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, Hampton, Hamon, Ruhmann and Boden. Geppert was absent. Sandy Stolte, Chief Simburger, Jake Renner and Andrew Green were also present.

The board reviewed the minutes from the October 7th 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, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Ruhmann.

**VISITORS**
John Kennedy, Joe Behnken, Michael Hagberg, Ronald Birkner, Jeff Wetzel, Kyle Wetzel, Brian Karraker, Zachary Horn, Pam Stell, Ed Marsh, Doug Kinzinger and Keith Moran. Ed Cockrell arrived at 7:57 p.m.

Michael Hagberg commented on the proposed TIF ordinances and the TIF II boundary map stating there are conflicting legal descriptions within the same ordinance, and it is unclear what the TIF boundary will be. Hagberg also stated the Village is tempting to add parcels to the proposed redevelopment area without giving proper notice nor convening the required Joint Review Board to discuss the additional parcels.

Jeff Wetzel was present to ask the status of the lots in the industrial park they are interested in. Trustee Hampton said the vote will stay as is.

Brian Karraker said he appreciated what the Village did with TIF I and the donation to the school for the asbestos removal. Karraker went on to say the school is against TIF II and had their attorney prepare a letter asking if TIF II is approved they would be able to negotiate some of the losses from future revenue. Karraker suggested amending TIF I to include the properties by Dollar General and not pass TIF II.

Zachary Horn owns the residence at 507 South Johnson Street and said there was recent damage to the waterline when the Village installed a new meter outside of the house. Mayor Klein said Tyler Lifer is absent tonight, but he will have Tyler call him.

Doug Kinzinger stated the fire district has not changed their decision on the TIF. Kinzinger said the revenue taxed and levy for the ambulance fund in the last six years went from $60,000 to $120,000 a year; who knows what it will do in the next 23 years. Taking the increased revenues for 23 years on this large of an area is just not right.

**FINANCE & AUDIT**
Nothing new to report

**WATER & SEWER**
Nothing new to report

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
The storm sewer located between Jackson Street and Clinton Street is failing and the replacement cost is $3,575.95 for pipes, culverts and backfill. Trustee Wilson said the existing pipe that goes under Lehr’s house is clay tile with collars that has come apart. Jeff Lehr’s sidewalk and porch are sinking in. The storm sewer will be rerouted along the alley. Tyler is waiting on a price from Hank’s Excavating to hydraulically pump grout into existing pipe to fill the void. The board will vote during the next meeting when all the pricing is in.

A quote of $1,620 was received from Deterding’s Tree Service to cut down the dead cottonwood tree on South Johnson Street by The Nail and the dead oak tree in the old
cemetery. Tyler requested a quote from Kurtz, no quote was received.

Trustee Hamon made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ruhmann to approve the quote from Deterding Tree Service for $1,620 to cut down two trees. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Ruhmann.

**Cemetery**
Nothing new to report

**Public Property & Park**
Trustee Hampton stated no committee meeting was held and the lots in the industrial park for Wetzel’s will remain as voted on. There are four lots behind Heinecke’s shop on Van Buren Street, which he is interested in. Trustee Hampton said those lots are not in the industrial park and there is a drainage culvert that runs through the properties. Trustee Hampton said Tyler told him it would be in the best interest of the Village to keep that property since most of it will be in easement.

**Public Safety & ADA**
Nothing new to report

**Police**
Chief Simburger said St. Agatha’s asked for a ride to school with a cop donation for their school auction.

Trustee Boden made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ruhmann to approve to donate a ride to school with a cop for St. Agatha’s School auction. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Ruhmann.

**Personnel**
Mayor Klein asked to enter executive session at the end of the meeting.

An application from Bailey Damann for part-time EMT was received. Background check has been completed.

Trustee Boden made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ruhmann to hire Bailey Damann as part-time EMT. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Ruhmann.

Michelle Neff reported a committee meeting has been set up October 29th at 6 p.m. to review the health insurance with Kris of Corner Stone.

**Improvements & Grants**
The board to come up with ideas for the $25,000 park grant.

**Ordinance Review**
Keith Moran addressed Michael Hagberg’s statement by stating the Siemens properties were always to be included in the TIF; it was a mistake.

Keith Moran discussed assisting the taxing districts by setting up an intergovernmental agreement. Keith suggested giving 50% of EAV increment generated through residential properties and 10% of the EAV increment generated by commercial and industrial properties back to the taxing districts. The board agreed to move forward with writing up an intergovernmental agreement. Once a draft is received from the Attorney it will be handed out to the taxing bodies.

Keith Moran state the next step is to pass the Ordinances to formally adopt the TIF.

Ed Cockrell stated he is opposed to the TIF and had a couple questions. The local
governments represent the tax payers too. Cockrell said I think it’s great you want to give some money back, but why take it in the first place. New Athens Township doesn’t want any of future tax money to go, because they have to render general assistance and take care of township duties. Cockrell stated if there is going to be an intergovernmental agreement it needs to be part of the ordinances.

Mayor Klein said its it up to the board if they want to continue or have more hearings. We all took our position to do what is the best for the Village. Trustee Hampton said he would like to have another hearing and hear from more of the business’s and what they have to say. Keith said if we were to do that, would have to convene the joint review board, hold another public hearing, send out notices and publish in the paper. Keith stated once the TIF is adopted it takes only one meeting to reduce the size of the TIF or end the TIF entirely. Mayor Klein stated all we are trying to do is help promote business in town. Mayor Klein said when the hi-way by passed the town, it killed this town, but that was long before our time. We have to do something to keep our business’s and promote our business’s. We have to do what we can to help our Village. Keith said the ordinances can be tabled to a later date if that is what the board wants to do but said if this is not passed by the end of the month, the board will have to basically start over.

Trustee Ruhmann made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to table TIF Ordinances 2019-06, 2019-07 & 2019-08. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Boden and Ruhmann. Wilson and Hamon voted nay.

Michelle Neff reminded the board the gambling ordinance needs to be amended. Illinois state law increased the machines limit from five to six. Ordinance 21-3-17 (D) No licensed premises shall pay more than $125 per year needs to be amended or removed from the ordinance. The board will vote on at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Time
Nothing new to report

Clerks Time
Nothing new to report

Mayor's Time
Nothing new to discuss

Other Business
The school is asking for advertisements for the yearbook. This year to sponsor a specific page the cost is $30. In the years past the cost was $50 for an ad.

Trustee Hamon made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to approve to purchase a yearbook ad for $30. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Ruhmann.

Trustee Hamon made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to enter executive session at 8:34 p.m. with Sandy Stolte for personnel. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Ruhmann.

Trustee Boden made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hampton to return to regular session at 8:59 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Hampton, Wilson, Boden, Hamon and Ruhmann.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk

Richard Klein
Village President