7:43 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, Hampton, Geppert and Hall. Sandy Stolte, Attorney Dennis, Chief Simburger, Tyler Liefer, Josh Dietz and Andrew Green were also present.

The audit committee reviewed the bills. The committee stated the A & J bills need to have the mileage, vin number, make and model of the vehicle on the bills or they will not be approved to be paid in the future. The committee is worried if something needs warranty work it would not be covered under warranty since vehicle information is not recorded on the invoices.

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 July 16th board meeting. Corrections were noted under police, personnel and other business.

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

**VISITORS**
Katie Feder, Geoff Iverson, Mark Schreder, Jake Owens, Lindsey and Roger Middendorf, Stephen O'Brien

Lindsey Middendorf, Roger Middendorf and Stephen O'Brien were present to ask for approval to form a youth soccer league in town. They will use the grass area in the outfield of the middle diamond at Okaw Park and the games would take place on Sunday afternoons. Stephen stated there would not be any permanent structures on the diamonds and all the equipment could be stored at the park and out of the way. Lindsey said they would get accident insurance and bring a copy to the Village. Lindsey stated the little league does not have their 501 3c and they use the Village's tax exempt. She is wanting to form a non-for profit New Athens Youth Athletic Association and both the little league and soccer league would fall under it. Lindsey also said their needs to be a committee, a board and by-laws written for the little league and soccer league. The board agreed that they have no responsibility in giving approval to form a soccer league, a committee, a board or by-laws, but they would give approval to use the park if insurance requirements were met.

Trustee Ruhmann made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to allow the soccer league to use the Okaw Park as long as a certificate of insurance has been given to the Village. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert,
Lindsey Middendorf stated James Wann told her to ask the Village if the beautify New Athens donation was spent and if there was any money left she could use that to purchase the needed equipment. Michelle will check and let Lindsey know what is left.

Jake Owens said the fire department is having a kick ball tournament September 22nd and all proceeds will be given to CESNA. Jake said St. Agatha’s will have a beer stand for the event and asked if the fee for the police protection can be waived for the event. This will be on the agenda for a vote at the next meeting.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Nothing new to report

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**WATER & SEWER**
Earl Armstrong requested water only at 310 North Clinton Street to water his garden and grass. There is a shed on the property, but no one lives on the property and there is no need for sewer or trash.

Trustee Boden made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to allow water only at 310 North Clinton Street. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Ruhmann, Boden, Weber and Hall.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Tyler Liefer noted the streets will be oiled August 7th and he would like to hire Deric Mauer, Larry Geppert, Mason Ridlen and Nathan Ridlen as flaggers. They will be paid $50 for the day.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to approve to hire Deric Mauer, Larry Geppert, Mason Ridlen and Nathan Ridlen as flaggers and to pay them $50 for the day. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Boden, Weber and Hall. Geppert voted present.

**CEMETERY**
Nothing new to report

**PARK**
Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC SAFETY**
Trustee Geppert noted the committee met July 24th with the new ambulance director Andrew Green and his assistant Josh Dietz to discuss suggestions for the service.
Trustee Geppert noted the committee met July 26th to discuss ESDA. Mary Sue Iverson stated all board members, the Mayor and police should know how to set off the Code Red System and sound the siren when a warning is issued. There were many questions regarding ESDA, so Mayor Klein will contact Herb Simmons to set up a meeting to discuss the ESDA program.

The tires that were discussed for the ambulance during the last board meeting were voted on.

Trustee Ruhmann made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the purchase of two front tires for ambulance 4C20. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Boden, Geppert, Hampton and Weber.

**POLICE**

Chief Simburger said Jake Renner needs to attend the mandatory full-time police class which starts August 20th and lasts for two weeks. The cost is $1,189 and we will get most of it back from the state.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to approve Jake Renner to attend the full-time police class. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Boden, Geppert, Hampton and Weber.

**PERSONNEL**

Chief Simburger would like to hold off hiring Donald Harris until the background checks have been completed.

Trustee Geppert noted the committee met August 2nd to interview Donald Harris for part-time police officer. The committee also agreed to remove Pete Wszalek, Terry Hamon and Dan Lipe from the duty roster.

**GRANTS**

Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

Trustee Geppert received a quote to paint the Chief’s office and conference room for $350 plus paint.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve to paint the Chief’s office and conference room for $350 plus paint. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Boden, Geppert, Hampton and Weber.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**

The annual appropriations ordinance needs to be voted on.
Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Weber to adopt Ordinance 2018-03 for the annual appropriations. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Boden, Geppert, Hampton and Weber.

**TREASURERS TIME**
Nothing new to report

**CLERKS TIME**
Michelle Neff noted the annual TIF report and joint review hearing contract with Moran Economic Development needs to be approved. The TIF reporting is not to exceed $1,140 and the hearing is not to exceed $475.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to enter into a contract with Moran Economic Development. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Boden, Geppert, Hampton and Weber. Hall voted nay.

Michelle Neff noted the annual TIF reimbursement for Westmore Equities needs to be approved. 75% of the 2017 real estate taxes to be reimbursed per the redevelopment agreement equal to $13,992.85.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the payment of $13,992.85 to Westmore Equities for reimbursement of real estate taxes per the redevelopment agreement. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Boden, Geppert, Hampton and Weber. Hall voted nay.

**MAYOR’S TIME**
Mayor Klein reported the grocery store closed and there was nothing the Village could have done. He hopes another business will reopen there.

**OTHER BUSINESS**
Nothing new to report

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk

Richard Klein
Village President