Trustees John Feder, Richard Fitzgerald and Gary Kearns were all sworn in for their four-year term as board members.

6:30 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 Trustees Newbold, Politsch, Kearns, Fitzgerald, Geppert and Feder. Also present were Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works and Andy Fauth, Village Treasurer.

VISITORS

Devin Brown, Brad Van Hoose, Gail Jean Edwards, Donna Helton, Matt Ridlen, April Thrift, Ann Hohenstreet, Vernon Hohenstreet, Eileen Wetzel, Jeff Wetzel, and Terry Politsch were present for observation.

READINGOF THE JOURNAL(MINUTES)

The minutes from the April 17, 2023, board meeting had been distributed for approval. There was one spelling error noted and it was stated to put the name of the person who is making any request.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Geppert, to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023, board meeting with the noted correction. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

A request was made by Trustee Politsch to review all executive session minutes, it was brought to her attention that this is something that is supposed to be done. A discussion was made on how to move forward on this, it was decided to gather the executive session minutes and get each board member copies to view at an agreed date of a COW meeting and then will be voted on at the next board meeting after that.

VILLAGECLERK

The Deputy Clerk had nothing to report.

TREASURER’STIME

A request was made by Mayor Behnken to approve the March 2023 treasurer’s report.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, to approve the March 2023 treasurer’s report. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

POLICECHIEF

Chief Simburger was not present.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Chris Remick stated that the campgrounds were on track to open whenever we would like.

AMBULANCE SERVICE DIRECTOR

Director Green was not present.

REPORTOFSTANDINGCOMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

A request was made by Trustee Geppert to approve the radio purchase from Warner Communications for five portable radios at a cost of $1275.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Geppert, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to approve the purchase of five portable radios. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

The Audit Committee reviewed the monthly bills and recommended they be approved as presented.

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

A request was made to approve the transfer request from Ambulance Checking to General Checking in the amount of $43,037.12.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to transfer the funds in the amount of $43037.12 from the Ambulance checking to the General Checking.

Payment was from DCEO for our sidewalk grant. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

WATERANDSEWER

Discussion was made to approve the process to get appropriate bids to either repair or replace the collapsed storm sewer line on Market St.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Newbold, to move forward with getting bids to either repair or replace the collapsed storm sewer line on Market St. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Trustee Kearns mentioned that a resident Stephanie Zanders contacted him about a water issue with her wells. Ms. Zanders said she would be willing to pay for all the engineering and the installation of the water main to get water out to her house, which in turn we would gain all the houses/customers out that way. It will be added to the COW agenda.

PERSONNEL

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Nothing to report.

CEMETERY

Nothing to report.

ORDINANCE

A request was made by Mayor Behnken to approve the Broadband Certification Ordinance.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Kearns to pass the Broadband Certification Ordinance. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch and seconded by Trustee Feder to table the Wage Revision Resolution vote until further discussion can be made in executive session. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made by Mayor Behnken to increase the cemetery fees by 6%

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Geppert to increase the cemetery fees by 6%. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Trustee Politsch mentioned that it was recommended that we turn over the issue regarding the current standings of the property at 1105 S Mill St. to the attorney. Mayor Behnken said he would contact attorney Van Leer Eckert.

Also, Trustee Politsch mentioned that we were contacted by a resident regarding the overgrown grass, vines and fallen down tree at the property 102 S Market. We are going to look into it and see what can be done.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

Nothing to report.

MARINA

A request was made to approve the Rover Pass Proposal to be used for the Campsite Rental.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Newbold to approve the Rover Pass Proposal for the Campsite rentals. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Trustee Feder requested that we block off the following dates July 23rd and Sept 30th at the campgrounds so he could bring in some bands. He would also like to know how much the Village would charge him to rent a couple of campsites to have this event. It will be further discussed at the next COW meeting.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch and seconded by Trustee Feder to move the meeting to executive session at 7:39 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A motion was made by Trustee Fitzgerald and seconded by Trustee Feder to move out of executive session @ 8:30 pm. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A motion was made by Trustee Fitzgerald and Seconded by Trustee Kearns to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Joe Behnken, Village President

Amy Ohlendorf, Village Clerk