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

The audit committee reviewed the bills.

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

The board reviewed the minutes from the November 16th board meeting.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve the board minutes from November 16th as presented. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch and Hall.

VISITORS
Jean Frierdich, Mary Sue Iverson and Mark Schreder

Jean Frierdich was present for the passing of the fireworks ordinance and to answer any questions the board may have. Jean wants to put on a fireworks show New Years Eve at the marina. Trustee Hall stated he spoke with Fire Chief Owens regarding the ordinance. Fire Chief Owens told Hall he is against the portion of the ordinance that would allow fireworks stands and the sales of fireworks in the Village limits. Hall was in agreement with the Fire Chief as was the rest of the board. The board was in consensus the display portion of the ordinance is okay. Frank Heiligenstein will be contacted to revise the ordinance before the next meeting.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Nothing new to report

WATER & SEWER
Justin Majzel requested an additional pool sewer credit. He received a credit earlier in the year when he first put in his new pool. The liner had to be replaced and Justin asked if a sewer credit would be issued on this fill up too. The board was in consensus to only allow one sewer credit per year.

Darrell Snyder of 108 North Van Buren Street had a leak under his house and is requesting a sewer credit. He used 48,000 gallons of water over his average making the credit $264. The water did not go into the sewer. The water is currently turned off until the pipes can be fixed. Mr. Snyder also asked if he could make $50 payments each month until it’s paid off.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve a $264 credit on the sewer portion of the water bill for a water leak at 108 North Van Buren Street and to allow $50 monthly payments until paid off. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch and Hall.

Tyler has the RFP for the improvements needed at the lift station. This is scheduled to go out for bid with a bid opening date of January 8th at 10 a.m. It consists of two new pumps, new control panel and a new floor.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve Mayor Klein to sign the RFP paperwork and put the lift station improvements out for bid. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch and Hall.

A lease extension agreement was received from Kaskaskia Water District to extend the lease on the clear wells from March 16, 2016 to March 15, 2021.
Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve Mayor Klein to sign the lease extension with Kaskaskia Water District for the clear wells. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch and Hall.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Tyler will have the MFT resolution ready for the next meeting.

Trustee Politsch brought up concerns regarding leaf pick up in the ditches, pot holes and drainage issues throughout town.

**CEMETERY**
Nothing new to report

**PARK**
Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC SAFETY**
Trustee Politsch noted a letter needs to be addressed to IDNR requesting approval to use the gate by Illinois Excavating for an evacuation plan in case of train derailment or other disaster.

Trustee Weber reported the pullover jackets for the EMT’s cost $65 each. The Village will pay $25 towards the cost for their Christmas. The Village will receive the bill so the EMT’s are not charged tax. The remainder of the bill will be invoiced to the Ambulance Volunteer Fund.

**POLICE**
Nothing new to report

**PERSONNEL**
Tyler said part-time public works employee Stevie Ritter was called out to help with the water leak on Sunday November 22nd, when everyone else was out of town. Trustee Hall said he should be paid double his regular pay.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Politsch to pay Stevie Ritter double his regular pay for the 5.5 hours he worked Sunday November 22nd. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch and Hall.

**GRANTS**
Tyler noted the 2015 Community Development Block Grant contract needs to be signed. This grant is for $70,000 of sidewalk improvements on North Van Buren Street.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve Mayor Klein to sign the 2015 CDBG grant contract. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch and Hall.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**
Tyler put together a spreadsheet with the electric and gas charges for the multi-purpose building. The board thought the gas charges were high, especially in the summer months. Tyler to check if there is any gas leaks.

It was noted the person that rented the multi-purpose hall November 26th said it looked like the floor had not been mopped in a while, the couch had a broken leg and the TV’s and games are set up so they can’t be used. Michelle said a bill was turned in showing the building was cleaned November 22nd. It was also discussed whoever rents the building should be allowed to use the TV’s and the games.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
The fireworks ordinance will be voted on during the next meeting after the changes
TREASURERS TIME
Sandy Stolte noted the Lenzburg Ambulance contract has been extended until the end of the year. The Lenzburg board of trustees will vote on the new contract at their next meeting and inform Sandy of the outcome. Sandy also noted the Fire Department is holding a hearing Wednesday to raise their tax levy to cover their ambulance contract increase.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Klein recommended appointing Charlotte Main as village trustee in David Kreher’s place.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Mayor Klein’s appointment of Charlotte Main as village trustee. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch and Hall.

OTHER BUSINESS
Trustee Weber showed the board some samples of benches for the memorial bench for David Kreher. Weber will keep checking around and bring his findings back to the board for approval.

New Athens High School asked if the Village would place an ad in the 2015-16 yearbook. The past few years the Village placed ¼ page ad for $50.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the purchase of an ad in the 2015-16 New Athens High School VESPA for $50. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch and Hall.

Michelle noted the liability, property and workers comp insurance only increased by $14 from last year’s rate. The 2016 rate is $112,375.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the payment of $112,375 for the liability, property and workers comp insurance for 2016. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch and Hall.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk

Richard Klein
Village President