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, Boden and Newbold. Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer, Attorney Dennis, Officer Renner and Chief Simburger were also present.

The board reviewed the minutes from the November 18th board meeting.

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

Trustee Hamon arrived at 7:31 p.m.

**VISITORS**
John Feder, John Kennedy III, Joe Behnken, Michael Hagberg, Kyle Wetzel and Jeff Wetzel

**FINANCE & AUDIT**
The audit committee reviewed the bills.

Trustee Newbold made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ruhmann to pay the audit bills as presented. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Geppert, Boden, Newbold and Wilson.

**WATER & SEWER**
Nothing new to report

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Nothing new to report

**CEMETERY**
Nothing new to report

**PUBLIC PROPERTY & PARK**
Trustee Boden asked when the light switches are scheduled to be installed at village hall. Tyler Liefer will check with Gilbert Electric.

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

**POLICE**
Nothing new to report

**PERSONNEL**
Trustee Geppert reported an application was received from Amanda Prescher for EMT and said her background check came back good.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ruhmann to hire Amanda Prescher as part-time EMT. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Geppert, Wilson, Newbold and Boden.

**IMPROVEMENTS & GRANTS**
Tyler Liefer reported he went to an IDOT meeting regarding a STP Grant. In 2017 Spotsylvania Street was switched to a feeder road which would allow us to get state funding for resurfacing. The grant due date is in February 2020 with the earliest date to receive funding in 2024.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
Trustee Ruhmann stated Illinois Codification drew up Ordinance 2019-07 prohibiting the sale of cannabis that was previously discussed.

Trustee Ruhmann made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to approve Ordinance 2019-07
prohibiting the sale of cannabis. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Geppert, Wilson, Newbold and Boden.

**Treasurer's Time**
The monthly treasurer's report for October was presented to the board.

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

**Clerks Time**
Nothing new to report

**Mayor's Time**
Nothing new to report

**Other Business**
Attorney Dennis is working on getting blighted properties cleaned up. The properties of 209 North East Street, 300 South Elizabeth Street and 407 South East Street are empty. Attorney Dennis would like to ask the court to declare all of them abandoned and transfer the title over to the Village so they can be demolished. The last house the Village had demolished cost approximately $12,500.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hamon to allow Attorney Dennis to proceed with the court filing to declare 209 North East Street, 300 South Elizabeth Street and 407 South East Street abandoned. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Geppert, Wilson, Newbold and Boden.

Attorney Dennis stated Judge Hoerner has taken over the marina case and is receptive to our motions. The judge allowed our motion to find Mr. Smith in breach of the lease and struck his affirmative defenses. The date the Smiths must be off the property and how much the past rent is due is pending. Attorney Dennis thinks this can be done with another motion. Attorney Dennis said we have made substantial progress.

Trustee Newbold made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ruhmann to enter executive session for litigation at 7:47 p.m. with Sandy Stolte, Attorney Dennis and Tyler Liefer. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Geppert, Wilson, Newbold and Boden.

Trustee Hamon made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to return to regular session at 8:12 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Geppert, Wilson, Newbold and Boden.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk

Richard Klein
Village President