6:30 p.m. The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Behnken. A roll call was answered aye by Trustees Newbold, Politsch, Wilson, Feder, Kearns, and Geppert. Also present were Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works, Andy Fauth, Village Treasurer and Chief of Police Leo Simburger.

VISITORS

Frank Srogus asked about his water bill being so high again and what we were going to do about it. It was decided to let another cycle run and to test his pressure.

Annie Hoenstreet- has an interest in running the campgrounds.

READINGOF THE JOURNAL(MINUTES)

The minutes from the April 3, 2023, board meeting had been distributed for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Newbold, to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2023, board meeting as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made to approve the March 27, 2023, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve the March 27, 2023, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made to take the tabled motion off the table made on March 20, 2023, regular board meeting to transcribe the 12/5/22 regular board minutes with Arndt Reporting and Legal Video in the amount of $900-$1000.

A motion was made by Trustee Kearns and seconded by Trustee Newbold to approve the

request to take the motion off the table made on March 20, 2023, regular board meeting to transcribe the 12/5/22 regular board minutes with Arndt Reporting and Legal Video in the amount of $900-$1000. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made to approve the Transcription of the Audio provided by Arndt reporting and Legal Video of the 12/5/22 regular board meeting as the minutes for said meeting and dispense with oral reading in the amount of $900-$1000.

A motion was made by Trustee Kearns and seconded by Trustee Newbold to approve the

Transcription of the Audio by Arndt reporting and legal Video of the 12/5/22 regular board meeting as the minutes for said meeting and dispense with oral reading in the amount of $900-$1000. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made to approve the Transcription of the Audio provided by Arndt Reporting and Legal Video of the 12/5/22 regular board meeting as the minutes for said meeting.

A request was made for a roll call vote by the mayor to approve the Transcription of the Audio provided by Arndt Reporting and Legal Video of the 12/5/22 regular board meeting as the minutes for said meeting. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made to increase all burial and cemetery fees by 10%

A motion was made to table the increase until more information is gathered and will discuss at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Nothing to report.

VILLAGECLERK

The Village Clerk stated that Sparta Animal Clinic would not be coming to New Athens this year.

A request was made to approve changes to Village Hall hours on Fridays only. To include closing for lunch from 12-12:30 for lunch and remain closed to the public the rest of the afternoon with employees continuing to work.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Newbold to approve the closing of Village Hall for lunch from 12-12:30. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

TREASURER’STIME

The Treasurer stated the wrong treasurer’s report was submitted and he will send a new one to be approved at the next meeting.

POLICECHIEF

Chief Simburger nothing to report.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Chris stated that there was minimal storm damage in town due to the severe weather we had on April 8. Also mentioned the campgrounds are coming along.

AMBULANCE SERVICE DIRECTOR

Director Green stated that an EMT Class will start in July and will follow up once he gets more information.

REPORTOFSTANDINGCOMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

A request was made to have Garden Designs install new lighting at the entrance sign at the Van Buren-Benton triangle.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve the installation of new lighting by Garden Designs at the entrance sign located at Van Buren-Benton triangle. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made to hire Andrew Winn for part-time summer help.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Newbold to hire Andrew Winn for part-time summer help. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

A request was made to approve the transfer request.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve the transfer request. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

WATERANDSEWER

A request was made to increase the water and sewer rates by 6%.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Kearns to not approve the increase of the water and sewer rates by 6%. A vote was answered eye by all members present.

A request was made to approve the purchase of Vactor P Jet Rodder line an estimated cost of $1675.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Newbold to approve the purchase of Vactor P Jet Rodder for the estimated cost of $1675.00. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Newbold to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting. A vote was answered aye by all present.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

We received the final payment on the industrial park.

CEMETERY

Chris Remick Superintendent of Public Works stated that he received a few complaints that mowing was being done late at night. He said he spoke with Steve Kinzinger who oversees cutting and told him he is not allowed to mow at night.

ORDINANCE

Nothing to report.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

The Tree Board will have a meeting on Wednesday April 19th @ 6:30 pm to finalize the activities for Arbor Day.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

Trustee Geppert stated that we may not have a siren due to the antenna falling during storm, they are working on the details. She also wanted to thank Devin Brown for all his help.

MARINA

A request was made to change the time on the pavilion contract from “All music must end by 7:00 pm to All music must end by 11:00 pm per Stan Sirtak’s request.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Newbold to approve the pavilion contract from “All music must end by 7:00 pm to All music must end by 11:00 pm per Stan Sirtak’s request. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

On the issue of Repair and Replacement of fire hydrants, it was stated that Doug was going to contact us with information on what other villages do.

The board entered executive session at 8:04 pm to discuss personnel and exited at 8:26 pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Newbold, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

 Joe Behnken, Village President

Amy Ohlendorf, Village Clerk