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, Politsch and Hall. Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer, Jake Owens, Andrew Green, 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 Hampton, Geppert, Main, Politsch, Hall and Weber.

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

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

**VISITORS**

Steve Woodward, Ed Marsh, Courtney Hagen, Mark Schreder, Geoff and Mary Sue Iverson

Steve Woodward was present to discuss the work they would like done to old village hall. The Historical Society will purchase the supplies if the village employees will do the work. This has been discussed in a committee meeting quite some time ago. Tyler said they are planning on replacing the windows first, but he has not had time to do so.

Ed Marsh brought to the boards attention concerns of vandalism on a wall and trash and lumber in a drainage ditch in the 100 block of South Market. Ed is concerned that the trash and lumber will block the drainage and cause problems.

Courtney Hagen of 502 South Market asked for credit on her water bill due to a leak in her garage. The water ran outside to the alley. The board instructed Mrs. Hagen to come to village hall with details for a sewer credit.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Nothing new to report

**WATER & SEWER**

Tyler Liefer asked the board to approve he and Gary Idecker attend the IRWA Conference in Effingham Illinois February 21 – 23. The conference cost $175 per person plus hotel stay.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Main to approve Tyler Liefer and Gary Idecker attend the IRWA Conference in Effingham Illinois February 21 – 23. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hall,
Hampton, Geppert, Politsch and Main.

Trustee Weber noted the committee met 02/02/17 to discuss Jay Ozier’s request to waive the water and sewer tap fee for property on River Road. The committee did not approve.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**

Trustee Politsch noted his concerns with the cemetery road and water drainage issues. Also the culvert at the old cemetery is smashed at the end.

Attorney Dennis was not present to discuss the alleyway between 116 and 200 North Van Buren Street.

**CEMETERY**

Steve Woodward asked the board to approve the transfer of ownership of lot 73 in the original addition of the cemetery. He has notarized statements from the next of kin releasing all claims of ownership to Steve Woodward and Donald Woodward.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Main to approve the transfer of ownership of lot 73 in the original addition to Steve Woodward and Donald Woodward. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch and Main.

Steve Woodward also noted lot 62 in the original addition for Haentzachol has no next of kin and repair work is needed to a monument. The Village Ordinance states the owner can repair the monument. Steve is concerned since he is not the owner there may be an issue. Trustee Hall stated the Village attorney said it was okay for Steve to have the monument repaired.

**PARK**

Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Trustee Geppert noted the board needs to approve to extend the contract for ambulance services to Lenzburg for February for $1000 per month.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve to extend the contract for ambulance services to Lenzburg for February for $1000 per month. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch and Main.

It was discussed if 2 or 3 barrels of mosquito spray should be purchased. The cost from Mug-a-bug is $1,925 per barrel if purchased now, plus overtime to the employee who sprays. Last year 2 barrels were purchased. Additional barrels can be purchased at anytime, but
Tyler is not sure what the cost would be.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve to purchase 2 barrels of mosquito spray for $3850. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch and Main.

Jake Owens reported the New Athens Ambulance Volunteer account has not kept current with the tax exempt status and would like the Village to purchase the monitor for them. It was stated this has been discussed at the last meeting and was decided the Village will write the check for the monitor since the Village owns the service. Jake said a $1,500 down payment has been sent by the volunteer group to purchase one of the monitors. The monitor costs $5,600. Jake said they are waiting on a couple donations before they bring the $4,100 to Village hall to cover the rest of the invoice.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Main to approve to purchase a monitor for $5,600 and the Village to write a check for $4,100 once a check is received from the New Athens Ambulance Group from donations they collected for the balance of the invoice. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch and Main.

IEPH annual inspections for re-license will be February 7th.

Jake Owens would like to do a community CPR training March 25th which would include a health care provider class for those interested. The cost is $10 per person and will be held in the multi-purpose center.

Andrew Green received final approval to hold the EMT class. The class will start April 4th and be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**POLICE**

Chief Simburger reported two new tires are needed for the Chrysler 2012. State bid is $113.74 per tire plus mount.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve to purchase 2 new tires on state bid for $113.74 per tire. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch and Main.

**PERSONNEL**

Trustee Weber recommended hiring Abigail Wittenbrink and Megan Hunter as part-time EMT’s pending a background check.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve hiring Abigail Wittenbrink and Megan Hunter as part-time EMT’s pending a background check. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Hall, Hampton, Geppert, Politsch and Main.
GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Nothing new to report

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Attorney Dennis was not present to review the Ordinance 2016-07 Authorizing Sale of Property and Abandonment of Right of Way.

TREASURERS TIME
Nothing new to report

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Klein said Larry Reuss contacted him and is interested in renting the 150th birthday cakes. Mayor Klein said to add to the next agenda to vote on.

OTHER BUSINESS
Nothing new to report

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk

Richard Klein
Village President