7:30 p.m. The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Trustee Weber, who led the Pledge of Allegiance, in Mayor Klein’s absence. A roll call was answered aye by Weber, Ruhmann, Geppert, Hampton, Boden and Hall. Sandy Stolte, Chief Simburger, Andrew Green and Tyler Liefer were also present.

The audit committee reviewed the bills.

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

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

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

**VISITORS**

Steve and Pam Woodward and John Feder

Steve Woodward (representing Historical Society) was present to update the board with their plans for the old village hall. Steve said they plan to replace the carpet in the museum and add carpet in the old jail cell. The south side of the building is going to be sided and enclose two doors that are walled shut on the inside. Steve noted they are looking into replacing the second-floor windows. Paul and Steve met with Tyler and Paul has more donations for repairing the veteran's monument. A letter will need to be written from the Historical Society, V.F.W and the Village acknowledging what was donated. Steve suggested to move the time capsule out of the memorial. The time capsule is from 1976 and is not due to open until 2076. The park committee will discuss where to relocate it.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Nothing new to report

**WATER & SEWER**

The board received a new water purchase contract from Kaskaskia Water District. The rate increase will take effect July 1, 2019 and will increase $1.00 over the next three years. The committee will meet to discuss raising the water rates for the Village water bills.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to approve Mayor Klein to sign the water purchase contract with Kaskaskia Water District. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber.
Tyler Liefer noted a valve needs to be put in on the line coming into the water tower. The valve would allow a water leak to be fixed without turning off the water tower. Tyler will get another price quote and bring back to the board.

The resident at 203 South Jackson Street had a hot water heater leak. The home is older, and the water leaked into the unfinished basement drain which goes into the ground and not the Village sewer lines. The leak will be on two months of bills since it was found and fixed after the first bill came out. This bill was 12,000 gallons over their average usage, making the amount of the possible sewer credit of $72.00.

Trustee Ruhmann made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the sewer credit of $72 for 203 South Jackson Street. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber.

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STREETS & ALLEYS
Nothing new to report

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report

PARK
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC SAFETY
Andrew Green recommended proposing raising the billing rates for ambulance runs based on what Medicare allows. Andrew stated this will allow us to bring in as much money as we can. Andrew said the service ran 133 refusal calls last year and we only billed for one; he did not know how many would have been billable. Andrew stated if the ambulance is called and an assessment is done, they are to get a bill for $150 to cover liability cost, fuel, etc. Andrew asked for direction from the board on whether to tell the billing agency to start billing. Andrew stated if they are called and the person has a complaint, an assessment is done, we are legally liable, so they will get a bill. So, if an EMT touches someone we assume legal liability and would be billable. Trustee Weber and Trustee Hall said they were in favor to bill for refusals.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve to raise the ambulance run rates as proposed on the 03/04/19 public safety pamphlet hand out. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber.

The committee to meet and discuss disciplinary action policy and procedures packet Andrew handed out.
The ABC 360 class to keep Nancy Ritter certified is April 17 and 18 with an early bird rate of $645 if paid by March 20th.

Trustee Boden made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve Nancy Ritter attend the ABC 360 certification April 17 and 18. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber.

**POLICE**
Chief Simburger asked for executive session at the end of the meeting.

**PERSONNEL**
Trustee Geppert previously gave the board two applications for EMT's; Kelly Claypool and Joshua Pitts. Andrew Green recommended both applicants and backgrounds checks have been done.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to hire Kelly Claypool and Joshua Pitts at part-time EMT's. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber.

**GRANTS**
Tyler Liefer has the Community Development Block Grant resolution ready to sign. The Village’s contributions towards the project will be $52,250.00 if we receive the $70,000 grant to resurface Van Buren Street.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve Mayor Klein sign the Community Development Block Grant resolution for the Van Buren Street project. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**
Tyler Liefer received a quote for a new drive thru sound system for $1,330 installed.

**TREASURERS TIME**
Trustee Hampton knows someone and will give him a call to see if he wants to look at the drive thru sound system we have.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
Michelle Neff noted at the last meeting the board approved the ordinances, now the entire ordinance code needs to be adopted with ordinance number 2018.05.

Trustee Boden made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ruhmann to approve Ordinance 2018.05 adopting the entire ordinance code with provisions. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber.
Nothing new to report

**CLERKS TIME**
The board will review the executive minutes at the next meeting.

**MAYOR's TIME**
Nothing new to report

**OTHER BUSINESS**
Tyler Liefer reported the 2012 F-250 truck needs new tires. He received pricing from Wetzel's for four new tires. The board agreed on the Hancock tires for $837.40.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve purchasing four Handcock LT245/75R17 Dynapro tires for $837.40. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Weber, Geppert, Boden and Hall.

Trustee Ruhmann made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to enter executive session at 8:21 p.m. under police litigation with Chief Simburger present. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to return to regular session at 8:35 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber.

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

Michelle Neff                   Richard Klein
Village Clerk                  Village President