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 and Chief Leo Simburger.

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

A motion was made by Boden; seconded by Newbold, to approve the February 18th board minutes as presented. A vote was answered aye by Wilson, Newbold, Hamon, Geppert, Boden and Ruhmann.

**VISITORS**
John Feder, John Kennedy III, Debby Politsch, Mark Schreder, Kyle Wetzel and Jeff Wetzel

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

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

**WATER & SEWER**
Trustee Newbold asked if there was a way to standardize the bill periods. Tyler Liefer stated they usually start reading the meters on the 18th of the month, but in November the meters were read a week early due to a scheduled vacation and in December the meters were read late due to the snow.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Tyler Liefer received a bid from Deterding’s Tree Service to cut down three maple trees and grind the stumps at 405 South Clinton Street and cut down one sycamore tree and grind the stump at 921 South Street for a total of $2,660. Tyler stated they are the Village’s trees. Public works will do the cleanup.

A motion was made by Hamon; seconded by Geppert, to approve the bid of $2,660 from Deterding’s Tree Service to cut down three maple trees and grind the stumps at 405 South Clinton Street and cut down one sycamore tree and grind the stump at 921 South Street. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Boden, Wilson, Geppert and Newbold.

Tyler Liefer requested the committee meet to discuss the Mari Lane ditch.

**CEMETERY**
Nothing new to report.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY & PARK**
Trustee Newbold reported the committee met to discuss the pharmacist’s inquiry about renting the doctor’s space in the medical building. They are asking if a drive thru system can be put in. They will meet with them again for further discussion.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & ADA**
The cost for Nancy Ritter to attend the ABC360 Ambulance billing and compliance class is $650 if paid by March 11th, after that the cost is $750.
A motion was made by Boden; seconded by Ruhmann, to authorize to pay $650 to ABC360 for the ambulance billing and compliance class for Nancy Ritter. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Boden, Wilson, Geppert and Newbold.

**POLICE**
Nothing new to report.

**PERSONNEL**
Trustee Geppert reported the committee met and agreed to hire Lorenzo Cutris Schwartzkopf for full-time police officer to replace Jake Renner. A background check is in the works. Chief noted Lorenzo should be able to start work March 16 if everything comes back in time.

A motion was made by Geppert; seconded by Ruhmann, to hire Lorenzo Cutris Schwartzkopf for full-time police officer pending background check. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Boden, Wilson, Geppert and Newbold.

Resolution 2019-09 for employee wages was revised to update the part-time pay for public works following the minimum wage requirement.

A motion was made by Geppert; seconded by Hamon, to approve Resolution 2019-09 for employee wages. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Boden, Wilson, Geppert and Newbold.

**IMPROVEMENTS & GRANTS**
Tyler Liefer noted the resolution of support for the CDBG grant needs to be approved and signed by all trustees. We are asking for $60,000 to improve the sanitary sewer on Van Buren Street. The Village will pay the engineering fees of $8,000.

A motion was made by Boden; seconded by Newbold, to approve the resolution of support for the CDBG grant. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Boden, Wilson, Geppert and Newbold.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
Attorney Dennis was not present to discuss the village property.

**TREASURERS TIME**
Nothing new to report.

**CLERKS TIME**
Nothing new to report.

**MAYOR's TIME**
Nothing new to report.

**OTHER BUSINESS**
Nothing new to report.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk

Richard Klein
Village President