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, Ruhmann, Boden, Geppert, Hampton and Hall. Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer, Attorney Ted Dennis, Andrew Green and Chief Simburger were also present. Jake Owens arrived at 8 p.m.

The audit committee reviewed the bills.

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

The board reviewed the minutes from the March 19th board meeting.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to approve the board minutes as presented. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Boden, Geppert, Ruhmann, Weber and Hall.

**VISITORS**

John Feder, Geoff and Mary Sue Iverson, Charlotte Main, Pam Woodward

Geoff Iverson reported ESDA will be going through all the phone numbers on the Code Red call system that are considered dead. The system currently takes 15 to 18 minutes to call all the numbers. Our current contract calls 100 phone numbers simultaneously and costs $1,000 per year. There is an upgrade to call 1500 numbers simultaneously which should only take 3 minutes to complete. Geoff will get more information to bring back to the board.

Charlotte Main and Pam Woodward reported the Historical Society was invited to attend the Bi-Centennial Fair in O’Fallon this August to represent New Athens. They plan to show case the river.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Trustee Ruhmann reported the committee met March 27th with Steve Woodward of the Historical Society and Andy Fauth of the V.F.W. to discuss the monument at the Village Park. A committee made up of all the local organizations will be set up to discuss the improvements needed for the monument.

**WATER & SEWER**

Tyler Liefer needs approval for the yearly chemical water testing with CWS costing $444.00

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to approve the
CWS chemical testing program costing $444 for water samples. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Boden, Geppert, Hampton and Weber.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Nothing new to report

**CEMETERY**
Nothing new to report

**PARK**
Tyler Liefer noted the park was not opened on April 2 due to the cold weather. He should be able to open it next week.

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**
Jake Owens reported all the newly hired EMT’s finished orientation or will be finished tomorrow.

Jake Owens report they are taking the 2005 ambulance to Jack Schmidt for a front-end alignment.

**POLICE**
Chief Simburger found a 2015 Impala for $10,500 to trade the Chrysler 300 in on. Insurance is paying $4,600 for the 2006 Impala that was wrecked and the trade in value for the Chrysler 300 is $2,000. $1,300 is being saved from the previous approved car purchase by purchasing a 2017 Explorer instead of a 2018, making the out of pocket cost $2,600.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ruhmann to approve the purchase of a 2015 Impala for $10,500 minus trade in, insurance money and the difference of cost on the 2017 Explorer for a total out of pocket cost of $2,600. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Boden, Geppert, Hampton and Weber.

Dare Graduation is April 30th at 2 p.m.

Trustee Hall asked again about the officer performance reports and asked if Lieutenant Buehler doesn’t want to do them anymore. Chief stated they have a new computer reporting system and pulling stats is a lot different; Chief is going to contact a couple other Chief’s to see how they are pulling the stats. Chief stated he has not had a lot of time to look at it. Trustee Ruhmann said the program that is being used is hard to pull stats off.

Trustee Geppert noted the committee met March 24th to interview Josh Owens for a part-time officer.
Trustee Ruhmann made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to hire Josh Owens as part-time police officer. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Boden, Geppert, Hampton and Weber.

**PERSONNEL**
Andrew Green noted one more of the students passed the national EMT test. There are still three outstanding.

**GRANTS**
Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**
Attorney Dennis said when the multi-purpose center property was transferred from the townships to the Village, one of the lots was missed. Sandy Stolte and Attorney Dennis have the signed paperwork from the townships and are set to close April 9th at 9 a.m.

Tyler Liefer contacted Midwest Exteriors for the roof job on the Medical Center. Insurance is going to pay $19,094.58 minus $5,000 deductible for the replacement of the roof for hail damage. Total out of pocket is $13,900.28. Tyler feels we still need to pay prevailing wages even though the insurance company said they don’t have to pay prevailing wages. The board agreed to pay prevailing wages.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to award the roof bid to Midwest Exteriors for $27,994. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Boden, Geppert, Hampton and Weber.

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**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
Tyler Liefer would like to set up an ordinance committee meeting to address portable car ports.

**TREASURERS TIME**
Nothing new to report

**CLERKS TIME**
Nothing new to report

**MAYOR’S TIME**
Mayor Klein stated “I recently started doing employee evaluations. While attending the meetings of the Mayors Association of Southwestern Illinois, I found that many of the community municipalities are doing employee performance evaluations. The evaluations provide opportunity to review how well someone is doing, and to discuss area’s that might need improvement.”
It's an opportunity for an employee to express any concerns that they might have. I have done Michelle, Nancy, Tyler and Leo. Tyler will be preforming evaluations of the village workers and Leo will be preforming evaluations of his officers. Everyone will have a copy if they choose and a copy will go into their employee file. The evaluations will be done annually."

**OTHER BUSINESS**
Attorney Dennis said the next court date for the marina with the Smith's is April 5th. Trustee Geppert asked where the rent money is going that the Smith's are collecting on the campground. Attorney Dennis will check on it Thursday. It was said there are campers there all year long and the Smith's are advertising camping at the marina.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Michelle Neff  
Village Clerk

Richard Klein  
Village President