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, Boden and Hamon. Chief Simburger and Tyler Liefer were also present.

The board reviewed the minutes from the July 1st board meeting. A correction was noted under other business.

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

**VISITORS**
Brad Penet, Nick Mounts, Tim Buehler, Katie and John Feder

Mayor Klein noted Gary Gordon was not present.

Brad Penet was present to speak about the residency requirement and how it restrains the police department. Penet said for the first time in seven years he had vacation denied because he could not find anyone to work for him. Penet went on to say one of the main benefits of coming on as a part-timer is possible advancement for full-time. Having the residence requirement hinders the full-timers but also hinders part-timers from wanting to work for the Village. As it stands now, we can pull officers from Marissa, Freeburg, the south side of Smithton and Hecker. If the residency gets expanded to a 20-mile radius it would include O’Fallon, Fairview and Mascoutah. Brad spoke with several officers that were close to retiring that would love to work at a place like New Athens, but they won’t because of the residency requirement. Penet said the other thing is the cost of living in this part of the county is higher than other parts. Penet said in Smithton you are looking at $150,000 to $200,000 for a small three-bedroom house verses where in Belleville you can find something more reasonable or purchase one from an auction. Which leads us to our pay; Penet said he is frustrated that we have not had any say or roll in pay negotiations.

Nick Mounts said he was also present for the residency and pay discussion, because being the most senior part-time guy, he would be next in line for a full-time position. The current residency would affect him since he lives in Redbud and is about 16 miles from New Athens. Mounts went on to say in Fayetteville the part-time officers make $16.50, $21.00 in New Baden and $20.00 in Trenton.
Tim Buehler was present and agreed with Nick Mounts and Brad Penet.

Trustee Geppert said Sandy Stolte is working on numbers for the employee benefits.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Mayor Klein reminded there is a hearing for the TIF August 5th at 6:30 p.m.

**WATER & SEWER**
Nothing new to report

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Tyler Liefer said road oiling is scheduled for August 6th.

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

**CEMETERY**
Tyler Liefer said Steve Ritter spoke to him last year regarding one of the Ritter monuments was broken in the old cemetery. Liefer believes a mower hit the stone and damaged it. The cost to fix the stone is $265 by a monument company.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the repair of the Ritter monument for a cost of $265. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Geppert.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & ADA**
Trustee Wilson talked with Dave Schmidt and got the bill to repair the 2005 ambulance reduced by $631.81 on the labor charges.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ruhmann to approve paying the Dave Schmitt bill for $4,301.56. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Geppert.

Trustee Geppert noted the committee met July 9th to discuss the Ambulance service. The account number for Bound Tree is going to be changed with Nancy Ritter as point of contact and Josh Dietz and Andrew Green will be the only ones to order supplies. A separate file of the supplies being purchased will be kept at Village Hall. The committee discussed the cardiac monitors that were never put into service and the Village’s Attorney wants to see the information on the two
cardiac monitors, which Andrew Green will get together. One monitor was sent off for repair and the other monitor is obsolete. The ambulances are going to be taken to JC's in Redbud for repair and maintenance. The committee also recommends the board passing a resolution that the Ambulance service must get board approval prior to spending over $300 on any purchase of supplies.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to approve Resolution 2019-07 for Ambulance Service spending approval needed. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Geppert.

**POLICE**
Chief Simburger noted the 2015 Ford is at Mertz Ford in Millstadt for warranty work and an alignment. The 2012 Dodge Charger is having electronic issues again.

**PERSONNEL**
Mayor Klein asked for executive session at the end of the meeting.

Trustee Geppert has an updated list of EMT's. Brianna Cowell, Conner Earlywine and Camron Patton all resigned. Courtney Niederbrach and Abigale Tuey will receive a letter for not running enough hours.

Trustee Hamon made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve the new EMT roster and give EMS personal approval to send letters to the ones who have not ran in a while. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Geppert.

Trustee Geppert noted the committee meet July 11th and discussed talking about the residency requirement and expanding the miles up to 20 miles radius from the Village Hall. This will be for police, public works and the office. All vehicles will stay in the Village except for the Chief's, which he is allowed to drive home. The committee also discussed hiring Jeremiah Schultz as part-time police officer.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hamon to approve hiring Jeremiah Schultz as part-time police officer pending back ground check. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Geppert.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hamon to approve expanding the employee residency requirement to 20 radius miles for all departments. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Wilson, Hamon and Geppert. Boden voted nay.
Tyler Liefer stated the person mowing the cemetery quit and he recommended hiring Eddie Kempen back and we will work around his schedule with Casey's.

Trustee Boden made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hamon to approve hiring Eddie Kempen to mow the cemetery. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Geppert.

Trustee Geppert noted there are usually three crews on schedule for the homecoming.

Trustee Hampton made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve three crews on the EMS schedule for homecoming. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Geppert.

**GRANTS & IMPROVEMENTS**
Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**
Nothing new to report

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
Nothing new to report

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

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

**CLERKS TIME**
Nothing new to report

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**
Mayor Klein suggested Keith Moran represent the Village at the TIF meeting the library is holding. Mayor Klein will also be attending. Mayor Klein stated if the TIF goes through the board members and himself have to try and bring businesses to town. If we had more businesses in town it would attract more people to the town. Mayor Klein stated the property values are dropping, the
taxes are going up and the next thing you know more people will be moving out. If we get one business, it would change people's mind about the TIF.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hamon to enter executive session under park and public property for litigation with Tyler Liefer present at 8:13 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Geppert.

Trustee Boden made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to return to regular session at 8:26 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Geppert.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hamon to enter executive session under personnel at 8:26 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Geppert.

Trustee Hamon made a motion; seconded by Trustee Geppert to return to regular session at 8:33 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Ruhmann, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Geppert.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Michelle Neff 
Village Clerk

Richard Klein 
Village President