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, Geppert, Main and Politsch. Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer, Attorney Dennis, Officer Hamon 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, Geppert, Main and Weber.

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

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

**VISITORS**
Mark Schreder

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Nothing new to report

**WATER & SEWER**
Tyler Liefer noted a portion of the Village’s sewer line collapsed on East Street causing sewer to backup in the basement of 304 North East Street. The resident notified us on February 26th. Tyler called Galle and the collapsed line was replaced March 2nd.

Tyler Liefer noted a water class is being offered March 9th and 10th and he would like Gary Idecker to attend to get his water license. The class is held in Edwardsville and costs $300.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve to send Gary Idecker to water class costing $300. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Geppert and Main.

Tony Buhr of 411 South East Street had a pipe burst using 39,000 gallons of water. The water was under the kitchen sink and outside of the house. He is asking for credit on the sewer portion of the water bill and is asking to be able to make payments.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the credit of $214.50 for the sewer portion of the leak at 411 South East Street and to allow Tony Buhr to make 4 monthly payments to pay off. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Geppert, Main and Hall.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Nothing new to report

**CEMETERY**
Nothing new to report

**PARK**
The board discussed cleaning out the ditch at the park.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**
Trustee Geppert stated Memorial Hospital sent out a notice to its employees due to the low risk of tuberculosis the annual TB test has been changed to every other year.
The board was in agreement to follow suite with Memorial for the Village EMT’s.

**POLICE**

Chief Simburger said the charger Lt. Buehler drives needs new brakes and rotors and will cost $290.

Chief Simburger noted we received an under 21 bartender application. The background check we do now costs $16. The board was in agreement either the applicant or the employer has to pay the $16 fee.

**PERSONNEL**

Tyler Liefer recommended re-hiring Gerald Badgett, Dillon Ostendorf and Steve Ritter as part-time summer help. All three worked for the village last year. Tyler will call them to work as needed.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve to re-hire Gerald Badgett, Dillon Ostendorf and Steve Ritter for part-time summer help. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Geppert, Main and Hall.

**GRANTS**

The resolution for the CDBG needs to be signed. The grant is for curb and gutter for two blocks on Van Buren Street from Kaskaskia Street to Illinois Street. The grant is for $70,000 with the Village matching $17,800.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Mayor Klein to sign the CDBG resolution and all necessary paperwork related to the grant. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Geppert, Main and Hall.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

Trustee Hampton set up a committee meeting March 15th at 6:30p.m. and wants all board members to attend to discuss the multi-purpose center.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**

Nothing new to report

**TREASURERS TIME**

Nothing new to report

**CLERKS TIME**

Nothing new to report

**MAYOR’S TIME**

Nothing new to report

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Tyler Liefer noted the zoning map needs to be corrected. Some of the property Illinois Excavators sold, according to St. Clair County, is in the Village limits but is not on the village map or zoned. A zoning meeting will be set up.

Mayor Klein would like approval for spending up to $2,000 from the special event fund for fundraiser supplies for the 150th Anniversary to be held September 17th. The Village will be selling t-shirts, beer steins and raffle tickets for a green egg barbecue grill and other various fundraisers throughout the year to help pay for the 150th celebration.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the 150th Anniversary committee approval to spend up to $2,000 to purchase fundraiser supplies for the 150th Anniversary celebration. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Geppert, Main and Hall.
Tyler Liefer noted his department needs a new chainsaw. Erb Equipment has a stehl 18’ bar chain saw for $369.99.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve the purchase of a stehl 18’ bar chain saw from Erb Equipment for $369.99. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Geppert, Main and Hall.

A resident’s tire was punctured by a damaged culvert and she would like to be reimbursed for a tire. Tyler checked the culvert and found a piece sticking up at the end of the culvert which was caused from vehicles taking turns too short and driving off the end of the culvert. The culvert has been fixed and the Village had no prior knowledge of the damaged culvert. The board was in consensus there would be no reimbursement for the damaged tire.

Mayor Klein said he and Tyler Liefer would like to attend the 2016 Illinois Green Communities conference March 17th. The cost is $30 per person.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve Mayor Klein and Tyler Liefer attend the 2016 Illinois Green Communities conference March 17th costing $30 per person. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hampton, Politsch, Geppert, Main and Hall.

Trustee Politsch noted the Lions Club spring electronic recycle day has been cancelled. They are still planning on a fall event.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk

Richard Klein
Village President