6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Newbold. A roll call was answered aye by Trustees Feder, Kearns, Stoops, Geppert, and Heinecke. Trustee Fitzgerald was absent. Also present were Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works, and Tim Buehler, Chief of Police.

VISITORS

Tom Kramper and Chris Talley

Kramper and Talley were both present regarding water issues on their properties after the hard rains. Mayor Newbold advised both that the Board will discuss this matter at the next Committee of the Whole meeting to see if they can find a solution to the problem.

READING THE JOURNAL(MINUTES)

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

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

The minutes from the June 23, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting were presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Stoops, to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Mayor Newbold mentioned that he met with representatives from the St. Clair Sherriff’s Department and others to discuss funding for police assistance from the Sherriff’s department. There was a second meeting with Mark Kern from the St. Clair County Board. After their discussion Newbold stated that New Athens would not need this due to us having a full-time police department.

VILLAGECLERK

The Clerk had nothing to report.

TREASURER’STIME

The Treasurer presented the Board with the June Treasurer’s report.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Heinecke, to approve the June Treasurer’s report. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

POLICECHIEF

Chief Buehler submitted the activity log for the first half of July.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Chris Remick stated that he would like to rent the ‘man lift’ again this fall for more tree trimming.

Remick met with a representative from the Illinois EPA for the annual inspection. He stated that there were no clear violations but some recommendations will be made. A few of the things mentioned were to have a water budget and a permit for the campground.

The monitor by the Bull Pen was not working. Remick said he will check into ordering a different one.

REPORTOFSTANDINGCOMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Nothing to report.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

Mayor Newbold and Treasurer Fauth both stated that, if the Board wishes, they will start the process of closing some of the accounts with Fidelity.

Fauth noted that there are a few of the CD’s that will not mature until 2026 and 2027. He said we could either leave them there or close out and lose the interest.

It was discussed to close the Fidelity accounts, except for the CD’s, and put the rest of the funds in the accounts at the First National Bank of Waterloo. Mayor Newbold suggested putting $250,000 into a CD at First National Bank of Waterloo and $250,000 into a CD at Citizens Bank.

A motion was made by Trustee Kearns, seconded by Trustee Feder, to close the Fidelity accounts, except for the CD’s and put the remaining funds in our accounts at First National Bank of Waterloo then put $250,000 into a CD at First National Bank of Waterloo and $250,000 into a CD at Citizens Bank. A roll call vote was answered aye by all members present.

WATERANDSEWER

Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Edwin Cockrell, Jr. had previously requested the use of the city park on N. Johnson St. for four Fridays in October. He would like to have food trucks and movies.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Stoops, to allow Edwin Cockrell, Jr. to use the city park on N. Johnson St. for four Fridays in October for movie nights and food trucks, with the understanding that Cockrell will be responsible for the cost of the activities mentioned in his request as well as the clean-up after each event and provide the Village with liability insurance. The Village will waive the park permit and fees. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

It was noted that at the last board meeting, Blomenkamp’s bid for the demolition of 1105 S. Mill St., was approved but he has since declined as his bid did not cover asbestos testing. The other bid received was from Wm. Wachtel in the amount of $13,500.

A motion was made by Trustee Stoops, seconded by Trustee Kearns, to approve the bid from Wm. Wachtel in the amount of $13,500 for the demolition of 1105 S. Mill St. A vote was answered aye by all members present, except for Trustee Feder, who abstained from voting.

It was reported that 502 S. Johnson is now owned by the Village. The judicial deed was received last week. Mayor Newbold suggested that Remick get a bid from Wachtel to demolish this property as well.

CEMETERY

Nothing to report.

ORDINANCE

Nothing to report.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

Nothing to report.

MARINA

Remick received some quotes from Total Eclipse on signs advertising the campgrounds.

A 4’ x 8’ metal sign would cost $350 and a 5’ x 10’ metal sign would cost $600.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Stoops, to approve the purchase of a 5’ x 10’ metal sign for advertising the campground from Total Eclipse in the amount of $600. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

The annual appropriation ordinance was prepared for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Geppert, seconded by Trustee Heinecke, to approve ORDINANCE 2025-01, regarding the annual appropriations. A roll call vote was answered aye by all members present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Newbold noted that he has contacted Chuck Kelly from MedStar Ambulance, regarding a bid for the ambulances. At this time, he has not responded back.

Trustee Geppert said she will be in contact with someone from the fire department to see if they have an agreement ready for fire hydrants.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Stoops, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

 Steve Newbold, Village President

Nancy Ritter, Village Clerk