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

Trustee Kearns was absent.

VISITORS

Jason Bohannon, Dode Kaiser, Jim Kaiser, Chris Birkner, Ron Birkner, Kate Renshaw, Jean Huth, Margo Hoffman, Becky Denbow, Eric Cook, Jerry & Sandy Cox, Dennis & Georgia Breiheupt, and Cindy Henderson all here to observe.

READINGOF THE JOURNAL(MINUTES)

The minutes from the Sept 5, 2023, board meeting had been distributed for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Geppert, to approve the minutes from the Sept 5, 2023, board meeting upon making two changes. 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 Newbold to approve the minutes from the Aug 24, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

The minutes from the Aug 28, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting had been distributed for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald to approve the minutes from the Aug 28, 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 6.2.1 Vote to accept 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Audit Report to section 3.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald to move 6.2.1 vote to accept 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Audit Report to section 3. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Feder 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 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 requested to close Village Hall on Sept 27th for IMRF webinar training.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald to close Village Hall on Sept 27th for IMRF webinar training. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

TREASURER’STIME

Nothing to Report.

POLICECHIEF

Chief Buehler stated that Officer Aaron Storie resigned as a full-time police officer and will stay on as a part-time officer.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

A request was made to hire a part-time public works employee.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Feder to approve hiring a part-time public works employee. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

AMBULANCE SERVICE DIRECTOR

Director Andrew Green stated that the ambulance service is shoring up the staffing issue and that they have about 5-6 new applicants.

 REPORTOFSTANDINGCOMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Nothing to report.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

A request to accept 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Audit Report.

A motion was made by Trustee Fitzgerald and seconded by Trustee Newbold to approve the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Audit Report. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

WATERANDSEWER

Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL

A request was made by Mayor Behnken to approve hiring part-time police officer Jason Berry to full-time.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Newbold to approve hiring

part-time police officer Jason Berry to full-time. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

A request was made to waive liquor license fees for the NAFD Fall festival activities.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve waiving the liquor license fees for the NAFD Fall festival activities. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

CEMETERY

Nothing to report.

ORDINANCE

A request was made to have the Village Clerk make copies of the first 24 pages of the new ordinances for everyone.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

A request was made to table the St. Clair County Park Grant.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Kearns to table the St. Clair County Park 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

A request was made by Mayor Behnken to pass Resolution making Joe and Steve Newbold to be authorized persons with First National Bank of Waterloo.

A motion was made by Trustee Fitzgerald and seconded by Trustee Newbold to Make Joe and Steve Newbold to be authorized persons with First National Bank of Waterloo.

A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A roll call vote was answered yes by all members present to make Joe Behnken and Steve Newbold authorized persons with First National Bank of Waterloo.

A request was made by Mayor Behnken to approve the Wage Resolution for Ambulance.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch and seconded by Trustee Newbold to approve the Wage Resolution for Ambulance. A vote was answered by all members present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Geppert and seconded by Trustee Newbold, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

 Joe Behnken, Village President

Amy Ohlendorf, Village Clerk