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, Geppert, Fitzgerald and Newbold. Also present were Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works, Tim Buehler, Chief of Police and Officer Jason Berry.

VISITORS

Mark Schreder, Matt Ridlen, Rich Stoops, Chris Talley, Jason Bohannon and Ed Cockrell, Sr.

Chris Talley said she would like to speak during the Unfinished Business section.

READING THE JOURNAL(MINUTES)

The minutes from the April 7, 2025, Regular Board Meeting was presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

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

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

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Mayor Behnken had nothing at this time.

VILLAGECLERK

Nancy stated that the autopay module for L.O.C.I.S. will cost $1,000.00 to get set-up and then $129.00 per year thereafter.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to approve the Autopay module for L.O.C.I.S. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

TREASURER’STIME

The Treasurer was not present, but the Treasurer’s monthly report was distributed to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Newbold, to approve the monthly Treasurer’s Report as submitted. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

POLICECHIEF

Chief Buehler noted that the activity log for the first half of the month has been submitted.

The Chief also noted that the section of the ordinance book regarding derelict vehicles is no longer in the book. He stated that he contacted CivicPlus, and they told him it will be added in the May supplement.

The new code mentions impounded/towing fees that the department has not been issuing. The Chief contacted the Village Attorney, and he said a hearing must be held each month that there are towing fees and that he would be attending those meetings. Trustee Feder stated that it could be discussed further at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting. Chief Buehler noted that this has already been approved by the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Chris Remick stated that he reviewed the applications for part-time summer help. He recommended hiring Caleb Crider for the position.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, to hire Caleb Crider for the part-time summer position. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTOFSTANDINGCOMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Nothing to report.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

Nothing to report.

WATERANDSEWER

Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Nothing to report.

CEMETERY

Trustee Newbold mentioned that the mowing has started in the cemeteries.

ORDINANCE

Nothing to report.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Trustee Politsch mentioned that Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 26th. She said trees will be distributed at the school. There are no other activities lined up for the day except for electronic recycling.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

Nothing to report.

MARINA

Remick noted that the campground has been cleaned up from the flooding and the campers are starting to come back.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chris Talley spoke to the Board regarding a manufactured home that she is wanting to place on her property at 601 S. Elizabeth St. It was brought up to vote tonight. Mayor Behnken stated that it is not legal to vote on this as it was not on the agenda. He suggested that if the Board wishes to vote on the matter, they should do it at the May 5th annual meeting. He stated that he does not want to be a part of this as the ordinance states it is not allowed, and the Village Attorney has advised against it.

Ed Cockrell spoke his opinion on the issue and stated that multiple municipalities have been sued for not respecting the Fair Housing Act.

It was noted that the Board would discuss further at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting or wait until the May 5th annual meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Geppert, seconded by Trustee Kearns, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

 Joe Behnken, Village President

Nancy Ritter, Village Clerk