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

The minutes from the April 1st board meeting were reviewed.

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

VISITORS
John Feder, Geoff and Mary Sue Iverson

Geoff Iverson said it has been a pleasure serving the Village of New Athens, but they close on their house Monday and will be moving out of the area. Geoff said April Thrift has shown a strong interest in taking over. The Iverson's expect April to be here the first Tuesday of May to show her how to do things and expect to turn over a lot of it to April. Geoff said the ESDA book is about 90 percent complete and they will finish it before leaving.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
Tyler Liefer requested a committee meeting to review the plans for Kaskaskia River Commons.

WATER & SEWER
Tyler Liefer said the IEPA chemical analysis lab participation needs to be approved. The cost is $670.64.

Trustee Boden made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ruhmann to participate in the IEPA chemical analysis costing $670.64. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Geppert, Hall, Boden, Ruhmann and Weber.

Michelle Neff said a resident asked if a sewer credit was offered on hot tubs. The board agreed no sewer credit has been or will be given for hot tubs.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Nothing new to report

PARK
Nothing new to report

CEMETERY
Trustee Hall said the lot fee and grave opening fees were discussed in a committee meeting. The committee recommends increasing the grave space fee to $750 per
space, with $100 going into perpetual care and the rest in the cemetery fund at the
time of sale.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to increase the cemetery
grave space fee to $750; $100 to go into perpetual care and $650 to the cemetery
fund. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Hall, Boden, Ruhmann and Weber.
Hampton voted nay.

Trustee Hall noted the grave opening fees were also discussed in the committee
meeting. Tyler told the committee the Village is losing money anytime there is a
burial on Saturday, Sunday or a holiday. The weekday charge of $400 will stay the
same. The committee recommends raising the grave opening fee on Saturday to
$550, Sunday to $600 and $650 on a holiday to cover labor and expenses.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to increase the cemetery
grave opening fee on Saturday to $550, Sunday to $600 and $650 on a holiday. A
vote was answered aye by Geppert, Hall, Boden, Hampton, Ruhmann and Weber.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Trustee Geppert reported some of the ambulance crew painted the windows and
doors in the ambulance shed.

POLICE
Chief Simburger reported the county bulk buy on the radios will cost $1,385.10 per
radio. If purchased separately the cost would be $2,907 per radio. The radios we
have now still work, but if something goes wrong with them they cannot be
repaired, nor can parts be ordered. Chief recommended purchasing 5 new radios.
It was discussed to purchase an extra radio for ESDA. Trustee Geppert asked about
getting two new radios for ESDA. There are three radios in the ESDA room, they
work, they are just old. Trustee Geppert said there is around $1,000 in the ESDA
account and Chief Simburger said some of the money could be used from the drug
fund for the police radios.

Trustee Hall made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to purchase six radios at the
bulk rate of $1385.10. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Hall, Boden, Hampton,
Ruhmann and Weber.

PERSONNEL
Tyler Liefer asked to enter executive session at the end of the meeting.

GRANTS
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Nothing new to report
ORDINANCE REVIEW
Nothing new to report

TREASURERS TIME
The monthly treasurer report needs to be approved.

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

$10,000 was transferred to general account from the water account to cover expenses.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report

MAYOR’S TIME
Mayor Klein said he appreciated working with Trustee Weber and Trustee Hall and said they are an asset to the Village and made some great decision on behalf of the Village.

OTHER BUSINESS
Trustee Weber made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hall to enter executive session at 7:55 p.m. under personnel with Chief Simburger and Tyler Liefer. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Hall, Boden, Weber, Ruhmann and Geppert.

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

Tyler Liefer said all the old concrete is tore out of the monument at the Village Park. The time capsule is in the middle of a chunk of concrete. Tyler will take to the shop for now and to try and get the time capsule out of the concrete.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Richard Klein Village President
Michelle Neff Village Clerk