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 Wilson, Ruhmann, Geppert, Hampton, Hamon and Boden. Sandy Stolte, Attorney Dennis, Chief Simburger and Andrew Green were also present.

The board reviewed the minutes from the June 3rd board meeting. A correction was noted under local improvements and personnel.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hamon to approve the board minutes with the corrections as discussed. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Geppert.

**VISITORS**

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Trustee Ruhmann reported we received an invoice from Moran Economic Development for the TIF eligibility study and presentation of the TIF redevelopment plan in the amount of $27,571.84. This can be paid out of the TIF fund.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hamon to pay invoice 1156 from Moran Economic Development $27,571.84 from the TIF funds. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Geppert.

**WATER & SEWER**
Mayor Klein stated Tyler Liefer spoke to him prior to the meeting regarding the Laumbattus sewer backup. The Village's insurance denied the claim. Mayor Klein asked the board if they wanted to vote to pay the claim. Mayor Klein said Tyler told him it had nothing to do with the Village side. Michelle noted the Village's insurance denied the claim and said the Village is not at fault, the Village did not have prior knowledge of the clog nor caused it to be clogged. Also, public works cleared the clog as soon as they heard there was a problem. The Village's insurance said the Village is not legally responsible and denied the claim. Mrs. Laumbattus's insurance paid the claim but she had a $1,000 deductible of which she is trying to recoup. It was said we have had sewer backup claims in the past that were denied by the insurance and not paid by the Village.

Trustee Hamon made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to deny payment to Mrs. Laumbattus for the sewer back up claim. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Geppert. Hampton abstained.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Nothing new to report

**PARK & PUBLIC PROPERTY**
Nothing new to report

**CEMETERY**
Trustee Hampton noted he received a couple complaints regarding the cemetery and he spoke with Tyler about taking care of them. Mayor Klein said he also received the same complaints as well as a couple other board members.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & ADA**
Nothing new to report

**POLICE**
Chief Simburger reported Lieutenant Buehler’s police car had to go to Wetzel’s to replace an oil cooler. The bill will be around $600 - $700.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
Trustee Ruhmann said the committee previously met to discuss raising the water rates. The committee recommended raising the rates by $1.50 per thousand gallons. The rate increase is due to Kaskaskia Water District raising the water rate to the Village. Ordinance 2019-04.

Trustee Ruhmann made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hamon to approve Ordinance 2019-04 amending Chapter 38 water rates. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Geppert.

**TREASURERS TIME**
The board reviewed the monthly treasurer’s report.

Trustee Hamon made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the monthly treasurer’s report as presented. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Geppert.

Sandy Stolte reviewed the Village debt with the board.

**CLERKS TIME**
Nothing new to report

**MAYOR’s TIME**
Mayor Klein noted last year the landscaping was done around the village hall and now Tyler did landscaping by the parking area. Mayor Klein said how much better the building looks and how nice the parking area looks.

**OTHER BUSINESS**
The Lower Kaskaskia Stakeholders barge trip is September 6th and will be leaving from the lock and dam. The Village usually sponsors $100 for the barge trip.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ruhmann to donate $100 to the Lower Kaskaskia Stakeholders. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Geppert.

Attorney Dennis said there is a pre-trial meeting tomorrow for the case with the Smith’s. The trial is still set for July 23rd.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Michelle Neff  Richard Klein  
Village Clerk     Village President