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, Stoops, Geppert, Heinecke, Kearns and Fitzgerald. Also, present were Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works, Andy Fauth, Village Treasurer and Tim Buehler, Chief of Police.

VISITORS

Bill Wilson, Ron Locke, Linda Locke, Bob Messier, Mark Schreder, Joe Behnken, Gregory Hoeffken, Terry Johnson, Jr., Russ Mathis, and Mary Jo Nuernberger.

Terry Johnson, Jr., and Gregory Hoeffken were present to discuss the Boy Scouts using Okaw Valley Park for their jamboree on October 17th, 18th and 19th.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Stoops, to approve the Boy Scouts using Okaw Valley Park for their jamboree on October 17th, 18th and 19th. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

There was a discussion regarding the MR-1 zoning code. Russ Mathis said he spoke with St. Clair County, and they said they do not allow anything to be built under nine hundred square feet.

The subject changed to allowing manufactured homes throughout the village. Mayor Newbold said the attorney is working on the manufactured home ordinance.

Joe Behnken brought up the ordinance on the agenda regarding the water rate increase. He said the Village should be raising the rates across the board, not just on the water. He proposed the board raise all rates by 10.5%.

READING THE JOURNAL(MINUTES)

The minutes from the August 18, 2025, Regular Board Meeting was presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Stoops, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

The minutes from the August 25, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting was presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Stoops, to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Mayor Newbold stated that the MFT account was running low and a larger payment was coming through so the Clerk transferred $10,000 from the General account to the MFT account.

A motion was made by Trustee Heinecke, seconded by Trustee Feder, to approve the transfer of $10,000 from the General account to the MFT account to cover expenses. A roll call vote was answered aye by all members present.

Newbold mentioned that he spoke with the Village attorney regarding the ordinance for manufactured homes and he is still working on it.

Newbold also mentioned that the high school students painted some of the fire hydrants in town on September 11th as a service project.

VILLAGECLERK

The Clerk received a request from the high school to purchase an ad in the yearbook. She noted that in the past the Board approved the $30 ad.

A motion was made by Trustee Geppert, seconded by Trustee Stoops, to approve the $30 ad for the high school yearbook. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

TREASURER’STIME

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

A motion was made by Trustee Stoops, seconded by Trustee Geppert, to approve the August Treasurer’s report. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

POLICECHIEF

Chief Buehler submitted the activity log for August as well as the first half of September.

Buehler noted that Officer Jason Berry received two awards from the Alliance Against Drunk Drivers due to the DUI’s he has written.

Buehler also noted that the Village should receive monies from the DTU sometime soon.

Chief was previously asked to see if there were any discounts if all three tough books needed were purchased at the same time. He received a quote of $15,101.00 if all three were purchased together.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Heinecke, to approve the purchase of three tough books from CDS Office Technologies in the amount of $15,101.00. A roll call vote was answered aye by all members present.

Buehler noted that two of the squad cars need in-car cameras. He stated that Marissa has two that they have not really used and will sell them for $500.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Fitzagerald, seconded by Trustee Stoops, to approve the purchase of two in-car cameras from the Marissa Police Department in the amount of $500.00. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Buehler noted that the wiring for the in-car cameras would need to be done. He received a quote from 10-8 Video in the amount of $568.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Stoops, to approve 10-8 Video to do the wiring for the two in-car cameras in the amount of $568.00. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Superintendent Remick noted that the houses at 1105 S. Mill St. and 502 S. Johnson St are down.

Remick also noted that there was a water break in front of the old US Bank building, which was a 20,000 to 30,000 gallons loss.

There was previously a bid from Pittsburgh Tank for repairs to the water tower. Remick stated that the cost has gone up as the individual costs on the quote sheet was only if all items were to be fixed, not just a few. It was decided to hold off on this for a while.

REPORTOFSTANDINGCOMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Nothing to report.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

Nothing to report.

WATERANDSEWER

Chris Remick had previously received a quote from Vandevanter Engineering on the repairs needed for the lift station but will get another quote from Cardinal Pump before bringing it back to the Board.

PERSONNEL

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Nothing to report.

CEMETERY

Nothing to report.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance 2025-02 was presented regarding an increase in the water rates. The Village is requesting to increase the water rates only due to Kaskaskia Water District raising the Village’s rate by $.50.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Stoops, to approve Ordinance 2025-02, increasing the water rates by $.50. A roll call vote was answered aye by all members present, except for Trustee Fitzgerald, who voted nay.

There was a brief discussion regarding ordinance 2004-04, establishing a zoning district of MR-1. It was decided to review this with Municode and the village attorney.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Trustee Stoops noted that he will be meeting with Chris Remick this week to go over uses for the St. Clair County Park Grant. They would like to oil & chip the parking lot at the city park as well as other spots.

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.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Stoops, seconded by Trustee Heinecke, to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

 Steve Newbold, Village President

Nancy Ritter, Village Clerk