Village of New Athens

Committee of the Whole Meeting

09/22/2025

6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Arlene Geppert. Those in attendance were Gary Kearns, John Feder, Rich Stoops, Steve Newbold, and Richard Fitzgerald. Nancy Ritter, Village Clerk were also in attendance.

**Visitors**

Edwin Cockrell, Jr.

Cockrell was present regarding the food truck Fridays at the park. He wants to meet with Chris Remick to go over the bathrooms, electric, and barricades.

**Streets and Alleys** – Nothing to discuss.

**Finance and Audit** – Nothing to discuss.

**Water and Sewer** – Nancy advised the Board that the autopay system is not working, and she has reached out to LOCIS to see what they can offer. They sent a quote of $1,000 for the set-up and $197 per year thereafter. She will double-check with them to see how complicated this would be and if everything checks out good will put on agenda for the next board meeting.

**Personnel** – The Board discussed going into executive session towards the end of the meeting to go over the resumes for the office position and to discuss comp time.

**Public Property and Parks** – Nothing to discuss.

**Cemetery** – Nothing to discuss.

**Ordinance –** Mayor Newbold said the attorney still has not finished the ordinance regarding manufactured homes. Trustee Feder advised that there are two people waiting for this to go through. He suggests they order their homes anyway.

**Improvement and Grants** – Trustee Stoops said that he and Chris Remick are putting together data for the park grant.

**Public Safety** – Nothing to discuss.

**Marina** – Mayor Newbold noted that Stan Sirtak reached out to him about doing some concert series at the campground. The consensus of the Board was not to do anything at this time.

**Other Business** – The Board recommended the Clerk advertise for bids for the two properties that were recently demolished, 1105 S. Mill St. and 502 S. Johnson St. It was said to put in the Freeburg Tribune, on the Village’s website and on the front door of Village Hall. Mayor Newbold stated that he could put on Facebook as well.

The meeting entered executive session at 7:10 p.m.

The meeting returned to regular session at 7:46 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

 Arlene Geppert

 Vice President

 Nancy Ritter

 Village Clerk