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

The minutes from the February 6th board meeting were reviewed.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Main to approve the board minutes from the February 6th board meeting as presented. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Main, Hall, Geppert, Politsch and Hampton.

**VISITORS**
Geoff and Mary Sue Iverson and Josh Dachsteiner

Josh Dachsteiner asked permission to use the medical building parking lot to host a craft fair April 22nd for a DARE fundraiser. He would also like to barricade the cut through road until 3 p.m. Josh said he spoke with the chiropractor and dentist and they will not be open on April 22nd.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to allow the medical building parking lot to be used for the DARE fundraiser April 22nd. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Main, Hall, Geppert, Politsch and Hampton.

Geoff Iverson spoke with Brian Bingle a St. Clair County board representative regarding reducing the speed limit on the New Baldwin Road.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Nothing new to report

**WATER & SEWER**
Courtney Hagen of 502 South Market Street requested a sewer credit during the last board meeting. The water did not go into the drain and they used 10,000 gallons more than their average. The credit on 10,000 gallons for sewer is $55.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the sewer credit of $55 for 502 S Market Street. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Main, Hall, Geppert, Politsch and Hampton.

The attorney for Kaskaskia Water District contacted the clerk and said since KWD has a loan they need any lease agreements to be to the term of the loan which is through March 31, 2058. The lease is for the clear well. Attorney Dennis will review the lease and report back to the board.

Attorney Dennis handed the trustees a revised ordinance allowing the sale of two lots and to abandon the alleyway between 116 North Van Buren and 200 North Van Buren Street, but not abandon the right to maintain the drainage structure. No buildings will be allowed to be built in the abandoned alleyway. Attorney Dennis will also send John Feder a letter.
STREETS & ALLEYS
Nothing new to report

PARK
Nothing new to report

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC SAFETY
Mayor Jim Stolte contacted Sandy Stolte saying Lenzburg needs a contract for their board to vote on for the month to month ambulance service to their town and doesn’t understand why they can’t get a contract for the year like they had. Trustee Hall said we went to month to month so Lenzburg would take action on a residence in Lenzburg that is causing issues with the police and EMT’s. Mayor Stolte also told Sandy he met with Brandon Kelley regarding a residence on Charles Street. Attorney Dennis said Brandon Kelley will not help in this situation; the Lenzburg police department will need to file a complaint when they threaten the safety of the officer or EMT. Chief Simburger will talk to the Lenzburg Chief about filing the complaints. Attorney Dennis will meet with the Lenzburg Attorney.

Nancy Ritter needs to attend the annual billing certification for ambulance billing. The class is in St. Louis and costs $575.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve Nancy Ritter to attend the annual billing certification classes for $575. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Main, Hall, Geppert, Politsch and Hampton.

POLICE
Chief Simburger was asked by Mr. Marlow to donate a ride to and from school with a cop for 5 days for a school fundraiser. Michelle checked with the Villages insurance and was told there is additional coverage needed and it would be at no cost to the Village. A hold harmless agreement would also need to be signed by the parents. Chief said calls will take priority over the ride to school.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the donation of the ride to school with a cop. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Main, Hall, Geppert, Politsch and Hampton.

PERSONNEL
Nothing new to report

GRANTS
A council resolution of support for the program year 2015 Community Development Block Grant funds needs to be voted on.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the
council resolution of support for the program year 2015 CDBG funds. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Main, Hall, Geppert, Politsch and Hampton.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Nothing new to report

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Ordinance 2016-07 authorizing sale of property to be put on next agenda.

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

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

CLERKS TIME
Michelle Neff informed the board there will be a Joint Review Board meeting for the TIF Friday, March 10th at 3:30 p.m.

MAYOR’s TIME
Mayor Klein reported some work is being done to Village Hall to improve security.

Mayor Klein noted the old house at 209 S Benton Street has been torn down by James and Cheryl Sommer. Mayor Klein noted what an improvement it has been and thanked the Sommer’s. Mayor Klein stated cleaning up the abandoned homes has been of goal of his and the trustees as well.

OTHER BUSINESS
Attorney Dennis spoke with Ervin Smith’s attorney and they are still interested in a new lease. Attorney Dennis has started to prepare a new lease. The issue rose regarding if the Smith’s have or had liability insurance. The only certificates of insurance copies in the Village’s files are from 1991 to 1993. Attorney Dennis advised the board to ask for the certificates of insurance for proof of insurance. It is unsure if they currently have insurance. Attorney Dennis said if the Smiths can’t prove they carried insurance, does the board want to offer them a new contract? Attorney Dennis will ask for proof of insurance and report back to the board for further direction.

The Marissa Historical Society is interested in borrowing the Village’s sesquicentennial cakes. The board discussed and agreed to allow Marissa to borrow them. Trustee Main said the New Athens Historical Society would like to display one at the old Village Hall when they are returned.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to allow Marissa to borrow the sesquicentennial cakes as long as they are returned in the same condition. A vote was answered aye by Weber, Main, Hall, Geppert, Politsch
and Hampton.

Trustee Geppert reported Connie Burrous came in and complained about ashes all over her vehicle that was parked as Siemens. The ashes came from the brush pile.

Trustee Geppert noted the porch on the old Cahoon house is falling down and there is a for sale sign in the window.

Trustee Politsch noted the Lions Club is sponsoring the electronic recycling drive April 22nd in the Bull Pen parking lot. Politsch said we need to get the word out for the Village’s spring clean up day is the 1st Saturday in April since there was not a big turn out last year.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Michelle Neff Village Clerk

Richard Klein Village President