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, Kearns, Fitzgerald, Geppert and Feder. Also present were Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works and Andy Fauth, Village Treasurer.

VISITORS

Mark Schreder, Ed Marsh, Monica Gard, and Kevin Schmidt were present for observation.

READINGOF THE JOURNAL(MINUTES)

The minutes from the May 15, 2023, board meeting had been distributed for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2023, board meeting. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

 REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

A request was made by Mayor Behnken to swear in newly appointed ESDA coordinators Devin Brown and Arlene Geppert

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Feder to appoint and swear in ESDA coordinators Devin Brown and Arlene Geppert. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made by Mayor Behnken to move all our checking/savings accounts from Citizens Bank to Village Bank. We will leave the IDNR and Marina account open for another week or so.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Newbold to move our checking and savings accounts from Citizens Bank to Village Bank. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

VILLAGECLERK

The Deputy Clerk had nothing to report.

TREASURER’STIME

The Treasurer had nothing to report.

POLICECHIEF

Chief Buehler stated he has Ads placed to hire more police Officers on Facebook, New Athens Website, Freeburg Tribune, County Journal, SWIC Website and ILEAS website.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Chris Remick stated that the sewer project in front of Lehr’s that started last week, has had a lot of issues but they are working them out.

AMBULANCE SERVICE DIRECTOR

Director Green and Josh are reaching out to Donna Helton to discuss the location of the handicap sign.

A request was made by Mayor Behnken to approve the purchase of two cardiac Monitors from Washington County along with a warranty from Zoll for the ambulance service in the amount of $23,682.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch and Seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald to approve the purchase of two cardiac monitors from Washington County along with a warranty from Zoll for the ambulance service in the amount of $23,682.00. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

 REPORTOFSTANDINGCOMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

A request was made by resident Eugene Whaley that a stop sign be installed at the intersection of Elizabeth and Berthold.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald to have a stop sign installed at the intersection of Elizabeth and Berthold. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made by Resident Donna Helton to have a handicap sign installed near 101 South Market.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald to have two handicap signs installed on South Market. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

A request was made to approve the bills for audit.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Kearns to approve the bills for audit. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A roll call vote was made and answered aye by all members present to approve the bills for audit.

A request was made to approve the transfers as presented.

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

WATERANDSEWER

A request was made to approve Stephanie Zanders to tap into the village water line and she is to cover all expenses.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Politsch to allow Stephanie Zanders to tap into the village water line if approved by village engineers. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

PERSONNEL

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Nothing to report.

CEMETERY

Treasurer Andy Fauth stated that the VFW will fix up the monument at the cemetery.

ORDINANCE

Nothing to report.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

A request was made to approve the new design at the triangle at Van Buren-Benton by the Lions Club to do fresh landscaping.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve the new design for the entrance at the triangle at Van Buren and Benton by the Lions Club. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

Everyone stated they were against the idea of ambulance parking at our ambulance shed.

MARINA

A request was made to approve the 4th revision to the Stan Sirtak Pavillion Rental Contract to end the time from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. And change the date to one day Sunday July 23rd only.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve the revision of the Stan Sirtak Pavillion Rental Contract. A vote was answered aye by all members except Trustee Feder answered nay.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Kearns, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

 Joe Behnken, Village President

Amy Ohlendorf, Village Clerk