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 Trustee Kearns, Politsch, Newbold, and Feder. Also present was Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works. Trustee Geppert and Fitzgerald were absent.

VISITORS

Jason Bohannon, Justin Majzel, and Mark Schreder were here to observe. Village Attorney Van Lear Eckert was here to discuss Village Real Estate.

READINGOF THE JOURNAL(MINUTES)

The minutes from the Aug 7, 2023, board meeting had been distributed for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Kearns, to approve the minutes from the Aug 7, 2023, board meeting. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

The minutes from the Aug 24, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting had been distributed for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch and seconded by Trustee Kearns to approve the minutes from the Aug 24, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

A request was made by Mayor Behnken to make a motion to move 6.5 Public Property and Parks Ford/Tucker right-away dispute to section 3.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Politsch to move section 6.5.1 Ford Tucker dispute and 6.5.2 Executive Session Real Estate to section 3. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made by Mayor Behnken to move into executive session.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Politsch to move out of the regular session at 6:43 pm into executive session at 6:44 pm. A vote was answered aye by all present.

A request was made by Mayor Behnken to approve the treasurer’s report.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve the treasurer’s report. A vote was answered aye by all present.

A request was made by Mayor Behnken 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.

A request was made by Mayor Behnken to approve to have the New Athens Police Department participate in the Raceway.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Kearns to approve getting a proposal from Irby Water Solutions for solid-state ultrasonic meters and monitoring system. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

VILLAGECLERK

The Village Clerk discussed the duties of the cleaning lady, and it was agreed upon to add a few more areas for her to clean.

TREASURER’STIME

The Treasurer mentioned to the board that Tyler Liefer is still getting paid. He knew he left some time ago and wasn’t sure why he was still getting a paycheck. Andy also mentioned that he called Brian Otten to check on the treasurer’s reports he is submitting, and he said Brian didn’t care what type of report he prints out because he doesn’t use them. Attorney Van Lear told Andy that nothing is required so it was up to us as to what we want to use.

POLICECHIEF

Chief Buehler was not present, he asked mayor Behnken to present to the board approval for NAPD be able to participate in the Law Enforcement Parade at the racetrack on Aug 27th, it was agreed to let him move forward with this.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Annual water inspection was postponed due to a water main break we had in town, it has been rescheduled.

AMBULANCE SERVICE DIRECTOR

Josh reached out to a board member to have a committee of the whole meeting scheduled for Thursday Aug 24th at 6:30 to discuss the ambulance service.

REPORTOFSTANDINGCOMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Superintendent Chris Remick discussed he got a quote to repair the electrical outlets on the utility poles for Christmas decorations and it will be roughly $1000, and he will have them go ahead and get it repaired.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

Nothing to report.

WATERANDSEWER

A request was made to move forward with Irby to get more information from them on the new water meter proposal.

A motion was made by Trustee Kearns and seconded by Trustee Newbold to approve having Irby come out and present mor information to the board on the new water meters.

A vote was answered aye by all members present.

It was also mentioned that quite a few residents are concerned about the delivery of the water bills. We mail them in a timely manner, but the post office is a mess right now. We can try and remind residents by posting the due date on website.

PERSONNEL

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Nothing to report.

CEMETERY

A request was made to waive the enforcement of regulation size of monuments for John & Sheila Barrale because it has not been enforced in the past.

A motion was made by Trustee Kearns and seconded by Trustee Feder to waive the enforcement of regulation size of monuments for John & Sheila Barrale because it has not been enforced in the past. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

ORDINANCE

Trustee Politsch asked to get a copy of the ordinance violations and it was determined that she should not be able to have that information.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

A request was made to table the St. Clair County Park Grant, IDOT Safe Route to School Grant and Metro East Park & Recreation Grant.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Kearns to table the St. Clair County Park Grant, IDOT Safe Route to School Grant and Metro East Park & Recreation Grant. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

Nothing to report.

MARINA

Nothing to report.

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 9:00 pm. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Joe Behnken, Village President

Amy Ohlendorf, Village Clerk