee Geppert, Nancy Ritter, Sandy Stolte, Mayor Klein and herself are signed up for the Good Government courses offered at SWIC. Trustee Hall and Trustee Politsch said they will also attend and need to be signed up.

**MAYOR’s TIME**
Nothing new to report

**OTHER BUSINESS**
Tyler Liefer noted their extension ladder has a crack in it and it needs to replaced. Hi-Way Lumber has a 300 pound 28 foot ladder for $389.99 and Buchheits has the same size ladder for $319.99. The board discussed and agreed to purchase the ladder in town.

Trustee Kreher made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the purchase of a 28 foot 300 pound ladder from Hi-Way Lumber for $389.99. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Hall, Kreher, Geppert and Politsch.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Rich Klein
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk