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, Heinecke, and Geppert. Trustees Fitzgerald and Stoops were absent. Also present were Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works, and Tim Buehler, Chief of Police.

VISITORS

Bill Dachsteiner, Tom Kramper, Edd Cockrell, Jr., Carly Petri, Ryan Andres, Jay Patel, Brian Otten, and Alex Birchler

Bill Dachsteiner was present to request a new culvert be installed in front of his house at 402 S. Market St. He is requesting the fee be waived and the village employees install. It was mentioned to discuss this matter further at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on August 25th.

Tom Kramper asked if anything has been discussed regarding the sewer backup on Mari Ln. Superintendent Remick stated that he had put the camera through that line and everything was fine. Remick noted that the manhole has been sealed and thinks that will help.

Carly Petri and Ryan Andres wanted to know if the property they have for sale on Van Buren St. would be zoned to put a manufactured home there. They stated that they have a potential buyer contingent on if they can place a manufactured home on the lot. Mayor Newbold said that we are waiting for the attorney’s approval to change the current ordinance where manufactured homes would be allowable. He asked if the potential buyer could get the Board a set of plans or photos of what they are wanting to place there.

Jay Patel was present regarding the old laundromat. He said things should start moving in a month or so. The builders are waiting for the washer and dryer company to get dimensions for them.

The Clerk stated that there is one more liquor license available for gaming. She asked the Board if she should set that aside for Jay since he has already filled out the paperwork for that license. It was decided that it should be held back for him.

Brian Otten and Alex Birchler, from Scheffel Boyle, were present to review the annual audit report.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Heinecke, to accept the annual audit report from Scheffel Boyle. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

READING THE JOURNAL(MINUTES)

The minutes from the July 21, 2025, Regular Board Meeting was presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Geppert, seconded by Trustee Heinecke, to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Mayor Newbold mentioned that Representatives Kevin Schmidt and David Friess will be hosting a meeting at the Community Hall on August 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

VILLAGECLERK

The Clerk had nothing to report.

TREASURER’STIME

The Treasurer had nothing to report.

POLICECHIEF

Chief Buehler submitted the activity log for July and activity report for the year to date.

Buehler noted that the Marissa Chief of Police is requesting officers for the Marissa Coal Festival on August 8th and 9th. There were some concerns over liability/workers comp issues and our schedule not being full for the month. Buehler noted that Marissa will pay the officers directly.

A motion was made by Trustee Geppert, seconded by Trustee Feder, to authorize New Athens Police Officers to sign up for assisting Marissa Police Department with the Marissa Coal Festival. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Chris Remick mentioned that his department did the annual road oil and chip project today.

REPORTOFSTANDINGCOMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Nothing to report.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

The monthly bills were presented to the Audit Committee for review and approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Heinecke, to approve the monthly bills as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

WATERANDSEWER

Trustee Kearns suggested the Board discuss the water drainage issue at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting on August 25th.

It was mentioned that the Village might need to raise the water rates due to Kaskaskia Water District raising their rates. Mayor Newbold said this should be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting on August 25th.

PERSONNEL

Mayor Newbold noted that Jessical Weidemann has resigned. It was requested that the Board discuss this position at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on August 25th.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

The Board received a quote from Wm Wachtel for the demolition of 502 S. Johnson St. The quote is $14,575.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Kearns, seconded by Trustee Geppert, to accept Wm Wachtel’s bid for demolishing the house at 502 S. Johnson St.in the amount of $14,575. A vote was answered aye by all members present, except for Trustee Feder, who abstained from voting.

CEMETERY

Nothing to report.

ORDINANCE

Nothing to report.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Trustee Stoops is working on the Ameren Tree Grant for New Athens School.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

Nothing to report.

MARINA

The Board went over some of the reviews for the campground. It was mentioned that there are areas that need improvement.

There was a discussion about the funds in the campground account. Remick noted that there are some things that will need attention down there, such as the lift station. Mayor Newbold said he will discuss with Representatives Schmidt and Friess on the 12th, possible grants for things like that.

The Board discussed taking $50,000 from the campground account and putting it in a CD.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Heinecke, to take $50,000 from the campground fund and put it into a CD. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Geppert, seconded by Trustee Kearns, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

 Steve Newbold, Village President

Nancy Ritter, Village Clerk