7:35 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, Geppert, Main, Hall and Politsch. Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer 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 Hampton, Politsch, Geppert, Main, Hall and Weber.

The board reviewed the minutes from the April 18th board meeting.

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

**VISITORS**
Raymond Gregowicz, Larry Wilke and Mark Schreder

Raymond Gregowicz was present to ask some questions regarding ambulance billing.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Nothing new to report

**WATER & SEWER**
Larry Wilke of 204 South Van Buren Street was present to ask for a credit on his water bill. He had a major leak outside of his home using 85,000 gallons. Since the leak Larry had a new water line ran to his house because the original water line also went to the shed next door which he does not own. The credit for the sewer portion of the leak is $462.00

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the sewer credit of $462.00 for Larry Wilke at 204 South Van Buren Street. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Politsch, Geppert, Hampton, Hall and Main.

Tyler Liefer stated it’s time to renew the yearly water testing program with the EPA for a yearly cost of $887.00.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve to pay $887 to the EPA for the yearly water testing. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Politsch, Geppert, Hampton, Hall and Main.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Trustee Geppert reported the committee met April 25th in front of Southern Illinois Chopper’s shop. Trucks leaving the mill are running up onto the curb. It was discussed to put in new curb and gutter with a 6” barrier. The trench was discussed where the water line was installed on Van Buren Street and if it should be filled in with black top or concrete. Tyler Liefer is working on getting some quotes.

**CEMETERY**
Nothing new to report

**PARK**
Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC SAFETY**
Michelle Neff noted IPRF stopped by and said the employees need to have fire extinguisher training per OSHA requirements. IPRF offers the training for free and
POLICE
Chief Simburger noted D.A.R.E. graduation for the public school is May 4th at 2 p.m.

PERSONNEL
Tyler Liefer said Steve Ritter is about out of hours and will recommend someone to hire at the next board meeting for a public works helper.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
The committee will meet May 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Trustee Geppert is going to meet with Frank Heilgenstein May 4th to go over the utility ordinance and the chicken ordinance.

TREASURERS TIME
Sandy Stolte said we received a letter back from South Western Illinois District Council stating our levee is not part of the district. The district is for levees on the Mississippi River. Sandy is going to check with the county to see if they will help pay for the levee accreditation. Trustee Hall stated our residents paid $140,000 in sales taxes to the district, but we do not qualify for a reimbursement; that doesn’t seem right.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’S TIME
Nothing new to report

OTHER BUSINESS
Trustee Weber received a quote from Trost Plastics for a white 5’ bench costing $295 which includes $30 to assemble. A decal sticker costs $15.98 from Action Graphics. Mark Schreder said he would donate $30 to pay for the assembly. When the bench comes in Tyler Liefer and Trustee Weber will find a place at the park to install it and then set a date and time for a dedication for Trustee Kreher.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the purchase of a 5’ bench from Trost Plastic for $295 and a memorial decal from Action Graphics for $15.98. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Politsch, Geppert, Hampton, Hall and Main.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk

Richard Klein
Village President