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

The board reviewed the minutes from the December 16th board meeting.

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

VISITORS
John Feder, Debby Politsch, John Kennedy III, Joe Behnken, Kyle Wetzel and Jeff Wetzel

Jeff Wetzel asked the status of the two lots in the industrial park. Attorney Dennis said he is working on the paperwork.

Debby Politsch asked about the status of the marina. Attorney Dennis stated we have tentatively reached an agreement with Mr. Smith, where he will move out and the Village will retake the marina. The issue left is how long he has to get his stuff off the property of which he has to take all or nothing. Attorney Dennis said under the agreement Mr. Smith will not be responsible for the rent owed nor will be able to appeal, which could hold us up in court for two or more additional years. Attorney Dennis stated the reason for the agreement, he believes there is substantial chance Mr. Smith could have transferred assets out of his name and the lease is only in Mr. Smith’s name. If/when the Village gets judgement, Mr. Smith could appeal which could take two more years. Attorney Dennis said the consensus of the board is if we are ever going to get the marina up and running, we need to get him out of there as soon as we can. It was stated if Mr. Smith declares bankruptcy the Village gets nothing.

Joe Behnken asked if there was going to be a demand for a lessor amount of the $75,000 for the rent due from the marina. Attorney Dennis stated when we gave notice to Mr. Smith to withdraw, he believed the amount owed was $18,000. However, the three year’s since is included in the $75,000. It was not known if the court would give us the amount after the withdraw.

Joe Behnken said now that Spotsylvania Street is classified as a feeder route by the State of Illinois, it makes it eligible for state funding for resurfacing. Joe asked if the Village intends on pursuing a grant and filing a timely application which is due in February. Tyler Liefer noted it is a STP-S grant and the earliest we would get funding is 2024. With state grants on this small of a project the engineering fees over run the worthwhile of a grant, so Tyler is working with the engineer to figure how much the engineering would cost.

FINANCE & AUDIT
The audit committee reviewed the bills.

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

WATER & SEWER
The property owner of 202 North Johnson Street had a hose that froze and busted causing water to leak on the ground. It was not known how the outside faucet got turned and left on. Nobody has been home for a couple weeks. The bill was for 44,000 gallons and their average usage is 1,000 gallons making a possible sewer credit of $258.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hamon to approve a $258 sewer credit for 202 North Johnson Street. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Geppert, Boden, Newbold and Wilson.
STREETS & ALLEYS
Tyler Liefer presented the MFT appropriations of $76,549.35 to the board for approval. Funds are for oil and chips, sidewalks, snow removal and culvert repair.

Trustee Hamon made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to approve the MFT appropriations of $76,549.35. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Geppert, Boden, Newbold and Wilson.

CEMETERY
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY & PARK
Trustee Boden reported the smoke detectors are chirping in the old doctor office and the ceiling needs to be repaired in the medical building. Boden asked the status of having the light switches installed at Village Hall.

PUBLIC SAFETY & ADA
Trustee Geppert reported a committee meeting was held December 26th to discuss the ambulance service contracts. Geppert asked the mayor to sign the contracts then she will take it over to the fire house to be signed. There were no changes on the contract. One of the Stryker cots is leaking oil and needs to be serviced by the company. Andrew Green to contact the rep and set up an appointment to have both cots checked. One Pedi-mate (child car seat) needs to be purchased for the ambulance. The ambulance will not pass inspection without it. The price of a new one is $340. One was donated to the service by Abbott, so only one is needed to be purchased.

POLICE
Chief Simburger reported he is working on a guideline for a ride along program, once complete it will be turned into the insurance company to see how much the rate will increase.

PERSONNEL
Nothing new to report.

IMPROVEMENTS & GRANTS
Nothing new to report.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Nothing new to report.

TREASURERS TIME
Nothing new to report.

CLERKS TIME
The board was previously given the 2020 board meeting schedule.

Trustee Geppert made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to approve the 2020 board meeting schedule. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Geppert, Boden, Newbold and Wilson.

MAYOR’S TIME
Nothing new to report.

OTHER BUSINESS
A resident is interested in annexing a parcel of property across Route 13 into Village limits. The board will discuss.

Trustee Hamon made a motion; seconded by Trustee Ruhmann to enter into executive session at 7:51 p.m. with Sandy Stolte, Attorney Dennis and Tyler Liefer for litigation and contracts. A
vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Geppert, Wilson, Newbold and Boden.

Trustee Boden made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hamon to return to regular session at 8:10 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Geppert, Wilson, Newbold and Boden.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Michelle Neff  Richard Klein
Village Clerk      Village President