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

VISITORS

Ron Locke, Linda Locke, Bob Messier, Jane Behnken, Joe Behnken, Bob Koch, Ed Toedte, Russ Mathis, Jordan Womack, Mindy Vielweber, Kelly Brandenburger, Nicole Walker, Arek Rader, Mary Rousan, Frank Rousan, Mark Schneidewind, Anita Schneidewind, Laurie Ragland, Leann Ozier, Judy Newman, Jerry Phillips and Mary Jo Nuernberger.

Ron Locke presented the Board with a petition regarding the proposed senior living homes in Hidden Lake Estates. He stated that they received over two hundred signatures.

Mary Jo Nuernberger asked for a follow-up on the proposed ordinance changes. Mayor Newbold advised that the ordinances listed on the agenda are going to be tabled.

Robert Messier gave a brief history regarding his move to this community.

Russ Mathis was concerned that JLP are not being transparent about the project.

Joe Behnken advised that the public hearing needs to be published. Mayor Newbold said it will be in the Belleville News Democrat.

Bob Koch stated that he would like to start a community garden. Does not know where yet but just bringing that to the Board’s attention as CESNA does not have fresh produce.

Jordan Womack was present regarding issues with his building permit for the home he is constructing in Hidden Lake Estates. He was upset because he had been made to stop work due to expired permits. Mayor Newbold advised that he would not discuss this matter with him since the case will be going to court.

READING THE JOURNAL(MINUTES)

The minutes from the September 15, 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 September 15, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Mayor Newbold thanked Ed Cockrell, Jr. for the Food Truck Fridays and movie event. The event was a success.

Newbold stated that Jay Patel is going to pay for the paint and supplies that were used for the high school service project on September 11th. The supplies were used to paint the fire hydrants in town. The bill from Hi-Way Lumber was approximately $600.00.

VILLAGECLERK

The Clerk stated that it was recommended to use the direct deposit nodule from L.O.C.I.S. to make automatic utility payments. The state version was not working for our system.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Stoops, to approve the Direct Deposit nodule from L.O.C.I.S. in the amount of $1,000.00. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

TREASURER’STIME

The Treasurer was not present.

POLICECHIEF

Chief Buehler submitted the activity log for September. He noted that the new camera and computers are being installed as they are received.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Superintendent Remick stated that his department fixed a water break on Hughes St. He thinks this might be the problem that the ditch by the triangle always had water sitting it. He estimated that we lost ten thousand gallons from this.

REPORTOFSTANDINGCOMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Nothing to report.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

The Audit Committee met prior to this meeting to review the monthly bills.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Geppert, to approve the monthly bills for payment. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

WATERANDSEWER

Chris Remick presented the Board with the Illinois EPA inspection report.

PERSONNEL

It was requested to go into executive session towards the end of the meeting.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Nothing to report.

CEMETERY

Nothing to report.

ORDINANCE

Mayor Newbold stated that the attorney has advised the Board to table the approval of the ordinances listed on the agenda.

A motion was made by Trustee Stoops, seconded by Trustee Geppert, to table the proposed ordinances from agenda items 6.7.1, 6.7.2, 6.7.3, 6.7.4, 6.7.5, 6.7.6, 6.7.7, and 6.7.8. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Trustee Stoops will be meeting with Chris Remick this week to work on the St. Clair County Park Grant.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

Nothing to report.

MARINA

Nothing to report.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

A motion was made by Trustee Geppert, seconded by Trustee Stoops, to enter executive session at 6:55 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

The meeting returned to regular session at 7:17 p.m.

Mayor Newbold recommended hiring two part-time office assistants. He and the Clerk interviewed three candidates and would like to hire Diana Reuss and Deann Bergmann.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Heinecke, to hire Diana Reuss and Deann Bergmann as part-time office assistants. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

The Board discussed the BlueCross BlueShield renewal plan for the employee’s health insurance. The premium is going up by 15.48% and the employee’s deductible will be going up $100.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Stoops, seconded by Trustee Geppert, to approve the annual renewal of the employee’s health insurance plan through BlueCross BlueShield. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Geppert, seconded by Trustee Stoops, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

 Steve Newbold, Village President

Nancy Ritter, Village Clerk