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 and Geppert in person; Boden, Hamon and Newbold via telephone. Also, in attendance: Attorney Dennis and Chief Leo Simburger in person; Tyler Liefer, Andrew Green and Sandy Stolle via telephone.

The board reviewed the minutes from the March 2nd board meeting and the March 23rd emergency meeting. * The March 16th meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19.

A motion was made by Hamon; seconded by Ruhmann, to approve the March 2nd board minutes as presented. A vote was answered aye by Wilson, Newbold, Hamon, Geppert, Boden and Ruhmann.

A motion was made by Boden; seconded by Geppert, to approve the March 23rd emergency board minutes as presented. A vote was answered aye by Wilson, Newbold, Hamon, Geppert, Boden and Ruhmann.

**VISITORS**
Debby Politsch, Mark Schreder, Eileen and Jeff Wetzel were all present via telephone.

**FINANCE & AUDIT**
The audit bills were reviewed.

A motion was made by Ruhmann; 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**
Tyler Liefer noted the annual water testing participation through Illinois EPA is $289.85 per year and needs to be approved.

A motion was made by Hamon; seconded by Newbold, to approve the annual participation with Illinois EPA Laboratory costing $289.85 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. A vote was answered aye by Wilson, Newbold, Hamon, Geppert, Boden and Ruhmann.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**
Trustee Geppert reported the committee met March 9th to discuss the drainage problem in the easement between Mari Lane and Carr Subdivision. This summer when its dry, Tyler will rent an excavator for a week to open the water way. The cost to rent an excavator is approximately $750. Tyler will also check into getting a slanted grate for the culvert that keeps getting blocked up.

Trustee Newbold asked what can be done after the ditches are being cleaned out to clean off the roadway. Tyler said they can use the sewer jet to wash off the road.

There was discussion about resurfacing Spotsylvania Street. Tyler Liefer plans to grind down the humps, fill the holes with concrete and then oil and chip Spotsylvania Street two times this year.

**CEMETERY**
Nothing new to report.
**PUBLIC PROPERTY & PARK**
Trustee Newbold will talk to the owners of the pharmacy to see what their interest is in renting a portion of the medical building. If they are interested in renting, do they want to wait until the shelter in place is over or, do they want to take possession right away.

Tyler Liefer will look into replacing the basketball hoops and nets in Village Park once the stay at home order has been lifted.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & ADA**
Trustee Newbold reported per St. Clair County there will be no siren test April 7th.

Andrew Green stated he received gowns, masks and gloves from the regional hospital for the EMT’s.

**POLICE**
Chief Simburger received two bids for marking the police vehicles. Shark’s bid $375 minimum per vehicle and Total Eclipse bid $200 to $300 per vehicle. There was discussion if Total Eclipse was open at this time. Trustee Ruhmann said the markings are for three of the white cars.

A motion was made by Boden; seconded by Newbold, to approve the bid from Total Eclipse for $200 - $300 per vehicle for marking three of white police vehicles. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Boden, Wilson, Geppert and Newbold. Hamon voted nay.

**PERSONNEL**
Trustee Geppert recommended hiring Lashawndra Harris as part-time EMT. Her background check came back fine.

A motion was made by Geppert; seconded by Ruhmann, to hire Lashawndra Harris for part-time EMT. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Boden, Wilson, Geppert and Newbold.

Officer Penet turned in his resignation, his final day using vacation time will be April 19th. Chief Simburger stated Officer Penet would like to stay on as a part-time police officer.

A motion was made by Geppert; seconded by Ruhmann, to accept the resignation of Officer Penet as full-time police officer. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Boden, Wilson, Geppert and Newbold.

A motion was made by Ruhmann; seconded by Newbold, to retain Officer Penet as part-time police officer. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Boden, Wilson, Geppert and Newbold.

The committee recommended hiring Jeremiah Schultz as full-time police officer with a starting date of April 17th. Officer Schultz currently works part-time for us.

A motion was made by Boden; seconded by Ruhmann, to hire Jeremiah Schultz for full-time police officer with a starting date of April 17th. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Boden, Wilson, Geppert and Newbold.

Tyler Liefer said he needs to hire the summer help for the year. He recommends Eddie Kempen for the cemetery mower, Devin Brown for public works helper and Savannah Idecker to mow around town, all whom have worked for the village in prior years. Tyler already had Eddie Kempen and Devin Brown working the past week with Mayor Klein’s approval. Trustee Ruhmann told Tyler it must be voted on prior to have anyone working for the village.
A motion was made by Newbold; seconded by Hamon, to hire Eddie Kempen, Devin Brown and Savannah Ideckler for part-time public works. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Boden, Wilson and Newbold. Geppert voted present.

**IMPROVEMENTS & GRANTS**
Trustee Newbold will be meeting with Tony Funderburg from Freeburg to discuss and learn about the grant process. Newbold stated sometimes the grants are not all they appear to be and there is more to getting a grant than just getting a grant.

Tyler Liefer said we did get a grant to put sidewalks in on Spotsylvania Street. The right of way has been marked.

**ORDINANCE REVIEW**
Attorney Dennis said we at least need an ordinance to transfer the lots to Wetzel and has no problem with the transfer, but it must be done right, and it looks as if we have not done it right in the past. Attorney Dennis stated we are just transferring the lots to see the business grow. Attorney Dennis will draft an ordinance to be voted on during the next meeting.

**TREASURERS TIME**
Treasurers report from February was previously given to the board.

A motion was made by Ruhmann: seconded by Hamon, to approve the February treasurer’s report. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Geppert and Newbold. Wilson and Boden voted present.

**CLERKS TIME**
Nothing new to report.

**MAYOR’s TIME**
Mayor Klein reported Nancy’s sister passed away and she took one day of bereavement, but with COVID-19 they cannot hold the funeral at this time, she would like to use the other days when they can hold the funeral. The board was in consensus the other days could be used at the time of the funeral.

Mayor Klein stated with the assistance of the St. Clair County Task Force, Herb Simmons and Bryan Whitaker, I was able to get the village employees the N95 masks, gloves and hand sanitizer. Mayor Klein was able to get N95 masks, goggles, gloves, hand sanitizer and bleach for the nursing home, which was in dire need. The CDC now recommends wearing cloth-based coverings in public settings to help slow the spread of the virus.

**OTHER BUSINESS**
Tyler Liefer noted the bathrooms at the park and marina will not be open until the shelter in place is over. The board and Attorney Dennis were in consensus to wait until the shelter in place is over before opening the bathrooms.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Michelle Neff  Richard Klein
Village Clerk              Village President