

7:30 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 Wilson, Feder, Newbold, Geppert and Politsch. Hamon was absent. Sandy Stolte, Treasurer, Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works, and Chief Leo Simburger were also present.

**VISITORS**

Mark Schreder and Tom Klopmeier

Tom Klopmeier was present to check on the status of the drainage ditch in back of his house on Mari Lane.

**READING OF THE JOURNAL (MINUTES)**

Trustee Newbold made a motion, seconded by Trustee Feder to accept the minutes as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

**MAYOR**

Mayor Behnken suggested to raise the trash to \$17.53 due to Reliable raising the rate.

Trustee Newbold made a motion, seconded by Politsch to raise the trash rate to \$17.53 per month starting with the October billing. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Mayor Behnken discussed the details of a tax levy hearing to be held October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**VILLAGE CLERK**

The clerk noted CompuType is recommending a separate appliance back up system which would allow an immediate recovery process if a failure would happen. The cost would be an additional \$50 per month. No action will be taken at this time.

**TREASURERS TIME**

Mayor Behnken presented the revised annual treasurers report and it was discussed to have the mayor sign the report as mayor.

Trustee Newbold made a motion, seconded by Feder to approve Mayor Behnken sign the annual treasurer report as mayor. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Trustee Newbold made a motion, seconded by Geppert to approve the annual treasurers report. All voting aye, the motion carried.

**POLICE CHIEF**

Chief Simburger reported Branden Watt has taken a full-time position for the Steelville police department. It was also noted we finally received the \$2,000 reimbursement for Corey Krauss's part-time academy class back in 2019.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS**

Chris Remick had nothing new to report.

**AMBULANCE SERVICE DIRECTOR**

Andrew Green was not present.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Streets and Alleys**

Nothing new to report.

**Finance and Audit**

Trustee Newbold reported the committee met and reviewed the bills.

Trustee Newbold made a motion, seconded by Trustee Wilson to pay the bills as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

**Water and Sewer**

Trustee Feder reported we are going to get bids for having a company replace the storm sewer on Market Street and compare the cost with village workers fixing it.

**Personnel, Public Safety/ADA**

Trustee Politsch reported the committee met September 27<sup>th</sup> regarding 209 North East Street and the condition of the laundry mat.

Trustee Politsch noted the committee also met September 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the ambulance service. The committee will meet again with Medstar and discuss looking for way to staff the service.

A quote was received to install a new garage door for \$6,660 since the other one was damaged. The door was ordered and will take five to six months to get. Jerrys in Freeburg quoted \$603.44 of damage done to the new ambulance when the garage door shut on the ambulance while it was exiting the shed.

Trustee Politsch made a motion, seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the purchase of a garage door from Electro Door for \$6,660. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Trustee Politsch made a motion, seconded by Trustee Newbold to approve the repair of the new ambulance by Jerrys Truck Service for \$603.44. All voting aye, the motion carried.

**Public Property and Parks**

Trustee Politsch is working with the library on an American Walks Grant partnership to allow the library to use the park.

Trustee Politsch made a motion, seconded by Trustee Newbold to enter into a partnership with the New Athens District Library and the American Walk Grant. All voting aye, the motion carried.

**Cemetery**

Trustee Newbold reported vandalism at the old cemetery on a monument. Steve Ritter cleaned off as much as he could with the chemicals he has. Steve to turn in a bill. Weiss Monument Company will clean off the vandalized area for \$175 or clean the whole stone for \$325. Chief noted they have three suspects: 12-year-old, 13-year-old and 14-year-old females.

Trustee Newbold made a motion, seconded by Trustee Feder to approve Weiss Monument Company refurbish the damaged monument at the cemetery. All voting aye, the motion carried.

**Improvements and Grants**

Trustee Politsch noted the park grant is signed and ready to go. This is a reimbursement grant.

**Ordinances**

Nothing new report.

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Nothing to report.

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS, AND ORDINANCES**

Nothing to report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chief Simburger noted the last boat at the marina sold and the buyer has the title. If everything goes well the boat will be gone in a week.

Chris Remick met with Ameren regarding the electric at the marina and was told since the electric has been disconnected it has to start like being brand new. Remick will get a price on everything.

Trustee Politsch is working on the sidewalk grant and is checking how the grant money can be used as well as checking other options.

Trustee Newbold said 57 booster shots and 2 new vaccines were given during the first clinic. The next clinic is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Behnken is working on insurance quote from RMA.

Trustee Feder will meet with Stan Sirtak October 9<sup>th</sup> at the old River house.

Chris Remick started the preventative maintenance plan cleaning the sewer lines.

Trustee Feder to talk with the owners of the laundry mat.

Mayor Behnken is working on employee health insurance quotes.

Trustee Feder made a motion; seconded by Trustee Newbold to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Michelle Neff Village Clerk  
Joe Behnken Village President