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, Attorney Dennis, Officer Hamon, Andrew Green, Joshua Dietz, Jake Owens 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 June 20th board meeting. A correction was noted.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve the board minutes from June 20th with the correction noted. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Politsch, Hampton, and Main. Geppert and Hall voted present.

VISITORS
Mark Schreder

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Nothing new to report

WATER & SEWER
Tyler Liefer received quotes for cleaning and inspecting the water tower. Pittsburg Tank quoted $3950.00 and Liquid Engineering quoted $3140.00

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the quote of $3140 from Liquid Engineering for cleaning and inspecting the water tower. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Politsch, Geppert, Main, Hall and Weber.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Water line trench was tabled till the next meeting.

Tyler Liefer noted road oiling will be August 9th.

Abandoned utility poles throughout town were discussed. Trustee Politsch gave Tyler a list of the abandoned poles so Tyler can call the cable company to have them removed.

CEMETERY
Trustee Main ask about the status on the cemetery plots Steve Woodward was wanting transferred. Attorney Dennis will work on the specifics on transferring plots without a deed.

PARK
Mayor Klein reminded the board the bench dedication for Trustee Kreher at Okaw Park is Wednesday July 6th at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Jake Owens said the radios in the ambulances need to be reprogrammed; they are missing two new channels. Jake expects the cost to be around $200 per radio from IE Communications.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve reprogramming the radios in the ambulances to include the two new channels not costing more than $500. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Politsch, Geppert, Main, Hall and Weber.
Trustee Hampton asked about the EMT that missed a run while on call. Jake said common practice has been to deduct 2 hours of on call pay from the EMT who missed the call and pay the EMT who went on the call.

**POLICE**

Chief Simburger noted Officer Penet is on the schedule and working.

**PERSONNEL**

Jake Owens recommended hiring Cassandra Claro as part-time EMT.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to hire Cassandra Claro as part-time EMT pending background check. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Politsch, Geppert, Hampton, Hall and Main.

Jake Owens asked for approval for two additional EMT crews to work the homecoming.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve two additional EMT crews to work the homecoming. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Politsch, Geppert, Hampton, Hall and Main.

Trustee Weber reported the committee met June 30th to discuss employee pay rates. The committee agreed all full-time employees to receive a 2% pay raise with the exception of Gary Idecker to receive a 4% pay increase since he now has his water license.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Main to approve all full-time employees receive a 2% raise except Gary Idecker to receive 4% raise. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Politsch, Geppert, Hampton, Hall and Main.

Trustee Weber said the committee also discussed mailing out EMT paychecks. Jake Owens received an email from Nancy Ritter that EMT paychecks will no longer be mailed. The committee recommended mailing the out of town checks only. Jake commented that the in town people are not always available to pick up checks when Village hall is open and it’s not a good idea to use the EMT mail boxes in the ambulance shed since there is no security and they had an issue with theft in the past. Trustee Hall said if the checks are not picked up on Friday to mail whatever checks are left Monday morning. The board agreed with Trustee Hall.

**GRANTS**

Tyler Liefer noted Resolution 2016-04 applying for a park grant with St. Clair County needs to be voted on.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve Resolution 2016-04 applying for a park grant with St. Clair County. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Politsch, Geppert, Hampton, Hall and Main.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

Trustee Hampton would like to revisit voting to sell the multi-purpose center.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to direct the Village attorney to draft an ordinance to sell the multi-purpose center. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Geppert, Hampton, Main and Hall. Politsch voted nay.

The board discussed a minimum bid to be included in the ad for the sale of the multi-purpose center with the right to refuse any or all bids. Attorney Dennis will put an ad in the Freeburg Tribune. Tyler will put a sign on the building when the ad is in the paper.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the minimum bid
of $75,000. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Geppert, Hampton, Hall and Main. Politsch voted nay.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
Ordinance 2016-03 for prevailing wages needs to be voted on.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Main to approve Ordinance 2016-03 for prevailing wages. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Politsch, Geppert, Hampton, Hall and Main.

The ordinance for zoning the property at the end of Oakridge was tabled to the next meeting. Attorney Dennis is preparing the ordinance.

**TREASURERS TIME**
Nothing new to report

**CLERKS TIME**
Nothing new to report

**MAYOR’s TIME**
Nothing new to report

**OTHER BUSINESS**
Trustee Main was following up on the neighborhood cleanup project that was discussed in a committee meeting awhile back. Trustee Geppert said she would get back with Mr. Wann when another meeting will be set up. Tyler said not to include Van Buren Street in this project yet since they have work planned for the next three years to replace the sidewalks, curb, gutters and the street.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to enter into executive session at 8:26 p.m. with Jake Owens and Attorney Dennis present to discuss litigation. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Geppert, Hampton, Politsch, Main and Hall.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to return to regular session at 8:36 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Geppert, Hampton, Politsch, Main and Hall.

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

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk

Richard Klein
Village President