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. Also, in attendance: Sandy Stolte, Tyler Liefer, Attorney Ted Dennis, Andrew Green, Officer Brad Penet and Chief Leo Simburger.

The board reviewed the minutes from the January 20th board meeting.

A motion was made by Ruhmann; seconded by Boden, to approve the January 20th board minutes as presented. A vote was answered aye by Wilson, Newbold, Hamon, Geppert, Boden and Ruhmann.

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

Joe Behnken asked about the grant for Spotsylvania St. Tyler said he talked to Rhutasel and Associates to see what it would cost in engineering fees to do this project. He was told that it would cost approximately $50,000. Tyler said the grant is 80-20 and it does not cover engineering costs. He also explained that this year’s process is over so we would have to wait until next year if we are going to apply.

Debby Politsch asked what the status was on the marina. Attorney Dennis replied that a notice will be sent to the Smith’s regarding the removal of their property. It has been proposed that they remove their property by June 1st. This will have to be approved by the Board later.

FINANCE & AUDIT
The audit committee reviewed the bills.

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

WATER & SEWER
A request for sewer credit was turned in by the owner of 410 S. East St. as he had a water leak in his yard. The amount of the credit would be $75.00.

A motion was made by Ruhmann; seconded by Geppert to approve a $75.00 sewer credit for 410 S. East St. A vote was answered aye by Hamon, Boden, Newbold, Wilson, Geppert and Ruhmann.

STREETS & ALLEYS
Reliable Sanitation has proposed an increase in the refuse/recycling rate of 3.5% which would be an increase of $.52 per household. The new rate would be $15.33 per month. It was noted that the Village should not add to that increase.

A motion was made by Newbold; seconded by Ruhmann to approve Reliable Sanitation’s increase for trash/recycle by $.52 per month. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Hamon, Boden, Wilson, Ruhmann and Newbold.
CEMETERY
Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY & PARK
Nothing new to report

PUBLIC SAFETY & ADA
Trustee Geppert reported that on February 1st one of the ambulances blew a tire in Belleville while returning from a call. The unit was towed to Nu Deal.

Andrew noted that the IDPH ambulance inspection will be tomorrow. He also noted that he and Josh met with a representative from ESO Solutions.

POLICE
Chief Simburger reported that Jake Renner has put in his notice as he is taking a job with the Waterloo Police Department. His final day of work will be February 16th.

It was suggested to place an ad in the Freeburg Tribune to advertise for a full-time officer as well as part-time officers. It was noted that the ad should mention that candidates must have the academy and be at least 21 years of age.

A motion was made by Geppert; seconded by Ruhmann, to place an ad in the Freeburg Tribune for a full-time police officer and part-time officers who already have the academy and are at least 21 years of age. A vote was answered aye by Wilson, Boden, Hamon, Newbold, Ruhmann and Geppert.

PERSONNEL
Trustee Geppert noted that a personnel and police meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

IMPROVEMENTS & GRANTS
Tyler noted that he attended a meeting regarding the Community Development Block Grant. He noted that we did receive the grant although it has not been made official yet. This money must be used on Van Buren St. due to the low to moderate income survey. He mentioned maybe using it to slip-line the sewer.

ORDINANCE REVIEW
Nothing new to report.

TREASURERS TIME
Nothing new to report.

CLERKS TIME
Nothing new to report.

MAYOR’s TIME
Nothing new to report.
OTHER BUSINESS
Attorney Dennis stated that in order to transfer the property that the Board previously voted to give to Wetzel’s, there would have had to have a ¾ vote and at that time there wasn’t. He is going to review the original agreement for the industrial park and have paperwork ready by the first meeting in March.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Nancy Ritter
Deputy Clerk

Richard Klein
Village President