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, Main and Geppert. Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer, Attorney Dennis, Officer Wilson and Chief Simburger were also present.

The minutes from the January 18th board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Politsch noted under ordinance review the address 207 South East Street as stated in the previous meeting should be changed. The correct address is 407 South East Street.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve the board minutes from January 18th. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Politsch, Weber, Main, Geppert and Hall.

**VISITORS**
Mark Schreder, Mary Sue and Geoff Iverson

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Nothing new to report

**WATER & SEWER**
Tyler Liefer reported the bid opening was held Friday January 8th for the lift station rehabilitation project. Haier Plumbing bid $101,465; Kassen Excavating bid $109,000; Korte & Luitjohan bid $112,112 and Davinroy Mechanical bid $132,140.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the low bid of $101,465 from Haier Plumbing for the waste water treatment lift station rehabilitation project. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Politsch, Weber, Main, Geppert and Hall.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve Mayor Klein to sign the notice of award for Haier Plumbing. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Politsch, Weber, Main, Geppert and Hall.

Heartland quoted $3,050 to do the bypass pumping during the lift station rehabilitation project.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the quote of $3,050 from Heartland to pump during the lift station rehabilitation project. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Politsch, Weber, Main, Geppert and Hall.

St. Agatha’s is having a sprinkler system installed and asked if it needed to be metered. Tyler said he was told the nursing home sprinkler system is not metered. It was discussed if St. Agatha's would need a back flow preventer. Tyler will check if a backflow preventer is required.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to allow St. Agatha’s to install a sprinkler system without a metered line but will check into the requirements if a back flow preventer is needed. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Politsch, Weber, Main, Geppert and Hall.

Tyler Liefer passed his sewer license test.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Nothing new to report

**PARK**
Nothing new to report
CEMETERY
Michelle noted a $200 donation was received from Emil Klingenfus to help pay for supplies to clean old headstones. June 2014 was the last time chemicals were purchased for Steve Ritter, who is doing the work.

Trustee Hall noted the berms needs to be closed at the north end of the new cemetery by the strip mine pit. Someone is dumping dirt and rock between them and making ruts. Tyler will check into.

PUBLIC SAFETY
A committee meeting will be set up to discuss ESDA.

Sandy Stolte noted the fire department contract is complete and will be signed tonight during the fire department meeting.

Attorney Dennis has been in contact with Lenzburg’s attorney regarding the indemnity insurance they are insisting on being added to the ambulance service contract. Attorney Dennis does not recommend the Village signing the agreement with the indemnity insurance, but recommends adding Lenzburg as additional insured. The Village is waiting for the signed contract from Lenzburg.

POLICE
Nothing new to report

PERSONNEL
Nothing new to report

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Nothing new to report

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Michelle stated Ameren sent a letter saying we needed to add “any accounts of the Village of New Athens shall be exempt from the taxes imposed by this ordinance” to Chapter 36 Gas/Electric taxation by the end of January or they would start to charge taxes on the village’s electric and gas bills.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve Ordinance 2015-06 amendment to chapter 36 Gas/Electric taxation. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Politsch, Weber, Geppert, Main and Hall.

Ordinance 2015-07 allowing a variation on 1113 Phillips Street setback line needs to be approved. The board approved the variance December 21st.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve Ordinance 2015-07 allowing a variance to 1113 Phillips Street setback line. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Politsch, Weber, Geppert, Main and Hall.

TREASURERS TIME
The monthly treasurer report was presented.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the monthly treasurer’s report as presented. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Weber, Politsch, Geppert, Main and Hall.
CLERKS TIME
Michelle noted the 2016 board meeting schedule needs to be approved.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the 2016 board meeting schedule. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Polsich, Weber, Geppert, Main and Hall.

MAYOR’s TIME
Nothing new to report

OTHER BUSINESS
Nothing new to report

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Michelle Neff Village Clerk

Richard Klein Village President