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

Charlotte Main was sworn in as Village Trustee to fill the vacant unexpired term.

The minutes from the December 7th board meeting were reviewed. A correction was noted.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the board minutes from December 7th with one correction. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Politsch, Weber and Hall. Geppert and Main voted present.

**VISITORS**
Gregg Aleman of Arthur J. Gallagher, Jean Friedrich

Gregg Aleman gave a health insurance presentation explaining the IPBC insurance pool. IPBC has been around since 1980. Gregg recommends the Village Attorney review the bi-laws before making any decisions. It takes 90 days to set up employees.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Nothing new to report

**WATER & SEWER**
Weir Chrysler had a water leak outside near the meter using 46,000 gallons over their average usage for October and November. It was not known at the time how many gallons were used in December before the line was repaired. The consensus of the board was to wait for the December bill before issuing credit.

Tyler Liefer noted a changed order of $358.40 needs to be approved for the Van Buren Street water line replacement project. The original contract price was $71,925 and with the change order the current price dropped to $71,566.60.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the change order of $358.40 for the Van Buren Street water line replacement project. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Politsch, Weber, Geppert and Hall. Main voted present.

Tyler Liefer said now the pay request of $71,566.60 needs to be approved for the Van Buren Street water line replacement project.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the pay request of $71,566.60 for the Van Buren Street water line replacement project. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Politsch, Weber, Main, Geppert and Hall.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Tyler Liefer said the MFT resolution for 2016 is ready to approve. He budgeted $72,109.44 for the year.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the MFT resolution 2015-07 for $72,109.44 for 2016 budget. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Politsch, Weber, Main, Geppert and Hall.

**PARK**
Nothing new to report

**CEMETERY**
Michelle noted the Melvin Newman veteran marker has been replaced.
Trustee Politsch had some concerns regarding drainage at the old cemetery.

PUBLIC SAFETY
The committee met prior to the board meeting to review the Ambulance contracts. Sandy Stolte noted we need to add additional insured for Lenzburg in their contract. The contract will be an annual contract based on the calendar year.

POLICE
Chief Simburger reported the Charger Officer Hamon drives broke down. The fuel pump and transfer pump was replaced for $673. It broke down again with the same issues and went back to Weirs for repairs at no charge.

Chief Simburger noted Officer Wilson was injured while helping a motorist and is currently off work.

PERSONNEL
Chief Simburger noted Officer Wilson moved to Tilden and it is within the 12 miles.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Tyler Liefer reviewed the gas and electric bills for the multi-purpose center. The commercial consumer charge for gas is $79 each month, which explains why the gas bills were so high in the summer.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Mayor Klein spoke with the fire chief regarding the revisions to the fireworks ordinance. The sales of fireworks were taken out of the ordinance and Mayor Klein said the fire chief was happy with the revised ordinance.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the revised fireworks ordinance 2015-04. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Politsch, Weber, Geppert and Hall. Main voted present.

The tax levy ordinance 2015-05 needs to be voted on. The amount was previously approved at an earlier board meeting.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the tax levy ordinance 2015-05. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Politsch, Weber, Geppert and Hall. Main voted present.

TREASURERS TIME
The monthly treasurer report was presented.

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

Sandy Stolte reviewed the monthly income and loss spreadsheet for the sewer fund.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report.

MAYOR’S TIME
Mayor Klein noted a calendar is for sale at Village Bank, Citizens Bank and Village Hall for a fundraiser for the 150th Anniversary of New Athens. Mayor Klein formed a small committee consisting of Larry Weber, Ron Hampton, Charlotte Main, Nancy Ritter, Cheryl Klein and Beth Vayette to get things started. More people and organizations
will be added as time goes on.

**OTHER BUSINESS**
Mayor Klein reported the Zoning board met December 15th to discuss a variance request from Geoff and Mary Sue Iverson for the property at 1113 Phillips Street. They want to build a standalone garage on the set back line of 49 feet. The zoning board was in agreement to recommend to the board to approve the request.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the variance request from Geoff and Mary Sue Iverson on the property at 1113 Phillips Street allowing a standalone garage to be built on the set back line of 49 feet. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Politsch, Weber, Geppert and Hall. Main voted present.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Michelle Neff Village Clerk
Richard Klein Village President