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, Hall, Geppert, Weber, Ruhmann and Boden. Tyler Liefer, Sandy Stolte, Attorney Dennis, Chief Simburger, Officer Penet and Jake Owens were also present.

The minutes from the July 3rd board meeting were reviewed. A correction was noted on the dates of the homecoming on the last page.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ruhmann to approve the minutes with the correction noted. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Geppert, Hampton, Weber and Ruhmann. Boden voted present.

VISITORS
Mark Schreder, Mary Sue and Geoff Iverson, Tammy Weber, Joe Woll, Nick and Brittney Huetsch, Josh Dachsteiner, Karen Boden, John Feder and Cathy Meggs

Karen Boden was present with some concerns regarding the ambulance service and a run where seven minutes were lost from the phone call to the police to the dispatch. Karen was instructed to call Herb Simpson of the 911 office. Karen also had some concerns with issues the EMT’s were having on the run. There is no address posted at the cemetery. It was discussed 911 should have been called and not the police line, since 911 can track the call when the address is not known.

Mayor Klein expressed his sympathy to the family of Corey Weber. Mayor Klein on behalf of Representative Jerry Costello II presented an acknowledgement from the 100th General Assembly House of Representatives a certificate of recognition of Corey’s dedication to serving the community of New Athens as a member of the New Athens Fire District and the New Athens Ambulance Service.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Nothing new to report

WATER & SEWER
Nothing new to report

STREETS & ALLEYS
Tyler Liefer noted the roads will be oiled August 8th.

PARK
Trustee Hampton noted the committee met July 12th regarding the park grant. The committee discussed to rip rap the ditch and install new concrete at the entrance. The diamond lights need to be checked and Tyler will contact Rick Range to check the condition of the batting cages.
CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Ruhmann report while setting up the ESO program they have to know what type of billing we do. Ruhmann said we talked about waiting until the ESO program is up and running, but it may be better to set up at the time of start up. Jake Owens stated ESO does not have a module to use quick books for billing. We would have to get a new billing software or go with outsourcing. The start up process is going well and Jake said he would like to go live August 14th. AMB takes 5% from what they collect.

Trustee Ruhmann made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to enter into an agreement with Andres Medical Billing. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Geppert, Hampton, Weber and Ruhmann. Boden voted nay.

Jake asked for approval to pay for the additional crew for the homecoming at six hours each night.

Trustee Ruhmann made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve to pay the additional crew for the homecoming. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Geppert, Hampton, Weber, Boden and Ruhmann.

POLICE
Chief Simburger noted the homecoming went well and there were no issues.

PERSONNEL
Jake Owens stated he did not have an application to hire an EMT at this time. He noted the EMT class will be done at the end of the week and should receive five applications in the near future.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Nothing new to report

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Ordinance 2017-02 for the Annual Appropriations needs to be voted on. The hearing was held prior to the board meeting and no visitors were present.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve Ordinance 2017-02 Annual Appropriations. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Geppert, Hampton, Weber, Boden and Ruhmann.
TREASURERS TIME
The monthly treasurer report needs to be approved.

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

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR'S TIME
Nothing new to report

OTHER BUSINESS
Tyler Liefer reported the throttle body and the A/C compressor in the F-350 dump truck need to be replaced. Wetzel's quoted $1,384.63.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to approve Wetzel's quote for the dump truck repairs costing $1,384.63. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Geppert, Ruhmann, Hampton, Weber and Boden.

Attorney Dennis met with the Smith's and their Attorney. They had some issues with the proposed lease agreement. The Smiths questioned the number of acres and said they don't use the wooded acres. The new lease is not by acres; it's a set rate. The Smith's asked when the first payment will be due on the new lease if they sign now. Attorney Dennis recommends the first payment be due October 1st instead of September 1st. The Smith's would like more days of abatement. The board discussed to allow 90 days. Attorney Dennis will make the corrections and resend to the Smiths.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Richard Klein
Village President

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk