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, Geppert, Main, and Hall. Politsch was absent. Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer, Attorney Dennis, Jake Owens, Officer Hamon, and Chief Simburger were also present.

The audit committee reviewed the bills. The committee had some questions which were answered.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to pay the audit bills as presented. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Main, Hall and Weber.

The board reviewed the minutes from the August 15th board meeting.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Main to approve the board minutes from August 15th as presented. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hall, Hampton, and Main. Geppert voted present.

**VISITORS**
Allison Stolte and Mary Sue Iverson

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Michelle noted the TIF reimbursement to Westmore Equities needs to be approved. The reimbursement is for $14,067.62 which is 75% of the TIF portion on the 2015 real estate taxes for the Dollar General store per the redevelopment agreement.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Main to approve the reimbursement to Westmore Equities for $14,067.62 on TIF portion of the real estate taxes per the redevelopment agreement. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Main, Hall and Weber.

**WATER & SEWER**
Tyler Liefer received a quote to purchase confined space equipment for $5,146.64. Tyler noted we have used Marissa’s a couple times but need our own in case OSHA would show up. IPRF has a grant for $2,742 that can be used making the Village’s portion $2404.64.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Main to approve the purchase of confined space equipment costing the village $2404.64. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Main, Hall and Weber.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
A letter was received from the New Athens Home for the Aged regarding a chili cook off they are having October 16th. They would like to close off the 200 block of South Johnson Street for this event.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to allow the street to be closed for the chili cook off October 16th. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Main, Hall and Weber.

**CEMETERY**
Nothing new to report

**PARK**
Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC SAFETY**
Jake Owens asked for approval for two additional EMT staff to work the boat races like they have in the past years.
Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve two additional EMT crews to work the boat races. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Main, Hall and Weber.

Jake Owens would like to hold an EMT course this year and offer the class free including books for in town residents, $500 for in district and $800 for out of district. The cost for the start up program is approximately $1,310 which could be recouped if out of town people attend the class. The instructors Tommy Weber and Andrew Green will need to be paid for teaching the class. The new EMT’s will have to sign an agreement to work for the Village for one year. The details about how many hours per month they would have to work still need to be discussed. Attorney Dennis would like to review the agreement prior to the class.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to allow the director of the ambulance service proceed with posting an EMT course in New Athens with Attorney Dennis to approve the work agreement. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Main, Hall and Weber.

Jake Owens noted on August 21st a minor fender bender occurred while on call. The family backed into the ambulance but there was no damage.

Trustee Geppert asked to go into executive session at the end of the meeting under public safety for litigation.

POLICE
Chief Simburger asked the board if they wanted the police to patrol the boat races this year. He reminded the board the boat races are ran by the Kentucky Drag Boat Race Association and will not pay for police patrol. The board thought it was worth the Village paying for the extra officer to work the races for the safety of the duty officer and safety of the public.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve an officer to work 6 hours per day of the boat races at special event pay, paid by the Village. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Main, Hall and Weber.

Trustee Hall questioned the amount of mutual aid calls our police department goes on and is concerned about the officer’s safety as well as the 45 calls for August.

PERSONNEL
Nothing new to report

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Trustee Hampton reported the committee met and discussed improvements for the old village hall, an industrial park real estate contract and sale of 114 and 200 North Van Buren Street.

Attorney Dennis said he will run an ad in the paper for 3 weeks and they can either bid on one lot or both of the lots on Van Buren Street.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve Attorney Dennis to start the bidding process and sell 114 and 200 North Van Buren Street, with the right to refuse any bid. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Main, Hall and Weber.

The board discussed the bids for the medical center work. Tyler is to send the bids to the chiropractor for his review. The chiropractor was supposed to give a list of
what he needs to Trustee Hampton; Hampton is waiting for the list.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
Nothing new to report

**TREASURERS TIME**
Sandy Stolte gave the board a newspaper article regarding IMRF, tax levy information and a sales tax update in to review.

**CLERKS TIME**
Nothing new to report

**MAYOR’S TIME**
Mayor Klein asked for $4,000 of additional funds for the 150th. Trustee Hampton commented they may not need all of the additional funds. Trustee Geppert asked if there was enough money in the special event fund and said we are not to use tax payer money to pay for this event. Michelle Neff noted there is $6,107 in the special event fund of which $3560 is from 150th merchandise sales and donations. Sandy Stolte reminded them invoices have to be turned in before payment can be made.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to allow $4,000 of general funds be available for the 150th celebration if needed and will be paid back once the event is over. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Main, Hall and Weber.

**OTHER BUSINESS**
Sandy Stolte noted the barge trip is full for the year.

Approval is needed for the annual yearbook advertisement costing $50.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve spending $50 for the yearbook advertisement from the special event fund. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Main, Hall and Weber.

Trustee Weber asked for approval to all alcohol in the park the day of the sesquicentennial celebration.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to allow alcohol in Okaw Valley Park September 24th for the sesquicentennial celebration. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Main, Hall and Weber.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to enter into executive session at 8:30 p.m. with Sandy Stolte, Attorney Dennis and Tyler Liefer under public safety litigation. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Main, Hall and Weber.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to return to regular session at 8:43 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Main and Hall.

Trustee Weber left at 8:39 p.m.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert allow Attorney Dennis to contact the Village’s insurance company to follow the law suit and report back to the board. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Main and Hall.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to enter into executive session at 8:44 p.m. with Sandy Stolte, Attorney Dennis and Tyler Liefer under real estate contracts. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Main and Hall.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to return to regular session
at 8:58 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Main and Hall.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to sell the industrial lots upon a negotiated contract. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Main and Hall.

No bids were received for the sale of the multi-purpose center. Tyler Liefer thought there was some interest in the building. Attorney Dennis said the ad can be ran again.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk

Richard Klein
Village President