

March 17, 2025

VILLAGE OF NEW ATHENS

6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Behnken. A roll call was answered aye by Trustees Feder, Kearns, Politsch, Fitzgerald, Geppert and Newbold. Also present were Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works and Tim Buehler, Chief of Police. 4.1

VISITORS

Jason Bohannon and Edwin Cockrell, Jr., who came in at 6:35 p.m.

There was no discussion by the visitors, just observation.

READING THE JOURNAL (MINUTES)

The minutes from the March 3, 2025, Regular Board Meeting was presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Kearns, to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

The minutes from the February 24, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting was presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald to approve the February 24, 2025, Committee of the Whole minutes as was presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Mayor Behnken had nothing to report.

VILLAGE CLERK

The Clerk had nothing to report.

TREASURER'S TIME

The February Treasurer's report was presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Feder, to approve the February Treasurer's Report. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Buehler submitted the activity log.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Chris Remick said the Marina project is going well. He thanked Trustee Feder for donating his time and equipment. He also noted that Bob Macke and Ralph Boden did a very good job with all the work they put into the clean-up. Trustee Newbold thanked Remick and his department for a job well done.

Remick mentioned that he will be going to court next week regarding the theft issue last year at the marina.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Nothing to report.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

Nothing to report.

WATER AND SEWER

Mayor Behnken discussed changing the billing units in the water system from 1000 gallons to 100 gallons. He explained that we currently have three different kinds of meters out there. He said the older meters cannot be reconfigured so those would have to be replaced.

It was noted that this discussion should be held off until the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Feder, to continue the discussion on water meters at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

PERSONNEL

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Nothing to report.

CEMETERY

Trustee Newbold stated that he will reach out to Steve Kinzinger to see if he is interested in mowing the cemeteries this year. It will be addressed at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Remick mentioned that he had put an ad out for summer help.

ORDINANCE

Nothing to report.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Trustee Politsch noted that she is still putting data together for the T-Mobile grant.

Politsch asked the Clerk about the possibility of adding auto pay to our utility system. Nancy stated that she will look into this.

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PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

Nothing to report.

MARINA

Nothing to report.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

Mayor Behnken presented the Board with ORDINANCE 2024-15, revising the annual appropriations to defray all necessary expenses for the fiscal year ending April 2025.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, to approve **ORDINANCE 2024-15**, revising the annual appropriations to defray all necessary expenses for the fiscal year ending April 2025. A roll call vote was answered aye by all members present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was noted that the area near the bridge on Old Baldwin Rd looks good after the clean-up. It was mentioned that the highway clean-up project that the VFW did looks nice as well.

Remick noted that he turned in the paperwork to St. Clair County for them to disburse the grant payment for the new mower directly to Mascoutah Equipment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Joe Behnken, Village President

Nancy Ritter, Village Clerk