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 Politsch, Weber, Main, Hall, Geppert and Hampton. Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer, Chief Simburger and Attorney Dennis were also present.

The minutes from the August 1st board meeting were reviewed with one change noted.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Main to approve the board minutes from the August 1st board meeting with the correction noted. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Weber, Main, Hall, Geppert and Hampton.

**VISITORS**
Mark Schreder, Josh Dachsteiner and James Wann

James Wann presented $1,000 to the Village for the Beautify New Athens project.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Nothing new to report

**WATER & SEWER**
Josh Dachsteiner asked that the trash charge be removed from his water bill at 208 North Jackson Street since he has a dumpster at his business in town. It was said as long as water is turned on at a residence trash has to be charged per the ordinance and the contract with Reliable.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Tyler Liefer spoke with the property owners in regards to splitting the cost 4 ways to have the tree cut down in the alley of the 300 block of South Jackson Street. Mr. Broadway and Mr. Cochran both agreed to split the cost 4 ways with the Village and Fizers. Tyler stated after he spoke with Mr. Broadway and Mr. Cochran, Shelley Fizer said they are not willing to split the cost. It was noted Fizers do not own the property the tree is on, they are just concerned the tree will fall on their house. The board discussed and suggested Tyler calling back Mr. Broadway and Mr. Cochran and ask if they will split it 3 ways making the cost $360 per each person. The board agreed if they are not willing to pay the $360 the tree will not be cut down by the Village.

**PARK**
Nothing new to report

**CEMETERY**
It was noted there are bees in a cedar tree in the old cemetery. Trustee Politsch has phone numbers for beekeepers in the area.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**
Jake Owens was not present to discuss equipment purchase.
Trustee Politsch reported the school crossing signs on Spotsylvania Street and by St. Agatha’s are faded and need to be replaced as well as a stop sign on Benton Street by the Multi-purpose center.

**POLICE**

Chief Simburger noted the Impala had a new water pump installed and new tires. The Chrysler 300 had a new started installed.

**PERSONNEL**

Trustee Weber noted Jake Owens asked to hire 3 EMT’s: Brittney Weber, Adam Estes and Christopher Seders. Christopher Seders worked for the Village as an EMT in 2014, and then quit to go to paramedic school.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to hire Brittney Weber, Adam Estes and Christopher Seders as part-time EMT’s pending back ground checks. A vote was answered aye by Politsch, Weber, Main, Hall, Geppert and Hampton.

**GRANTS**

Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

The board discussed putting 200 North Van Buren Street up for sale which consists of two lots. Attorney Dennis said it has to be advertised and asked if the board wants a minimum bid on the property. The committee will meet to discuss.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**

Attorney Dennis will report on derelict properties at the next meeting.

Trustee Politsch said the house at 205 North East Street is very run down and missing windows. Attorney Dennis will check into what steps can be taken since someone still lives in the house.

**TREASURERS TIME**

Sandy Stolte previously gave the board the monthly treasurer’s report.

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

Sandy reported $5,000 was transferred from general to cemetery to cover expenses.

**CLERKS TIME**

Nothing new to report

**MAYOR’s TIME**

Nothing new to report
OTHER BUSINESS
Attorney Dennis needs the legal description for the letter to the property owners whose properties will be used in the emergency escape route in the North East end of town.

Sandy Stolte and Tyler Liefer attended the FEMA Flood Map Meeting to preview the new flood maps.

Sandy Stolte and Mayor Klein will meet with Mark Kern to discuss reimbursement for reaccreditation of the levee.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Michelle Neff Village Clerk

Richard Klein Village President