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, Geppert, Hampton, Boden and Hall. Attorney Dennis, Sandy Stolte, Chief Simburger, Andrew Green and Tyler Liefer were also present.

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, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber.

The board reviewed the minutes from the March 18th 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, Ruhmann, Weber, Boden, Geppert and Hall.

**VISITORS**
John Feder, Mary Sue and Geoff Iverson

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Trustee Ruhmann reported the committee met March 28th with Keith Moran of Moran Economical Development whom explained how a TIF works. Mr. Moran also said setting up a TIF is a 4 to 6-month process with the first step to enter into a contract with Moran Economical Development.

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

**WATER & SEWER**
The resident at 203 South Jackson Street had a hot water heater leak. This is the continuation from last month’s leak that was over two bills. This bill was 15,000 gallons over their average usage, making the amount of the possible sewer credit of $90.00.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ruhmann to approve the sewer credit of $90 for 203 South Jackson Street. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Tyler Liefer had Deterding's Tree Service send in a quote for tree removal at 208 South Benton Street. The sidewalk needs to be replaced, but the trees need to be removed first. Deterding quoted $850 to remove the two trees and $220 to grind the stumps out.
Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the quote of $1,070 from Deterding’s to remove two trees and grind the stumps at 208 South Benton Street. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber. Hall voted present.

Tyler Liefer reported the homeowner at 609 South Benton Street requested the village trees to be trimmed. Tyler said in the past the only trimming we do is to keep the low branches out of the roadway, or we cut the trees down. We don’t trim the trees like the resident is requesting. The board agreed that she can have them trimmed or we can have them cut down.

**Cemetery**

Trustee Hall reported the committee met March 27th to review the grave space and grave opening fees. The committee is still discussing the fees. The committee also discussed to allow two cremations on one space. The committee proposed to allow two cremations on one space if both cremations are buried the same day in the same hole.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to allow two cremations to be buried on one space if buried the same day and same hole. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber.

**Park**

Nothing new to report

**Public Safety**

Trustee Geppert reported the committee met March 26th to discuss the SOG’s. Geppert also noted the new scheduling system is working well. The floors are going to be redone in the ambulance shed bathroom.

The AutoPulse Platform needs four new batteries. The cost is $3,201.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to approve the purchase of four new AutoPulse batteries for $3,201. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber.

**Police**

Chief Simburger reported Officer Penet lost the department cell phone while he was airing up the tire on the squad car. Chief ordered a new phone for $249 through the phone insurance.

**Personnel**

Mayor Klein asked to go into executive session at the end of the meeting.
Trustee Geppert has EMT applications for Camren Patton, Connor Earleywine and Thomas Weber. All their background check came back ok. Andrew Green recommended all three.

Trustee Boden made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve to hire Camren Patton, Connor Earleywine and Thomas Weber as part-time EMT’s. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Geppert, Boden and Hampton. Weber voted present.

**GRANTS**
Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**
Nothing new to report

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
Nothing new to report

**TREASURERS TIME**
$15,000 was transferred to general account from water account on March 12th to cover expenses.

**CLERKS TIME**
Nothing new to report

**MAYOR’S TIME**
Nothing new to report

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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Tyler Liefer noted the high bidder backed out on purchasing the Jeep. Marc Wilson is next in line with a bid of $555.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ruhmann to approve the bid of $555 from Marc Wilson for the Jeep. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber.

Attorney Dennis said the Marina trial has been rescheduled to July 23rd.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to enter executive session at 7:59 p.m. under personnel with Attorney Dennis, Tyler Liefer and Chief Simburger present. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to return to regular session at 8:15 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Geppert,
Boden, Hampton and Weber.

The board discussed hiring Kent Mason to mow the cemetery pending background check.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to hire Kent Mason, pending background check, to mow the cemetery. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber. Ruhmann voted nay.

The board discussed hiring Ira Renshaw for seasonal mowing.

Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to re-hire Ira Renshaw as seasonal mower. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Geppert, Boden, Ruhmann, Hampton and Weber.

Tyler Liefer will put an ad in the paper for full-time temporary public works help for $18 per hour.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve Tyler to run an ad for temporary help for $18 per hour for public works. A vote was answered aye by Hall, Geppert, Boden, Ruhmann, Hampton and Weber.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to enter executive session at 8:18 p.m. under litigation with Attorney Dennis, Tyler Liefer and Chief Simburger present. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to return to regular session at 8:28 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hall, Geppert, Boden, Hampton and Weber.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk

Richard Klein
Village President