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7:30 p.m. The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Klein, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was answered aye by Wilson, Ruhmann, Geppert, Boden, Hamon and Newbold. Tyler Liefer, Attorney Dennis and Chief Simburger were also present. Andrew Green was present via telephone conference call.

The board reviewed the minutes from the December 21st board meeting.

Trustee Newbold made a motion; seconded by Trustee Boden to approve the board minutes as presented. A vote was answered aye by Wilson, Newbold, Hamon, Ruhmann, Boden and Geppert.

**VISITORS**

Debby Politsch, Mark Schreder and Kyle Wetzel

**FINANCE & AUDIT**

The audit committee reviewed the bills.

Trustee Newbold made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hamon to pay the audit bills as presented. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Geppert, Boden, Newbold and Wilson.

**WATER & SEWER**

Attorney Dennis reported on the 304 North East Street sewer back up claim. The owners' insurance is demanding payment from the Village. The Village's insurance already made the decision they were not paying on the claim. The clerk to send the demand letter from the residents' insurance to the Village's insurance to let them handle it.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**

Trustee Geppert noted Mari Lane was flooded with the last heavy rain we had. Tyler Liefer said the drains were cleaned before the rain, but the heavy rain had them clogged up with debris.

Tyler Liefer has not heard back regarding the DECO grant for Spotsylvania Street. Tyler to keep contacting them until we hear something.

**CEMETERY**

Tyler Liefer asked the board about contracting the mowing and trimming at the cemetery. He said it is getting harder to find people each summer. Tyler will see how much it costs the Village employees to mow it and bring to the committee for further discussion.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY & PARK**

The lots behind the motorcycle shop were discussed; the owner has interest in purchasing partial lots. Attorney Dennis said the lots would have to be subdivided, need a new legal description and that could be expensive. Attorney Dennis will check into and report back to the board.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & ADA**

Trustee Geppert reported there was no new information on the active 911 system at this time.

**POLICE**

Nothing new to report

**PERSONNEL**

Nothing new to report.

**IMPROVEMENTS & GRANTS**

Nothing new to report.

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**ORDINANCE REVIEW**

Nothing new to report.

**TREASURERS TIME**

Nothing new to report.

**CLERKS TIME**

Michelle Neff noted she was able to contact the person that originally created the Village's web page and he is working on it. It was stated it was very out of date and he will need to start over, using WordPress.

**MAYOR'S TIME**

Mayor Klein thanked Attorney Dennis for an outstanding job throughout the year.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Attorney Dennis reported a brief was filed in the appellate court December 16<sup>th</sup>. The Smith's reply is due January 16<sup>th</sup>. The Village is in possession of the campground and the committee should work on a plan on how to manage it this spring. Chief Simburger noted there are four boats sitting in the water in the covered slips. Chief to send them a letter to have them removed or will start charging storage fee.

Attorney Dennis said the lots behind Wetzel Automotive has been advertised to accept bids as well as the house on East Street. The bids will be opened during the next board meeting.

Michelle noted an invoice was received for the TIF annual joint review board meeting that was held last quarter.

Trustee Boden made a motion; seconded by Trustee Hamon to pay the invoice from Moran Economic Development for \$570 for the annual joint review board meeting. A vote was answered aye by Ruhmann, Hamon, Geppert, Boden, Newbold and Wilson.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Michelle Neff  
Village Clerk

Richard Klein  
Village President