

President Ken Stenklyft called the regular meeting of the village board to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2014.

Roll Call – all members reported present except Boesch. Also present were Connor Nett, Andy King, Mike Loose, Randy Boesch, Brian Mathes, Steve Helms, Kurt Propson, Zach Propson, Phil & Sharon Nett, Karl Propson, Aaron Williams, Todd Thiel, Josh McDonald, Ed Byrne and Charles Fochs.

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Citizen Concerns & Questions to be acted upon at the next board meeting – none.

Announcements – Trick or Treat Hours will be 10/26/14 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. and there will be a Halloween Party at the community center from 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Minutes – Action – to approve the board meeting minutes from the last two meetings as presented – motion: Breckheimer; second: Koffarnus; carried. The fire department meeting minutes was presented to the board. Action – to approve the fire department meeting minutes as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Thiel; carried. The first responder meeting minutes from the last two months were presented to the board. Action – to approve the first responder meeting minutes from the last two months as presented – motion: Thiel; second: Starfeld; carried.

Treasurer's Report for the Village of Hilbert - balances – (\$328,005.64) General fund; \$238,948.73 Sewer fund; \$10,831.94 Water fund; \$2.00 Clean Water fund; \$2.00 Block Grant fund; \$13,495.43 TID #1 fund; \$825,220.89 T-Plus fund; \$15,471.80 First Responder fund; (\$178,464.65) TID #2, \$431.25 CDA; \$420,486.13 Capital Improvements Fund. Action – to approve the treasurer's report as presented – motion: Breckheimer; second: Koffarnus; carried. The fire department's treasurer's report was presented to the board. Action – to approve the treasurer's report from the fire department as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Keuler; carried. The first responder's treasurer's reports from the last two months were presented to the board. Action – to approve the first responder's treasurer's reports from the last two months as presented – motion: Thiel; second: Starfeld; carried.

Claims - examined and discussed. Koffarnus asked Mike Loose to provide a report to the board when the repairs are completed on Truck #35 on what was all done because they are going to be quite extensive. Action – to pay all claims – motion: Koffarnus; second: Breckheimer; carried.

Correspondence – The MEG newsletter was presented to the board for their information. There were no Time Warner Cable letters received. The Focus newsletters were presented to the board for their information. Notice of the current year modification factor for workers compensation insurance was presented to the board. Our modification factor is 1.39 which means that we will have a surcharge on our workers compensation insurance premiums due to some bigger claims. The Municipal Law Newsletter from Boardman & Clark was presented to the board for their information.

Reports - The report of labor hours was presented to the board for their information. The monthly report on building permits was presented to the board for their information. Starfeld questioned Todd Thiel who was present for the meeting regarding not taking out a building permit for his building at 511 W. Main St. He questioned him regarding the cost of the work completed and if it was over \$500. Thiel stated that it was not. Notice of receipt of quarterly street aid payment in the amount of \$12,958.79. Notice of estimated 2nd installment of 2014 shared revenue in the amount of \$334,539. Notice of estimated street aid for 2015 in the amount of \$56,615.43. Notice of estimated shared revenue for 2015 in the amount of \$400,049. Village Board Member Informational Report – none. Village Personnel Informational Report – none.

President's Report – none.

Unfinished Business:

2014 Projects – nothing new.

Recycling/Rubbish – The monthly report was presented to the board for their information. Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second; Starfeld; carried. The first recommendation from the committee was to submit the 2015 Recycling Grant application. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Breckheimer; second: Thiel; carried. The second recommendation was to submit the 2015 budget for consideration. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Breckheimer; second: Koffarnus; carried.

Police Protection for the village – The monthly report was presented to the board for their information. The minutes were presented. There was a typo on page 2 on the second last paragraph. The motion read "to recommend to the village board to approve the 2015 contract conditionally pending any budget cuts made that that they attorney reviews and approves the contract language" and should be corrected to read "to recommend to the village board to approve the 2015 contract conditionally pending any budget cuts made and that the attorney reviews and approves the contact language". Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes with this change – motion: Koffarnus; second: Keuler; carried. The first recommendation was to conditionally approve the 2015 police contract pending any budget cuts made and that the attorney reviews and approves the contract language. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Breckheimer; second: Starfeld; carried. The next recommendation was to submit the 2015 budget for consideration. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Thiel; second: Keuler; carried.

Fire Department – Mike Loose reported that Bill Koehler's retirement party will be 10/24/14 and Stenklyft will speak. He stated that the DOT inspections were done on all of the trucks and they all failed. There were some minor exhaust leaks. He stated that they have all been fixed.

TID District #1 – nothing new.

Property Maintenance Ordinance – nothing new.

TID District #2 – nothing new.

Street Committee – It was reported that the ditch on the southwest side of the village is completed. DuPrey stated that in an email from the Town of Rantoul, they will not put in the extra funds in their 2015 budget because they did not get the request for extra funds to the county soon enough. DuPrey suggested leaving our numbers the same as is in the proposed budget. The second reading of the proposed amendment to the snow removal ordinance was completed at the meeting. There was nothing new on the house numbers.

Discussion and possible action on how to proceed with development assistance – Connor Nett and Aaron Williams provided a presentation on how to do community plans. They stated that you have to engage the public. They stated that a key to setting up a community plan is to have a project management team. They touched on creating a vision for the community based upon its assets. They stated that there are grant dollars out there but that you usually need a plan to qualify for the grants. They touched on the planning process steps. They are 1. Gather Information; 2. Analyze Input; 3. Identify Goals; 4. Present Alternatives; 5. Implementation and Phasing. They stated that if you plan to fail, you fail to plan. They also touched on other projects that they did complete for other communities. They stated that a minimal plan would cost between \$16,000 and \$18,000. There were several questions raised and a discussion took place about the information that they presented. They stated that they will provide us with the slide presentation and will provide answers to the questions raised.

"Looks of Hilbert" (Aesthetics) – There was nothing new on the street signage. DuPrey provided an update on the status of the street lights on Main St. He stated that he has tried to do follow up contact with them multiple times but the last he heard from them was that they were checking with the company that does the lighting for them and would provide an update. DuPrey was instructed to keep following up with them.

Wastewater Treatment Plant – A letter from the DNR was received approving the revised facility plan for the treatment plant upgrades. Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Breckheimer; carried. There were no recommendations. Charlie Fochs questioned if they televised the sanitary. They did not. They only did storm sewer. There was some discussion regarding the infiltration from the sanitary mains and that we need to try to push them in the direction to fix the lines up there. Charlie stated that he doesn't expect to have it all fixed within one year but felt that they could do some each year and eventually they would get it all completed. There was discussion about placing more pressure on them to fix the sanitary otherwise we would place a meter for outflow and bill them accordingly.

New Business:

Application for operator's license – none received.

Application for Temporary Class B License – Hilbert/Potter Optimist Group – Action – to approve the Temporary Class B License for the Hilbert/Potter Optimist Group for their annual bingo bash on 11/22/14 – motion: Thiel; second: Starfeld; carried.

Classes/Seminars/Schooling for employees – nothing new.

Request to replace 272 Gravely Lawnmower – Charlie presented two prices. One was from Joe's Power Center for a Gravely at a cost of \$8,465 and the other one was from Riesterer & Schnell for a John Deere at a cost of \$8,468. He stated that there is \$9,500 budgeted. Charlie stated that he would prefer the Gravely. Action – to approve the purchase of a new Gravely mower from Joe's Power Center at a cost of \$8,465 – motion: Breckheimer; second: Starfeld; carried.

Purchase & Claims Committee – Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented – motion: Breckheimer; second: Thiel; carried. The first recommendation was to purchase a new copier for the clerk's office at a cost of \$5,015. There are adequate funds in reserve. The current copier in the clerk's office will be moved to the director of public works office and the one in there will be disposed. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Thiel; second: Breckheimer; carried. The next recommendation was to submit the 2015 miscellaneous capital budget items for consideration. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Breckheimer; second: Starfeld; carried.

Water & Sewer Committee – Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Breckheimer; carried. The first recommendation was to submit the 2015 water fund budget with the change of removing funds for the jetter. Starfeld questioned if the board was going to be able to see a demonstration on the GIS mapping. Charlie stated that there will be before there is any purchase. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Breckheimer; second: Koffarnus; carried. The next recommendation from the committee was to submit the 2015 sewer fund budget with the change of adding more funds for chemicals for consideration. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Koffarnus; second: Breckheimer; carried.

Health Board – Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented – motion: Thiel; second: Koffarnus; carried. The first recommendation was to set the 2015 fire contracts at a rate of \$16,480 which is the same as last year. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Koffarnus; second: Starfeld; carried. The next recommendation was to submit the 2015 budget for consideration. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Starfeld; second: Breckheimer; carried.

Fire Department Employee Review/Grievance Committee – Action – to approve the committee meeting

minutes as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Keuler; carried. The first recommendation was to increase the LOSA contribution by \$15 per eligible firefighter to \$250 and leave all of the other compensation the same for 2015. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Koffarnus; second: Breckheimer; carried.

First Responder Committee – Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Thiel; carried. The first recommendation was to approve the minutes from the committee last year. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Koffarnus; second: Thiel; carried. The next recommendation was to approve the treasurer's reports from the last year from both accounts. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Koffarnus; second: Breckheimer; carried. The next recommendation was to submit the 2015 budget for consideration and leave the contract rates the same for 2015. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Koffarnus; second: Starfeld; carried.

Park and Recreation Committee – The minutes were presented. There was a typo on page #2 in the second paragraph it reads "He stated that even if we take out the storm sewer and the lights, the project is still \$1000,000 to turn a field". It should be changed to "He stated that even if we take out the storm sewer and the lights, the project is still \$100,000 to turn a field". Action – to approve these committee meeting minutes with that change – motion: Koffarnus; second: Breckheimer; carried. Andy King appeared to provide information and enlighten the board on what we can and cannot do for bidding a project. Andy King stated that the focus of it is to define what the project is. He stated that a project that is more than \$25,000 has to be bid but a project that is under \$25,000 doesn't have to be bid. He stated that donations do come into play. He stated that if a project costs \$32,000 but there are \$10,000 in donations, the net cost is \$22,000 and it does not have to be bid. He stated that we cannot spend \$25,000 now or later or it has to be bid. For example, if the group would pay for the project up front, we couldn't reimburse them over \$25,000 either now or in the future ever or we would have to bid it. Andy stated that one of the other questions was can you break up the project into smaller projects so that each of the smaller projects are under \$25,000 so that we would not have to bid it. He stated that the answer is no. He stated that if we do one project and then a year later or six months later, do another project, this can be done where for example we would flip the field and then a year later put up the fencing or lights. If the fencing would be under \$25,000, then this would not have to be bid. If we did it one month later, this could pose problems because of the timing of it. He stated that there is not a certain minimum days that has to pass, but it has to be a bona fide decision that this is the project that we are doing right now. Thiel stated that so whatever scope you lay out for your project, that is your project. Andy handed out a worksheet that outlined the regulations on bidding. Andy stated that scope or definition is an important term. Breckheimer asked for clarification that if we would turn the field and then the athletic club wanted to put the fence up, could that be taken out if they are donating their time and material for it. Andy stated that this could be done. He stated that if we made a decision to turn the ballfield and then two weeks later had another meeting to put up the fence, that could be an issue. He stated that it then starts to look like that you may be trying to avoid the bid law. If they would do it and it costs the village no money, then it could be done without bidding. Keuler stated that this project is going to be more than \$25,000 so we are going to bid it but we will be defining it as turning the ballfield. Andy stated that you need to decide what is the work that encompasses turning the ballfield. What is the scope of that project. Thiel stated that they would be probably be turning the field and doing the fence so that would be one project. He stated that lighting would be some other time and who knows when. It could be a couple of years down the road or it could not be at all. He stated that we don't know. The estimate for turning the field and the fence is over \$25,000 so it would have to be bid. The fence could be pulled out if it is donated 100%. Andy agreed. Keuler stated that we were adding storm sewer and curb and gutter to this project and we are already budgeting for it so why does it have to be added to this project. Keuler stated that this is not part of the ballfield. Andy stated that if all of these things are what you really intend to do and are all part of the project and you just do them at different times, he thinks that this is a potential problem. Andy stated that if they intend to only turn the ballfield and the fencing and this is all that we are doing right now and are not committing to do anything else and no guarantee on anything else in the future, then that is your project. Charlie asked Andy what if there is a donation that drops the project under \$25,000 and we don't bid it out and then they back out of the donation, then what. The statute doesn't require it but it would be good practice to have it in writing or in our hands first before we do the project. Andy stated that we do not have to count donated funds or materials in determining if we have to bid it. If the taxpayer dollars used are under \$25,000 then we don't have to bid it. He stated that the bid law is there to help protect the taxpayer dollars. Everyone stated that this clarifies the questions that they had. There was an update on the portable libraries. They will stay in their current location and the walkway for railroad park will need to be kept clean. They are intended to be up year round. The one in Civic Park will be removed in the winter and put back up. There is no access in the winter to the park. The committee's first recommendation was to complete the topo work for flipping the old ballfield yet this year at a cost of \$1,775 with funds coming from unrestricted fund balance. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Koffarnus; second: Thiel; carried. The next recommendation was to submit the 2015 budget for consideration. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Breckheimer; second: Keuler; carried.

Request from Randy Boesch to have fire department burn off ditch east of his 3rd St. Property – This was

done in the past and the department does not have any issues with it. Charlie suggested to Randy Boesch that he might want to look into spending the monies to delineate it from wetlands. That way he could have it filled in and wouldn't have to do this in the future. The last time it was done was 2 years ago. Action – to grant approval to have the fire department burn off the ditch by Randy Boesch when it is feasible – motion: Breckheimer; second: Thiel; carried.

Request from Mr. Taco for Reserve Class "B" License Grant – DuPrey explained the grant application and why it is there. He stated that with the Reserve Class B fee at \$10,000 it is not conducive for encouraging expansion of these types of businesses. Right now we have one reserve license. This grant provides a \$9,800 grant which is the entire original fee except the normal license fee. Action – to approve the Reserve Class "B" License Grant for Mr. Taco in the amount of \$9,800 – motion: Thiel; second: Koffarnus; carried.

Resolution 2014-08 Appointing Special Registration Deputies for the November 4, 2014 Election – DuPrey presented the resolution and reasons for wanting to appoint the clerk's office as the area for voter registration. He stated that this all started when they tried to institute the voter id law and he felt it would create less chaos and help ensure accuracy on the voter registration applications if they were taken out of the polling place. Because we are just down the hall from the polling place it makes it easier to move it to the clerk's office. He stated that he felt that this would allow for a smoother operation on election day. Action – to approve Resolution 2014-08 appointing Dennis DuPrey and Darlene Buechel as Special Registration Deputies for the November 4, 2014 election – motion: Breckheimer; second: Starfeld; Roll Call Vote – yes: Thiel, Koffarnus, Starfeld, Keuler, Breckheimer, Stenklyft; carried.

The board then proceeded into the budget preparation. DuPrey presented the budget package to the board. DuPrey reviewed that with the budget requests, we would have to take out \$120,425 out of fund balance. DuPrey then presented information regarding the projected shortfall for 2014 that will require us to take out \$38,600 out of fund balance. He presented a detailed worksheet showing where this number came from. One of the items, the writing off of the outstanding Pilot payments for Hilbert Manor was not a cash item but does show up as an expense in 2014. With this taken out, we would still have a cash shortfall of \$26,000 for 2014. DuPrey also presented detail of what is projected to be available in unrestricted general fund balance at the end of 2014. With the projected revenues, expenses, shortfalls, and current negative balances in the TID funds, we are projected to have approximately \$230,000 in unrestricted general fund cash available. This does not take into account the TID payment that is due to Fox Valley Alfalfa Mill. With the TID's we are using unrestricted general fund cash balance for now so that we don't have to borrow funds and they should eventually pay back those funds through the tax revenues received. Thiel asked for an explanation on TID 1 and how it was making money but then we spent \$600,00+ on the well. DuPrey provided an explanation of when TID's expire and there is a lot of cash on hand, this is distributed to all taxing districts. He stated that we utilized the cash flow in TID 1 because Well #4 is located there to pay for the well or we would have had to substantially raise the water rates to pay for the project. He stated that it was a way to take excess funds to spend for an eligible expense for the TID. He stated that right now it is at a deficit because of the loan payment but it still should cash flow out by the time it is set to expire. DuPrey stated that when TID Districts terminate, if there is a negative cash balance, then the general fund has to make up that shortfall. Thiel questioned when do TID's start running at a positive. DuPrey stated that it usually is at about the half way point. DuPrey provided specific details on how he calculates what we can invest in projects in the TID's to make sure that cash flow in the end. DuPrey also presented information on the special budget items that shows what is proposed for 2015 and what was the actual amounts from 2014. With the proposed amount for 2015 and the projected amount for 2014, it would be a total of about \$146,000 that we would end up taking from fund balance if the budget stays as proposed. Stenklyft then stated that he met with Charlie and Dennis to discuss potential budget cuts for 2015. He stated that we would not be able to take that amount out of unrestricted general fund cash for 2015 as it stands now. Stenklyft presented a listing of potential cut ideas. They were as follows:

1. Flip the old ballfield - \$45,000; it would leave \$5,000 to complete the design for the project.
2. Turn Out Gear Reserve Fund - \$5,000
3. Replace 42" & 48" culverts with pair of 48" culverts - \$30,000
4. Install New Sidewalks - \$5,000

This would cut \$85,000 from the budget. It doesn't eliminate the whole \$120,000 but it is a starting point. The board then held a long discussion regarding what to cut and what not to cut. Starfeld stated that we can't touch the sewer or the water. Keuler stated why not. It is because there are no tax dollars going into these funds. The revenue from these funds are from user charges and other revenue. No tax dollars are levied for these funds. Thiel questioned that they are thinking of taking out \$45,000 from the ballfield? That is the whole thing then. There would still be \$5,000 left to do the design. Thiel stated that this is not going to do anything. Stenklyft stated that we would do the planning part of it. Stenklyft stated that this is now the time to discuss this and discuss options and what they would like to do. Stenklyft stated that this is why Dennis went through and showed us where we were at with our fund balance. Randy Boesch questioned why we are talking about the baseball field thing when we are

\$120,000 going the wrong way (short). Stenklyft stated that we have had discussions the last couple months about the ballfield and the costs and where we were going to get the monies from. Randy Boesch stated that there are always needs and wants but the bottom line is how are you going to pay for it. Breckheimer stated that he felt that this is a good start but he thinks that we need to go further. There was some discussion about cuts to the street department and aid that we receive. DuPrey stated that we have to watch the street budget because the aid is driven by what we spend. If we lower it below previous year's expenses, it could affect the amount of street aid we receive. DuPrey stated that in 2014, we had a net budget figure of about \$237,000 and that is the figure we don't want to drop below or it could affect your aid. DuPrey also brought up that with the general fund, we get as part of the shared revenue, an expenditure restraint payment. This payment amounts to about \$6,000 per year and each year, they notify you the % that you can increase your general fund budget by in order to qualify for the payment. The amount budgeted for 2015 affects the 2016 expenditure restraint payment. He stated that there may have to be some adjustment done there in order to meet that depending what that % ends up being. If we don't meet that %, then we cut our throats for 2016 and start out in the hole by that amount. There was discussions about the easements for the ditch work. Starfeld suggested cutting that amount in half and just do some each year instead of all at once. There was also discussion about the Irish Rd. culvert. Thiel stated that we could take the money out of there because it won't happen next year. It was discussed that we might so it has to be put in there. DuPrey stated that they are going to bid it out and it depends on where the bids come in at if it will be done next year. Starfeld commented that if we take it out and then they end up doing it then we will not have the funds to pay our share. DuPrey stated that one suggestion that he had is that we could cut both the office remodeling and the office equipment reserves to \$2,500 each and that would save \$3,850. For the easements, we will cut that by \$5,000 and leave \$2,400 in it so some could be done. Stenklyft stated that we could lower the storm sewer reserve some more. Keuler questioned the GIS mapping and if that could be removed and done later. Thiel commented that he felt that the sidewalks should not be reduced. He stated that he felt that this is a safety issue. Thiel commented that he felt that we should not be jeopardizing safety. Thiel commented that we never put in for new sidewalks before. Starfeld stated that we did do new sidewalks last year. Thiel stated that no, it was all out of the repair budget. Charlie commented that we did put new sidewalk on the highway and it was all budgeted. Thiel stated the ones that he is most concerned about are the ones from the trailer court to the school (Milwaukee St.) and there is no sidewalk going down to the elderly housing on 3rd St. Thiel stated that he wanted to finish off Cedar St. from Steve Hemauer going to the west for about a block and a half. Starfeld commented that if we are worried about safety, there is not even sidewalk on Highway 114. Todd Thiel asked DuPrey what was their maximum borrowing capacity. Stenklyft stated that with the two budget cuts so far in streets, we are at \$246,000. Keuler asked about the GIS mapping. Trustee Thiel stated that he felt that this is a luxury. Keuler stated that it is not a need. It is a want. Starfeld questioned Keuler if they have it in Chilton. Keuler stated that they do. Starfeld questioned if it helps. Keuler stated that it certainly does but we have a budget shortfall and where are going to get it. Keuler stated that we could do it next year. Koffarnus commented that we are modernizing our water meters and such and we should modernize this also. Breckheimer questioned if we could take the \$5,300 budgeted in the general fund and split it off between the water and sewer. The amounts budgeted in each fund were the proportionate share of the infrastructure. The amount budgeted in the general fund is for storm sewer which is a general fund cost. DuPrey commented that the water fund is at a negative cash flow for 2015 already. DuPrey went to get the audit report and came back and stated that our capacity was \$2,920,190 and we have outstanding \$614,391 which leaves a balance of \$2,305,799. DuPrey stated that borrowing funds is not subject to levy limits but it will raise the property tax rates. DuPrey stated that this would be a board's decision. Trustee Thiel stated that he felt that the \$10,000 should stay in the sidewalks. Trustee Thiel stated that the only new sidewalk was that little bit on Highway 114. Starfeld stated questioned didn't we do new sidewalk on Highway 57/32 from Highway 114 to Milwaukee St. Trustee Thiel stated no. Stenklyft stated that we went from Highway 114 to Milwaukee St. on Highway 57/32. Trustee Thiel stated that this is only one block. Trustee Thiel stated that they did sidewalk almost to Milwaukee St. but they didn't make it all the way to Milwaukee St. Charlie Fochs stated that they did sidewalk all the way from Highway 114 to Milwaukee St. Starfeld questioned the amount for cleaning out ditches. Charlie stated that it is a guess. The committee is looking at cleaning out from Lynwood Dr to Irish Rd. Charlie stated that there may be issues with the DNR because it is considered a navigable stream. Charlie stated that we will need a permit from the DNR. Trustee Thiel stated that he felt that we should take out the GIS mapping and put that back on the sidewalks. Breckheimer asked for clarification on the sidewalk amounts. There is \$6,000 for repairs and \$10,000 for new sidewalks being proposed. By cutting the \$5,000 from the new, it would cut the total from \$16,000 down to \$11,000. With those couple of changes, we are now at \$93,850 out of \$120,425. Trustee Thiel questioned can't we take some out of the Irish Rd bridge because he doubts that it will happen in 2015 but if it does, can't we just borrow monies to do our share then? DuPrey stated that then it is an unbudgeted thing again. Trustee Thiel stated that he couldn't believe that we are doing the GIS mapping and not the sidewalks and jeopardizing the safety of our kids. Trustee Thiel stated that he can't just make that sense. Trustee Thiel stated then take some out of there and put it back into the sidewalks then. There was some discussion about getting a grant for the sidewalks to the school. We would have to have someone write the grant and then pay the costs up

front and get reimbursed later. Trustee Thiel stated that having kids walk safely is a hell of a lot more important than a GIS mapping system. Koffarnus stated that with the funds left in there, we could do that block on 10th St. Trustee Thiel stated that there are other things that need to be done. He brought up by Darrell Parsons on 7th St. because it is holding up his construction. Stenklyft stated that this sidewalk is replacement. Trustee Thiel stated that it still is from that same pot. DuPrey stated that it would come out of the \$6,000 budgeted for replacement. Trustee Thiel stated that it is still coming out of that same pot and there is not enough there to do a couple of these things. Stenklyft stated to Trustee Thiel that he has to realize that you are not going to get it all done in one year. Trustee Thiel stated that he understands that but this only touches what he feels needs to be done. Thiel stated that what bothers him is that he understands that we need to keep the expenses where they need to be but how do you prioritize having the GIS mapping more important than safety of the residents. He stated that this is just not right. Breckheimer questioned about backing into it and saying let's say we eliminate the GIS mapping and then put what is left into sidewalks knowing how much has to be budgeted for streets. Koffarnus stated that there is \$11,000 in sidewalks and he feels that this is enough. Trustee Thiel stated that he would be okay with that. If we would take the \$5,300 out of the street budget then we would be under by about \$1,400 we could put back into the sidewalks then we would be at the \$237,000. At this point there were several people talking at the same time on different items making the tap inaudible. It was discussed to take 45,000 out of the SCBA fund. Stenklyft thank Mike Loose for the offer to cut it for this year to help with the budget. With these we would be at \$98,850. Trustee Thiel stated that he felt that we should cut out the \$5,300 for GIS mapping and put \$1,400 back into the sidewalks and that would put us back at the \$237,000. There was some discussion about not getting too close to the \$237,000 figure. They talked about putting it at \$240,000. Keuler stated that we should find out where else we are going need to cut first or we will be back to square one. Trustee Thiel then commented that he feels that we need to the ballfield also. He stated we have had meetings on it and if it has to come out of the general fund and get it used. He stated that the money sitting in the general fund is just sitting there and doing nobody any good. It is just sitting there. Trustee Thiel stated that if you are taking it from the general fund it isn't an issue because you are not raising taxes at all. Starfeld questioned why don't we budget for it like we do for everything else. Keuler and Trustee Thiel both questioned when. Keuler stated that this is on the second time go around. He stated that these people here work very, very hard here. Starfeld agreed. Keuler stated to Starfeld that they don't appreciate the work that the club does. Keuler stated that until you have kids that go up there and take part in the program, you are not going to appreciate the work that they do. Starfeld again questioned why is it not ever budgeted for. Trustee Thiel stated that it will never ever happen. Keuler kept stating it gets cut, cut, cut! Keuler stated last year it got cut! Trustee Thiel stated that they wanted to a bunch of money in it last year and it got cut out because of the lights. Keuler stated so last year it got cut. This year it will get cut again. Next year it will get cut again. Trustee Thiel stated it will get cut again and it is never going to happen. Keuler stated that what is going to happen is that the guys that are here now are going to say. You have at her. You take over and then what are you going to have. Keuler stated that you are not going to have shit up there then. Starfeld stated then state then here, it is all yours. Do with it what you want to do. Keuler stated that he pays taxes and his kids want to have somewhere to go. Keuler questioned what does the village provide for my kids? What do they provide? Trustee Thiel stated nothing. Both Keuler and Trustee Thiel stated that until we do something about it, nothing is going to happen. Breckheimer stated that the problem with doing it now, we don't know what it is even going to cost. Breckheimer pointed out the estimate from the engineers at the park and recreation meeting that was almost \$140,000. Trustee Thiel stated that the estimate was ridiculous. Keuler stated why don't we budget a set amount and trustee Thiel stated and make it work. Trustee Thiel stated that right now, there is not a drainage issue on that field. He stated we are taking the infield and putting it on the other side and planting grass where the infield was. He stated that where the infield is now, it is going to be higher than it was. He stated that there isn't an issue now and there won't be an issue then. He stated that the number that they come out with that included everything was just ridiculous. Trustee Thiel stated again that it was absolutely ridiculous! Starfeld stated that we are having budget issues and we are sitting here discussing about putting in money to flip a baseball diamond that will be a secondary field when we have flooding issues in this community. Trustee Thiel questioned when won't we have a budget issues. We have budget issues every year. Trustee Thiel stated that he is proposing taking the money out of the general fund which is money sitting there not being used for nothing and we are going to take that money and we are borrowing money to other funds and robbing Peter to pay Paul and that money is coming back. He stated that there is actually more money in there than that. He stated that the money that Dennis is using to borrow for the TID deficit is still general fund money. He is using it to save interest. The money is still there. Trustee Thiel stated that if we don't do anything to help the youth in this town. We don't do anything, nothing. He stated that it is a great start there. Breckheimer questioned how turning the field will help the youth. Trustee Thiel stated that the fence is shot, the stands are shot, everything is shot and that is all part of it. Trustee Thiel stated that the bleachers needed for the field after it is turned will be paid by the Athletic Club. Breckheimer stated that in other words, the field is proposed to be flipped because of the stands. He stated that he has had several people point out that like at football games, you have one concession stand and bathrooms and the visiting team, they are walking all the way around the field to go to the bathroom and to the concession stand. He stated that it is feasible because

the road is already closed off for games that it is feasible to have the one concession stand and the bathrooms and people have to walk down there to use them. He stated that he is not saying that it is ideal but when you take into account all of the money to turn the ballfield and have everything on one side, maybe it is worth just having the one concession stand and having other people walk like they do in other venues. Trustee Thiel stated that the people that Breckheimer is talking to are the negative people. He stated that the positive ones are the ones talking to him and yes, we really should get that field changed and we want to do it. Trustee Thiel stated that we need to do it. He stated that the money will never, ever, ever be there. Trustee Thiel stated that with the \$157,000+ that the Athletic Club has given to the Village, given to the Village over all these years and they are asking for \$45,000 to do an improvement at the park to help them run the youth programs, he doesn't even see where that is even an issue. He stated that it is a no brainer in his book. Starfeld stated so is saving money for flooding. Trustee Thiel then stated, then take some more out. Trustee Thiel stated that we are addressing the flooding. Trustee Thiel stated that his recommendation is that if we don't have the money in the budget to do it this next year that we take the money out of the general fund and get this ballfield done. Trustee Thiel stated that this is his recommendation. Randy Boesch stated that it might be a good thing to bring up to a referendum and see what the people in the community say what they feel about taking the money out. Karl Propson then stated then we should bring a referendum up to the village people and ask if they are willing to run the program then. He stated then the village can run the program. Todd Thiel stated that this is a good question. If the village ran it, what would that cost be. Trustee Thiel that it would be more than \$45,000. Keuler stated that it would cost \$0 because then they wouldn't have it. Karl Propson stated that he puts in a lot of time up there. Todd Thiel stated the opposite side of this that some people may not be getting is this. He stated that this is the tipping point. It is the ultimatum. Either turn it or it is coming back to this village. Karl Propson stated yup. Todd Thiel stated then you will have another budget issue because you will either run the program or you will pull more recreational activities or amenities from the citizenry of the Village of Hilbert and he stated that it will be on your shoulders (village board). Trustee Thiel stated exactly. Todd Thiel stated and then you explain that to all the families in Hilbert. Keuler stated that we just had the guy in here explaining about moving forward. Trustee Thiel then stated and now we are going backwards again. Keuler stated that we say push it out to next year and next year never comes. Trustee Thiel stated that you can only be conservative so much. Todd Thiel stated that what he doesn't get is when it comes down to talking about adding any type of amenity, safety or providing other recreational activities for the citizenry, we don't do it. Every damn time. Todd Thiel questioned why would anyone want to live in this village? He stated you don't provide amenities, you don't take care of the safety issues and you don't provide recreational opportunities. Todd Thiel stated that this is why he doesn't live here. Karl Propson stated that without the organization, who is going to run the programs. Look at the amount of people that come into town to play baseball. He stated that they bring money and spend money in town. Todd Thiel stated that you just heard from the consultants, \$400 a crack. Karl Propson stated that if we can't make it convenient for the people that run the organization, he thinks that it would be an improvements to the park. He stated that he thinks that it would look nice. Karl Propson stated that he understands that there are budget issues. Breckheimer stated that hypothetically, we threw in \$50,000 into the ballfield but we have no true figure as to what the cost will be. Trustee Thiel stated that the original estimate is \$42,000 is for the fence and turning the field. Trustee Thiel stated that this was without any of the flooding issues that we don't have. Breckheimer asked what would happen if it comes in at \$65,000, \$60,000. Trustee Thiel stated that \$44,000 is what it should take to turn the ballfield. He stated that this is what he would recommend that we budget and if runs a little more, the Athletic Club would kick something in. Trustee Thiel stated that they are already donating their time to take down the fence, tearing down the old concession stand, have WE Energies lined up to remove a couple of poles in the way, setting up bleachers on the new field. He stated that they are doing a very good part. Trustee Thiel stated that the club has given \$157,000 over the years. Starfeld stated that he gets it. They want to see it done, it is just a matter of where we are going to get the monies from. Trustee Thiel stated that he would say that it is sitting in that general fund doing absolutely nothing and let's make that money do something. Keuler stated that he agrees. Starfeld stated that we have citizens that state it would asinine to take that out. Trustee Thiel interrupted and stated only one. Trustee Thiel stated that there are one, two, three, four, five, six that are here stating that we should be doing this. Trustee Thiel Starfeld why he is fighting to do stuff for the kids? Starfeld stated that he is not. Trustee Thiel again questioned Starfeld why he is fighting doing stuff for kids? Starfeld stated taking money out of the general fund is not a good idea. Trustee Thiel stated so what. He stated what good is the money sitting there. He questioned if \$45,000 is going to break the Village of Hilbert. Starfeld stated no. Thiel questioned are going into debt, are we going to have to take out a loan, are we going under, taxes don't go up. Starfeld stated no. Trustee Thiel stated alright then. We are providing a great opportunity for the kids down there. Keuler questioned if we see ourselves budgeting \$45,000 for the ballfield next year, realistically? Trustee Thiel stated no. Trustee Thiel stated that he knows that we are under budget restraints but let's just take it out of the general fund. He stated let's use it, get it done, do the opportunity. Breckheimer stated that he likes the idea but is hesitant on how much money we want to take out of the general fund. Trustee Thiel questioned what he would do with that money otherwise? Starfeld stated that you can't piss it away. Breckheimer brought up about all of the projects brought up in the last year. Thiel stated that they have been brought up before this. He

stated that with the Town of Rantoul and the Irish Rd. project, they had been taking money out of fund balance each year and now they are strapped tight and can't take the funds out of fund balance so the project can be completed. Breckheimer stated that we don't want to catch ourselves in this same type of situation. Trustee Thiel stated that we are not even close to that right now. Breckheimer stated that we will if we keep taking \$70,000 per year. Trustee Thiel stated that you can take a little and it is not going to hurt. A little is not going to hurt and that the project is going to get done. Keuler stated that he agrees with Todd Thiel that we are at the tipping point here with this project and we have to make a decision and run with it or the Athletic Club will go bye bye. He stated that if we think that this is what the people in this community want, then you should vote that way. Keuler stated that he will not vote that way. Randy Boesch stated that threats should not come down to the budget. Randy Boesch and Keuler then had an exchange with Randy Boesch stating that what Keuler stated is a threat and Keuler stated that it was a statement. Josh McDonald questioned if that is the intention of the Athletic Club and he has small kids that are little and coming up and they say that they are here for the kids and that don't get what they want, they are going to pack up their ball and go home? He asked if that was what the Athletic Club wants, a reason to disband or something? Josh McDonald stated that he doesn't know what the Athletic Club actually does but if Keuler makes that comment that what if they leave, if they are here for the kids they are not going to leave and they are going to work with what they have and they should be grateful for what they have up there. Trustee Thiel laughed and stated Oh Boy. Trustee Thiel stated that they will put Josh McDonald down for the stand every week. Todd Thiel stated that he would say that what is happening here is that the village has taken advantage of the Athletic Club's generosity. That's what happened. Todd Thiel questioned what if I came knocking on your door every day and kept asking for \$5.00, how long would it take for you to tell me to get lost. Todd Thiel stated give me \$5.00, I will be there tomorrow morning and the day after and the day after. Pretty soon you will tell me to get lost. Charlie wanted to state two things. First he understands that the Athletic Club has put a lot of money into the park but the taxpayers in this town have put in a lot of money for that park. He stated that if you want to take scores, go ahead and take them because the village taxpayers are ahead by a lot. He stated that we stick a lot of money into the ballfield and get no revenue back. He stated that this is the business side of it. He stated that the Athletic Club does put a lot of money into it but so does the taxpayers in this community. He stated that the second question is talking about putting in this kind of money and this one is doing this and this one is doing that, what happens if they don't follow through on it. Where does it put the village in a bad spot. He stated that they don't have enough money to put up the fence and it sits there. Charlie stated to Trustee Thiel that he states that there is not a flooding issue there but go take a walk tonight and you will not come back with dry shoes. Trustee Thiel stated that it is not different than what it is now though. Charlie stated that before we had the new field and before we put the magic mix on the old field, we had issues with holding games after it rained. He questioned how many games have they not been able to have there since the magic mix was put in. He stated that 7 truckloads went in there to build it up. He stated now, you want to turn it and put it back in the hole again. Trustee Thiel stated that he thought it was higher by the park. Charlie stated it is but you will be taking out the black ground and plopping it back in a hole. Trustee Thiel stated that we are not digging out the black ground. Both Stenklyft and Charlie Fochs stated that you will have to though. Trustee Thiel stated that it is going to stay the same level though. Trustee Thiel stated that is why we are getting the topals done. Charlie stated that it is not going to lay out the whole scope of your project. Trustee Thiel stated that we lay out the scope of the project. He stated that all they want to do is turn the field and put up the fence. Charlie questioned nothing about putting the lights back up or anything. Trustee Thiel stated no. Charlie stated so they are not going to plan for any of that now. Trustee Thiel stated no. Charlie stated that it is backwards way of doing business. Trustee Thiel stated that this is just his opinion. Todd Thiel stated that if we wouldn't have spent all of the TID money to build this shed out here, we wouldn't have this problem right now. Todd Thiel stated look at how much money we wasted on that well. Charlie Fochs stated oh, don't say that. Stenklyft stated that this is getting nowhere on our budget right now. Todd Thiel stated that it comes around because it would be great to have a consultant come into the village and these TID dollars could be used for that. He stated that is why he asked how much debt capacity there was because you spend the money to turn the field, are we investing in ourselves, does it bring more participation, does it bring more families into the community. Todd Thiel stated we could market it more, we could have more tournaments, better tournaments. He stated that we have to think of it as a business investment. He stated that this is what the problem is with this community is that we are afraid to invest in ourselves. Starfeld stated to Todd Thiel, don't say we don't invest in ourselves. We just had lights installed at a cost of \$128,000. Trustee Thiel stated after 30 years of the other lights being up. Trustee Thiel stated that the lights were put on the new field because the lights on the old field are falling apart. DuPrey then reviewed the street budget and with the cuts discussed, we could add back \$2,300 into it to get around \$238,000. Trustee Thiel suggested putting the \$2,300 extra into the sidewalk. Keuler agreed that this would work. It would \$7,300 new sidewalk and \$6,000 repairs. The cuts were reviewed. With all this, we are now at \$101,850. That would leave the amount out of fund balance at \$19,000. Keuler questioned if anything could be done with equipment reserve. DuPrey stated that it would not include reinstating the ballfield. That would be a board's decision. Trustee Thiel commented that he felt that we could take the water and sewer out of the dairy stand because they usually bring in their own water. Stenklyft stated that it would be for the portable one. Trustee Thiel questioned why we

supply that. DuPrey stated that if the health department would come and there is no water there with them serving food, it would not be kosher. The cost in the budget is for the portable sink. Trustee Thiel questioned if we have our total levy that will be allowed. DuPrey stated that this is built in already and we are maxed out. Trustee Thiel questioned with the water fund how much do we get for rental fees on the antennas. DuPrey stated that it stays in the water fund and the amount is about \$27,000 per year. The amount in the reserve right now is about \$200,000. Trustee Thiel questioned about using those funds in 2015 to put towards the ballfield project. DuPrey stated that the goal when we received the antenna rent was that it be put back into the tower maintenance fund so down the road when the water tower would need to be sandblasted and repainted, the funds would be there. DuPrey stated that he thought that the total cost would be at least \$200,000. Trustee Thiel stated that we don't know that though. Trustee Thiel stated that this will not happen for another 10 years so what he is suggesting is that we take the revenue from 2015 and put it into the park. DuPrey stated that if we are going to take money out of the tower maintenance fund, we should be doing a water project. Trustee Thiel stated that it is a board's decision. DuPrey stated that he was correct but he is giving his opinion. Trustee Thiel stated that the money from the antenna rent was put in there from day one but it could have been put in something else. Starfeld stated that the antennas are on the water tower. Trustee Thiel stated that those funds could be used elsewhere. They don't have to be tied to the water tower. Koffarnus stated that this is why we set up the reserve so that funds are available when needed for the water tower. Trustee Thiel stated that this is fine but for one year we could take that revenue and use it for the ballfield project. He stated that it would be a way to get this done and we would take \$18,000 out of the general fund. Starfeld asked DuPrey his opinion. DuPrey stated that he doesn't think it is a good practice in his personal opinion. Trustee Thiel interrupted and stated that it is a board's decision. DuPrey stated that yes, it is a board's call but he has been a stickler to try to keep that money in there because what happens in a lot of municipalities, they start raiding it and say they are only going to do it one or two years but it ends up being five years or more and then the next thing you know, the time comes when the work has to be done and then the money is not there and everybody goes, how in the hell are we going to pay for it? DuPrey stated that again it is a board's call. DuPrey stated that it is like taking it out of fund balance. DuPrey stated that the Town of Woodville is another one where they were taking out of fund balance each year and there was now a recent notice of a proposed tax levy increase of 32%. Trustee Thiel stated that it is similar to taking \$600,000 away from the TID District and putting it into the well. Breckheimer stated to Trustee Thiel that he couldn't imagine how much his water bill would have been if we would have had to put it on the rates. DuPrey stated that it was an eligible expense in the TID. Trustee Thiel stated that we are saying it is not a good practice to switch things around and we have already done it. We already have a precedence set. He stated taking it out of the water fund and putting it somewhere else is just reversing it. He stated that it has already been done the one way so let's do it the other way to give it back. DuPrey stated that to Trustee Thiel that the one thing he has to understand is that it was a TID eligible expense in that TID District. It stayed in the District. He stated that we would not have been able to take those funds out of that district and spent it anywhere else. DuPrey stated that you can't take funds out of there and put it towards a street project outside that district. Trustee Thiel stated but you could have taken those funds to use towards developing another business in town or something like that. DuPrey stated that it could have been but it was a unanimous decision made by the board at that time. Trustee Thiel stated that he wasn't on the board at that time. There was some discussion about doing a motion on the budget. DuPrey stated that there is no need for any motions at this time. He stated that the budget is balanced right now and the board looks at it to see what cuts if any they will do and then it goes to public hearing. The balancing amount is taken out of fund balance. Breckheimer stated that the board wants to have the budget pretty well set before the hearing so that they would only have to deal with questions from the public if they have any. Stenklyft agreed. Breckheimer stated what about a compromise and put \$25,000 into the ballfield and push it back one year because his biggest concern is trying to ram this ballfield through we don't have a definite plan yet. Breckheimer stated that we don't even know if the \$50,000 will cover it. Trustee Thiel stated that he felt that it would. Breckheimer stated that he feels that there is a lot of guessing here. Trustee Thiel stated that he doesn't see a lot of guessing going on here. He stated that there is not an issue now with water and there will not be one in the future. He stated that we are not digging a hole. He stated that the water drains from the park to the railroad tracks. The \$45,000 will cover the turning of the ballfield and putting up a fence. The estimate doesn't cover any site work. Trustee Thiel stated that there is no site work required. The cuts were reviewed again. The ballfield will be put in at \$45,000. They decided to put it in and take it to the public hearing. Trustee Thiel stated that if it is a little short, the Athletic Club would be willing to donate the difference. Randy Boesch questioned what is a little. Action – to set the public hearing for the 2015 budget for November 11, 2014 at 7 p.m. – motion: Starfeld; second: Thiel; carried.

Adjournment – Action – to adjourn – motion: Starfeld; second: Thiel; carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Dennis DuPrey

Dennis DuPrey, Clerk