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 and Fitzgerald. Trustee Kearns was absent. Also present were Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works, and Tim Buehler, Chief of Police.

VISITORS

Edwin Cockrell, Jr., Krissy Duffie, Tyler Duffie and Jay Patel

Edwin Cockrell, Jr., was present to update the Board on the park events in October. He will forward insurance information when it comes, and he will get with Chris Remick to discuss the bathrooms, stage, and electricity. He said the back-up plan if the weather is bad will be to use the Community Building.

Krissy Duffie was present to discuss the lot at 505 S. Van Buren St. She is interested in purchasing the lot if she can put a manufactured home there. It was noted that the ordinance has not been officially changed to allow this but is in the works. The Board will discuss it further at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

READING THE JOURNAL(MINUTES)

The minutes from the August 4, 2025, Regular Board Meeting was presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Stoops, seconded by Trustee Heinecke, to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

The minutes from the July 28, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting was presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Stoops, seconded by Trustee Heinecke, to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Mayor Newbold attended the meeting at the Community Hall where State Representatives David Freiss and Kevin Schmidt met with the public. He said he talked to them about the difficulties of getting certain grants that require lower income households. They were not aware of this and did not really know much about those grants.

Newbold said he and Gary Kearns, along with Chris Remick met with John Poetker with JLP Development, to discuss a development for senior citizens that he wants to build in Hidden Lake Estates. He will be at the next Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss with the Board.

Newbold also mentioned that the process of transferring funds from Fidelity has started. He will be looking into getting the CDs soon.

VILLAGECLERK

The Clerk noted that the Autopay system for the utility bills still has some kinks. A representative from the Illinois Treasurer’s office said they are hoping they can get it going this week.

Trustee Fitzgerald mentioned using L.O.C.I.S. to manage this and the Clerk advised that we checked into that before and it was too expensive. Going through the Illinois Treasurer’s office is free.

TREASURER’STIME

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

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

POLICECHIEF

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

Buehler received a quote for a new laptop computer for one of the squad cars. Compu-type said they need to be updated. The price for one is $5,066.00. He said they will need three, but since they are so expensive he will order one at a time. Trustee Feder asked if there was a lower price for purchasing all three at the same time. Buehler said he will check on that and bring it back to the Board at the next regular meeting.

Chief Buehler said he will lose two part-time officers soon and has one applicant. He said the applicant has the full-time academy. The Board was okay with Buehler moving forward with a background check and will discuss the applicant at a future meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Superintendent Remick stated that there was a watermain break last week and we lost between 30,000 to 40,000 gallons. There is also a small leak on S. Elizabeth at Belsha St. that will be dug up tomorrow.

REPORTOFSTANDINGCOMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Nothing to report.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

Nothing to report.

WATERANDSEWER

The Board discussed some of the issues with the water tower. Remick received a list of deficiencies from Pittsburgh Tank. It was advised to do a few of the items on the list. It was discussed to do the following: install flapper valve at $1,810.00, post a ‘Confined Space Entry’ sign on base cone door for $100.00 and replace roof vent with a vacuum pressure, frost proof vent and screen in the amount of $5,760.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Stoops to authorize three of the items on the list of water tower repairs from Pittsburgh Tank in the amount of $7,670.00 total. A roll call vote was answered aye by all members present.

PERSONNEL

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Nothing to report.

CEMETERY

Nothing to report.

ORDINANCE

Nothing to report.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Trustee Stoops noted that he submitted the Ameren grant. He said he has not heard anything back yet, but it could take four to six weeks.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

Nothing to report.

MARINA

Superintendent Remick said the lift station at the campground will need to be replaced. Remick was advised to get a quote for the lift station, and the Board will discuss it further at the next committee of the whole meeting.

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 Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Stoops, to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

 Steve Newbold, Village President

Nancy Ritter, Village Clerk