

President Ken Stenklyft called the regular meeting of the village board to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2014.

Roll Call – all members reported present. For others present, please refer to the attendance sheet that is made a part of these minutes.

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 – Nomination papers for the village board may be circulated beginning on December 1<sup>st</sup> and must be turned in by 5 p.m. on January 6, 2015. Board members up for election are Village President, Ken Stenklyft and Village Trustees Rick Thiel, Tim Keuler and Dan Starfeld. The Annual Bingo Bash sponsored by the Hilbert/Potter Optimist Group will be held at the community center on 11/22/14. The next Civic Association meeting will be held on 11/19/14 at Millhome Supper Club. The next regional flood meeting is scheduled for 11/19/14 at 6 p.m. in Brillion.

The village then conducted the public hearing on the proposed 2015 budgets for all funds. The first item was the Notice of Limit to qualify for a 2016 Expenditure Restraint Payment. This % is 3.6%. DuPrey reported that we do meet that limit to qualify in the General Fund so no other adjustments are needed. Next, an email was presented from Robert E. Lee regarding the GIS mapping project. If we don't do the storm sewer along with the others, it will cost an additional \$1,000 to complete just the storm sewer part of it. In other words, it is cheaper to do the entire project than it is to split it out. Stenklyft then asked if there was anyone else who wanted to speak during the public hearing of the budget that was not already signed up. He stated that this was their last chance to sign up to speak. No one else signed up. Stenklyft then stated that for anyone speaking that he wants them to address the board. He stated that we were going to keep this civil and while the person is speaking at the podium, everyone else will remain quiet and listen intently. Stenklyft stated that he doesn't want to see any comments in the back. He stated that if it gets out of hand, you will be asked to leave. Stenklyft stated that he is aware that this is a contentious issue going on right now and he wants to keep it civil. Stenklyft stated that each individual will be given 5 minutes to speak. Chet Johnston was the first to speak. He stated that he is speaking mostly on his beliefs. He stated that he doesn't know a whole lot about the monetary side of the budget. Chet Johnston stated that he believes that everyone here is an important part of this community. He stated that he also believes that it does take a village to raise a kid. He stated that he feels that the village should do as much as they possibly can to make a nice place for the kids, students, youth and adults for them to participate in things. He stated to make it look as nice as possible. He stated he knows that the board has done a lot of work for this community but he also knows that there are members of the athletic club who have done a lot of work over the years and it would be much more convenient and better for the kids if the village could flip the field. He stated that he would like the village to budget that much and he didn't think that it seemed to be a lot of money. Chet Johnston commented that he doesn't think that the board has spent a ton of money on the youth of this community in past years. He commented that years ago, we had an ice skating rink and he hasn't seen that in the last few years and we don't have a summer recreation program in recent years. He stated that the one thing that we do have and could help them with is the baseball, softball programs that we do have. He stated that there are a lot of people involved with it. There are a lot of kids and parents involved. He stated that the club is getting smaller because they are getting older. He stated that a lot of the main members don't even have kids in it anymore. He stated that they would like to draw more people in and feels that this would help draw people in. He stated that he felt that most important resource that the village has is its kids. He also stated that he felt that the \$45,000 was a ton of money. He stated that we are talking about \$45,000 on a one shot deal and there have been years where we have not spent a lot of money on these people. He stated that there have been kids that have taken part of the programs and they have become better people because of it. He stated that we have to make the programs available. He stated that the way to make them available is to support the Athletic Club and to support the park and make the park a better place. He stated that he wants the board to make the right decision and also to make the board understand that it is the youth of this community is what is going to make it sustain and hopefully grow. The next person to speak was Randy Boesch. He stated that he had a few things that he wanted to hand out to have the board read. He stated that having over \$500,000 in the general fund balance is not really an odd thing to have happen. He stated that the City of Brillion has as of 1/1/14, \$555,000 in their fund balance. He stated that it is not like hey we have a lot of money sitting around. Randy Boesch also took off the internet and passed out definitions of several words from Webster's Dictionary. He passed out the meaning of "tax", "borrow", and "budget". He stated that he is not against the project but feels that without a budget how can we open things up freely and put the budget aside. He asked that someone explain that to him. Next to speak was Karl Propson. He presented updated estimates for the project. He stated that previously there were concerns regarding the drainage, height, etc. and the astronomical estimate. He stated that Mike Parent of H&K stated that there should not be an issue with the way the field is now by turning the home plate. He stated that his estimate is \$23,250. Karl Propson stated that Mike Parent feels that this is a pretty accurate estimate right now. He stated that Koffarnus was also there and felt that there wasn't an issue with the drainage. He stated that we could save an additional \$3,000 by having a local contractor doing the landscaping. He also stated that he received an estimate from Security Fence for \$18,480 for a full fence. The total costs would be \$41,730. With the

\$3,000 savings, it would be \$38,730. Karl Propson stated that he felt that they were within their means with meeting the requested \$45,000. He also stated that the Athletic Club would volunteer to take down the old fence remove the bleachers and buildings and that WE Energies, represented by Scott Schaffer, would volunteer their time to take down the lights at no cost to the village. Karl Propson stated that they are looking at cutting their operating costs there. He stated that last year, they paid \$1,982 on electric bills. He stated that this was for four months of running. He stated that they operated two stands, two coolers, two freezers, etc. He stated that they always have to have extra. He stated that the board should take that into consideration because they could give more money back to the village to help offset the costs. He stated that if it doesn't happen this year, what will we be losing here. He stated that the club has made a decision to donate \$5,000 towards the costs of this project if this passes through the budget. Karl Propson stated that Randy Boesch had stated to do it properly and put it in the budget. He stated that it was put in the budget but it was the first thing cut. He questioned how you get anything done yet if we don't go different routes or do different things. He stated that the money will never be there in the budget. Stenklyft requested copies of the numbers. Erv Plate then spoke. He stated that if he wasn't mistaken, four or five years ago, the Athletic Club worked with the village to put up the lights. He stated that the village took out a loan for five years. He stated that the people who state that the village doesn't do anything for the youth of this community (he noted that he is favor of the project), he asked how many ballparks does Brillion have? Erv Plate stated that they have one with lights. He stated that they have two Babe Ruth teams, two Little League teams and they have soccer fields (Oh, I said that naughty word). He stated that he believes the Brillion is 2 to 3 times larger than our community. He stated that every year it is the same thing. He stated that there are wants and needs. Erv Plate stated that someone stated that the money is just laying there. He stated that he was going to tell all of the people there, if they have money in a savings account, retirement account and they think that the money for the village is just laying there, it is the same thing with their retirement fund. He stated that he wants everyone to go home and spend all of their savings and then see how it feels. He stated that if they want to get in a bind that every time you want to do something that you have to borrow money or something. He again stated that he is not against it if they can come up with the money for it in the budget. He stated that to continue to hand out money, that has got to stop. He stated that we did have a recreation program where no kids would show up. He questioned that you go around town, how many kids do you see play ball unless it is organized. Erv Plate stated not many. Keuler stated that when he worked here, there were kids playing all the time and he had to shoo them off when he needed to line the field. Boesch stated that times have changed with the youth. He stated that many years ago in the winter time, the snow hills were always full of kids playing. You don't see that anymore. Boesch stated that Ron Ninedorf and Phil Nett donated time to make the ice rink in the past and now you don't see people coming forward anymore. He stated that the youth today just don't play on their own anymore like they used to. Boesch stated that when you drive past those snow hills now, they sit idle. That wasn't the case 10, 15, 20 years ago. Erv Plate stated that if you can fit it into the budget he doesn't see a problem with it. He stated that some of the buildings in the park are starting to look a little tough and everything is going into the ballfields and nothing is going into the parks that actually make money when it is rented out. Stenklyft reported that the public input on the budget is now completed. He stated that we will then go into adopting the budgets. The first one addressed was the sewer fund. Action – to adopt the 2015 Sewer Fund Budget as presented – motion: Breckheimer; second: Boesch; carried. Action – to adopt the 2015 Water Fund Budget as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Breckheimer; carried. Action – to adopt the 2015 TID #1 Fund Budget as presented – motion; Koffarnus; second: Thiel; carried. Action – to adopt the 2015 First Responder Fund Budget as presented – motion: Starfeld; second: Keuler; carried. Action – to adopt the 2015 TID #2 Fund Budget as presented – motion: Thiel; second: Starfeld; carried. Action – to adopt the 2015 CDA Fund Budget as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Boesch; carried. The board then addressed the Capital Improvements Fund and General Fund Budgets together because of the issue with the ballfield expenditures and GIS mapping. Stenklyft addressed the board that as he stated previously, he wants to keep this civil and stick to the facts of the budgets and doesn't want a he said, she said. He stated that when someone is talking, the rest are listening and no one cuts anyone out. He asked if everybody understood. They did. The board then discussed the Capital Improvements Fund and General Budget together before doing any adopting. Koffarnus questioned with the Baer land swap, we are going to be putting in piping and if it was to fill in the ditch. Charlie stated that it would be for that. Breckheimer stated that what he took out of the water and sewer committee meeting, he would like to see the GIS mapping put back into the budget especially with the additional costs. He stated that it could benefit the staff and the board members by completing the project. He felt that they could cut something else out of streets to put it in. Starfeld questioned about taking the \$5,300 out of the culvert replacement reserve and put it into the GIS mapping. Breckheimer agreed with doing that. It was clarified that we are intending to budget funds over 3 years to pay for that project. Charlie stated that hopefully we will not have to budget as much for the Irish Rd culvert so there may be funds available for other projects. Koffarnus stated that he felt that the amount set aside for sidewalks (\$7,300 new) is still too high. Koffarnus stated that we are talking about putting it on 10<sup>th</sup> St. and we did it all the way along on 8<sup>th</sup> St. for \$6,000. Koffarnus felt that this could be cut to \$5,000. He questioned Thiel if that was okay. Thiel stated that there were a couple of areas that we wanted to put in new sidewalks. The ones that they were hoping to get in there are a sidewalk to the elderly housing units on 3<sup>rd</sup> St.,

replacing the sidewalk in front of Darrell Parsons place on 7<sup>th</sup> St. and then there was the one on 10<sup>th</sup> St. and one other one that they were hoping to sneak in was on Cedar St. because there is a piece missing to get down Cedar St. by Hemauer's. He stated that this is why they put that amount in there. He stated that he didn't know if there would be enough money to do all of it. Koffarnus stated that you will still have to cross the street by the cabinet shop there. Koffarnus stated that when you cross the tracks, then there are no sidewalks there. Thiel stated that then you would have to cross to get by the community center. Thiel stated that he was looking at how kids get down to the park when they come from that end of the village. He stated that the reasoning is so that they can have a direct line to the park. Thiel stated that his whole idea here is the safety aspect in trying to get the kids off the road. He stated that this was his whole deal with the sidewalks. He stated that with kids walking to school on 10<sup>th</sup> St. in the winter, the main goal is to get the kids off of the streets in the winter time and summer time. Koffarnus stated that he knows that 3<sup>rd</sup> St. is a dead end street but he questioned about putting in a sidewalk in the back and then go up Calumet St. Thiel agreed that there is more sidewalk that needs to be installed and that is why he didn't think that it was astronomical. He stated again that he is thinking of safety and that is why he it is in there. Koffarnus questioned if all of these people know about the sidewalk. He asked Karl Propson and Sy Giesen because they were in attendance. Sy stated that he is listening. Karl Propson stated that he thought it was going on Sy's side. Karl Propson stated that he did know about it. Koffarnus stated that he didn't know if Gene Schmitting knew about it yet. Sy Giesen questioned what is taking place. Koffarnus stated that Thiel brought up and there was a survey done that they would want sidewalk on 10<sup>th</sup> St. for the kids coming from the mobile home park to school. Charlie stated that when the survey was done, you had kids splitting off in all directions. Some go down 10<sup>th</sup> while others split off and go down 9<sup>th</sup> St. and 11<sup>th</sup> St. Sy Giesen asked if he could talk now. Stenklyft stated that he did not because the public portion was done earlier. Sy Giesen stated that he was not aware that this was all going on. Stenklyft stated that tonight is the budget to get the monies in there. It is not the time to discuss where they will be installed. Stenklyft stated that he felt that with the culvert project being a 3 year project, why take monies out of the sidewalk because it will not change the time frame of the culvert project. Thiel questioned if the ballfield was listed in there. DuPrey stated that it was. Thiel stated that his feeling on getting the ballfield in there that each year we do the budget, it is so tight and if we want to do a bigger project, we have to be creative with the money either borrowing it from the general fund and putting it back similar the way we did it with Main St. He stated that each year we budget \$25,000 to put it back in the general fund because it was a big project. He stated that he feels that with the ballfield is the same thing. He stated that it needs to be done, should get done and will make life better for everyone and it can spread out over so many years just like the lights were, like the street was, any major project that has to be done. He stated that if you borrow from the general fund and put back a little each year, eventually that fund will be back to what it was. He stated that you are using the general fund as a bank, as a loan. He stated that it is just like they do with the TID funds. We borrow from the fund balance but it will come back. He stated that this is how he feels to get this in the budget and use it as a bank. DuPrey then stated he wanted to clarify the Main St. project and what happened with it. DuPrey stated that they borrowed the entire amount for the project from the State Trust Fund Loan program and when the budget was completed, the board at that time made a decision to not levy the entire amount of the debt retirement. They felt at that time that they could not increase the property taxes by the entire amount of the debt retirement payment and then made a decision to use some of the tax levy that is subject to levy limits to pay it back. It was an end around in order to not lower the levy that is subject to the levy limits because once it is lowered, you never get it back. He stated that we budget the \$25,000 as part of the levy subject to limits but it is transferred each year to the debt retirement and doesn't increase fund balance. Thiel stated that he basically confirmed what he said that we can do any project with a little creativity and not live in the past on how things were done before. Thiel stated that before, they always stated let's budget the money and put in so much each year. He stated that if you have a \$50,000 project and you put in \$5,000 per year, now after 10 years we can do that. The answer is no because that \$50,000 project is now \$65,000. He stated that you never catch up. He stated that by doing it now and then paying it back makes so much more sense because you get the project done and you have it now and then you budget it out and spread it out over time. Starfeld questioned then why do we do this? Why do we have budgets? He asked Thiel why are we budgeting for stuff then if this is how he wants to run it. Starfeld stated we need a payloader so why don't we just borrow the funds from the general fund and pay it back later? Thiel stated that he doesn't know that we need a payloader. Starfeld stated that it is the same principal though. Keuler asked Starfeld about the GIS mapping. Did we budget for it? We put the entire amount in the budget for the year and did not budget it over time. He stated that this is what we tried to do with the ballfield but it didn't happen. It got cut. Breckheimer stated that he wanted to clarify that last month there was \$50,000 that was cut and ballfield was still in there. He stated that the \$50,000 does not include that. Keuler stated that one of the first things proposed by Stenklyft to cut was the ballfield and we had to put it back in. Keuler stated that he thinks that they need get creative and make this happen because just like Thiel stated if it doesn't happen this year it will not happen. He also stated that one thing he didn't think about that Chet Johnston brought up was that all the programs that we used to have are now gone. He stated that this could possibly be another one. Boesch stated that he doesn't feel that it is the village's total fault here. Keuler stated that he is just saying that there were a lot of programs that we don't have now. He stated that we have this program now and he doesn't

want to see it go by the wayside. Thiel stated that the other thing is the conference that he and Stenklyft attended in Middleton, the one thing that is on everyone's agenda for making a village or city grow is the recreational programs that are offered. He stated that this is what is number 1 on the list, recreational programs, walkability, development sites, infrastructure, trails, etc. He stated that times are changing. When you go to the doctor, the first thing that they tell you is to exercise. How do you exercise? He stated that for old farts like him, they walk because they are done running. He stated that in order to get out and move. In order to walk and move and play ball and have recreation activities you need to have the facilities and you need safe facilities. He also stated that branding is the same thing. Starfeld stated that you say take it out of the general fund and pay it back, but in 2013 we borrowed \$1,900 for the grass on the new field to stop erosion and that was supposed to be put back in the general fund in 2014 and that was forgiven. In 2014, we gave the park the magic mix for \$2,000 and the topo's was done and not budgeted for \$2,000 and that was taken out of the general fund and not put back. He stated that we are doing some of that stuff already and it doesn't get replenished so it is not a big deal? Thiel stated no for those kind of numbers. Starfeld stated that but for \$45,000, he can see where that will go. Breckheimer stated that with the whole ballfield project he stated that Chet Johnston is right on and that youth is a big deal but we can't strictly look at just that. We have to look at everything and when you put it all in front of us there are multiple red flags that come up. One thing was that we already cut out other projects last month and cut \$50,000 last month. He stated that with the storm sewer project, we made it a 3 year project instead of 2 years and he stated that it is caving in on some spots. He stated that he looks through of this and another red flag that pops up is with the planning for this project. He stated that we put that number out there and it is over \$25,000 and so it has to be bid and we have to have specs done and there will be engineering costs in there that will add to the cost. He stated that the estimate is based upon standing out there on that grass and looking at it and saying we will not have a drainage problem there. He stated that we did planning for the new field and there was still drainage issues there after the fact. He stated that we had 1<sup>st</sup> base washing out and this past year, we did the reseeding on the warning track to try to stop erosion. He stated that to go out and turn it, and then we have problems, then we will have issues with that. He stated that in his mind, the correct way is to do the topo study and felt that Stenklyft had the best idea to bring it down to \$5,000 and have the plan drawn up and get more concrete numbers off of the plan and continue on from there. He stated that he is not against the project but he is against putting in \$45,000 in the 2015 budget with everything else that is going on here right now and the amount of knowledge we have about the project at this point. Breckheimer stated that he would be in favor of doing just the \$5,000 that Stenklyft had previously proposed and plan accordingly. Koffarnus stated that the high school football field used to be there and he didn't remember having any drainage issues there. Breckheimer stated that may be the case but are we going to spend \$45,000 to find out later that there is? Thiel stated that with this massive drainage problem that we have, he went down there after we had 3 ½" of rain after 3 days and when he went down there Al Dohr was cutting the lawn on the field with the lawnmower not even leaving a track. He stated that he was told to go down there after a rain and he would come out there with wet shoes. He stated that there wasn't even a puddle on that entire field. He stated that he took all sorts of pictures and there is no drainage problem there. He stated that this thing is naturally swaled. It runs away. He stated that the lawn was being cut without even leaving a track after 3 ½" of rain over 3 days. He stated that they state that we need to have the engineers do this or that and he says there is not a problem there now and that there is a beautiful swale there now and the water runs away. He stated that there is no surprise. He stated that Mike Parent has the same feelings. Breckheimer stated that this is his concern. There are so many different angles being brought forward and when you look at it he brought up the listing of requests from the Athletic Club and the fourth one from the bottom was that the infield should be tiled and drainage should be taken into consideration during construction. He stated that he did not have it in any of the estimates. Thiel stated that this was in there because they were told it was a drainage problem but when it was looked at it is not so that is why it is not in there. Breckheimer stated that is why he brought it up. Starfeld stated that no matter what, it needs to be engineered. He stated that is why he is in favor of the \$5,000 to get organized. Stenklyft stated that this is why they wanted to do the topo's right away because then that way we would know what we have. Charlie stated that it has not been completed because they want to get more work in the area so that they don't have to come down just for that and it saves money. Stenklyft stated that he received a call from Don Schultz last night and he informed Stenklyft that he gets around town quite a bit and at one time that whole field was flooded because the drain tile was all plugged up. Stenklyft stated that he said that the field is all tiled and that once we move dirt around we will have to be careful to not wreck the drain tile or we could be creating our own problem. Thiel stated that maybe the football field was tiled. Stenklyft stated that he wasn't sure. Keuler asked Breckheimer what his long-term plan was if the \$5,000 would be put in for next year. Breckheimer stated that he doesn't think that anyone on the board is truly against the project but with everything else that was going on, he stated that Stenklyft proposed the \$5,000 and get the plans done, the topo's done. He stated that when this first started out and brought up in July, they stated that the lights were coming down and not going back up, but there is talk about putting lights back up at no cost. He stated that it would be better to have the master plan of how the field will look when completed. He stated that at next year's budget, we will probably have to take out of fund balance but at least we would know what it will look like with a final plan completed. That way they could make a more informed decision on it. Boesch stated that he

is in favor of doing it but we are already short this year with our current budget. He stated then to add another \$45,000 he is not in favor of it. He stated that he is in favor of trying to squeeze out a little more and put more than \$5,000 into it. He stated that by pulling out 15% - 20% out of our nest egg each year is not good practice because then we are like everyone else and then after a few years, we don't have a nest egg there. He stated that this is not the right way of doing business. He stated that the smaller forms of government are the only ones that are even fiscally responsible and he wants it to be kept that way. He stated that we can get this project completed but he doesn't think it could be done right away. He is in favor of tweaking the budget to put more than \$5,000 in there and let's get a plan done. He stated that it is a wonderful idea to turn the building but he honestly has a hard time making things go here without dipping into fund balance. He stated that everyone is aware on how tight the budgets are with schools and they keep tapping into the reserves and he questioned how long can you dip into your reserves until they are all gone and then we have to come to the electorate and ask for an increase. He stated that those referendums do not go easy. He stated that we have to exercise patience and caution and we can get this done. Thiel stated we are always looking at the negatives. Why don't we look at the positive end. He stated that if we put it in now what is the difference if we take it out now and budget it back or budget it and then take it out. Boesch stated that he agrees with Breckheimer that we need to have the plan there. Thiel stated that you could have the money there and ready to go. He stated that let's say that the topo's work out and everything is there, let's have the money there so we can do it. Boesch stated to Thiel that he will not get his vote on that. Thiel asked even if we pay it back. Boesch stated again that he wouldn't get his vote because it is a poor way to do practice. Boesch stated that it is a pattern that you end up leading into more and more. You have to exercise good practice. Thiel stated that he looks at it if your car goes to heck, you get a car and then you budget for it to pay it back or do you go 5 years without a car until you save enough money to buy one. He stated that it is the same thing. Thiel stated that either way you pay the same amount of money for the car but you have it now or do not have it now. He stated that the cost is the same. Boesch stated that you will not get his vote. Starfeld questioned how much was Boesch thinking. Boesch stated \$10,000 – \$15,000 and do this over a 2 or 3 year thing and get it ready to go. He stated that the project has to be bid. He stated that he wasn't at the last meeting but he stated that it is pretty creative when you try to find a way around to bid it out. He stated that you have to be careful on how we operate today. Starfeld asked if we could take anything else out of the streets. We cannot. Thiel again we have the creative ways too and he brought up that we have the rent from the antennas on our water tower that produces \$27,000 and we have over \$190,000 in the water tower reserve. He questioned why couldn't we take that one year amount of \$27,000 and take it out of the water fund and put it into the parks? For one year? Breckheimer stated that it is a bad practice. Thiel questioned if it would hurt if we did it one year. Boesch stated to Thiel that he didn't understand what he stated earlier on how you operate a government. Breckheimer stated that with our election last week and the referendum question about the transportation fund he stated that is essentially is what happened there. They kept taking out money each and every year and now they are in a bind. He stated that this is not what he says will happen here but he is saying that it is essentially the practice. Thiel stated it would only be for one year. Starfeld questioned the \$4,100 for the buildings in the park if it is going to stay there. It is. Stenklyft questioned how much we will be short this year. DuPrey stated that the cash amount for 2014 is \$26,000. For 2015 based upon the requests we would be looking at another \$58,000 to be taken out of fund balance. For two years, you are at over \$80,000. Boesch stated that if we do that 5 years in a row, then we will be in trouble. Boesch questioned taking \$5,000 out of the equipment replacement fund. DuPrey stated that this is part of the street budget and cannot be cut. DuPrey restated the amounts to clarify the amounts coming out of fund balance for 2014 and 2015. Breckheimer stated that he is in favor of the GIS mapping. Action – to leave the ballpark money at \$45,000 for the 2015 budget – motion: Thiel; second: Keuler; Roll Call Vote – yes: Thiel, Koffarnus, Keuler; no: Starfeld, Boesch, Breckheimer, Stenklyft; motion fails. Stenklyft stated that he feels that we should do the \$5,000 for the plan and also budget an additional \$20,000 and make it a two year plan. It would be \$25,000 total for 2015. Keuler asked if he could make a motion for both years. Stenklyft stated that he could do this year. Stenklyft stated that he knows the Athletic Club wants to get it done this next year but if we have to wait one more year, then we wait one more year. Boesch stated that it has to be bid. Stenklyft agreed. Koffarnus stated that he is afraid that we are going to lose baseball with Stockbridge and Hilbert going together and all of a sudden everybody is going to be going down to Stockbridge. Starfeld questioned the comment made because we have a bad concession stand? Koffarnus stated that it is because they are promoting high school baseball and we have the bodies and they have the money. Koffarnus stated that he is torn because he does see both sides. Stenklyft questioned how many people have gone to a football game in Hilbert and asked for a show of hands. He asked if you are a home team, where is the concession stand? Right by you. If you are a visitor, where is the concession stand? Across the field. He stated that you go to Brillion the concession stand is on the opposite side and the home team has to walk to the concession stand. He stated that if we have to, we could run out of one concession stand for both fields. It will save on the operating costs. If they have to walk for one year, we can do something to make it work. To say it is all or nothing, no. We have to come up with a plan to move this off of center and that is his idea. He stated that we could have a worse year or a better year with the winter and with the work being done with the flooding issues, we don't know where we will end up. Until then, we don't know. He stated that we don't want to cut our

throat. Keuler stated that next year, will be then next year after that and then next year after that and then next year after that. Keuler stated that you cannot predict the winters. Stenklyft stated that even if we put the full amount in there and then next fall, it ends up costing more or we are not comfortable going forward, then it will not happen because as a board, we need to be responsible for the money that the taxpayers are putting into the village. Stenklyft stated that you have to look at the big picture and this tunnel vision of this is what I want to do and I don't care about anything else around me because I know this is what I want to do. You have to take a step back and look at everything that is going on around you. this is exactly what he was stating. Boesch asked Koffarnus for further clarification of his comment about losing baseball to Stockbridge. Boesch questioned the coaches present and asked if our field could host high school games. They stated that they could host regular season games but not WIAA tournament games. Boesch stated that so high school baseball could be played on that diamond. Correct me if I am wrong. It was noted that you could play there for regular season but not for playoffs. Boesch questioned if Stockbridge has a field that could meet regulations for playoffs? It was noted that they were building one. Boesch asked if after flipping the field will it meet playoff regulations? The people present stated that it would meet regulations. Breckheimer questioned if the goal was to play games in Hilbert. Steve Helms stated that it was. Tony Sweere stated that we will have 15 kids to their 3 so they would prefer to playing games in Hilbert instead of traveling to Stockbridge. Koffarnus stated that their motto is one team, one dream. They have the H & S as part of the logo. Action – that we put the GIS mapping back into the streets and reduce the culverts by the same amount and that \$25,000 be put into flipping the ballfield and leave everything else just as is and approve the 2015 Capital Improvements Budget with these changes – motion: Stenklyft; second: Starfeld; Roll Call Vote – yes: Thiel, Koffarnus, Starfeld, Boesch, Breckheimer, Stenklyft; no: Keuler; motion carries by majority vote. Action – to adopt the General Fund Budget as presented – motion: Breckheimer; second: Starfeld; carried. Action – to set the local tax rate at \$6.7492641 – motion: Boesch; second: Breckheimer; carried. Stenklyft declared the public hearing closed.

Minutes – Action – to approve the board meeting minutes as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Boesch; carried. There was no fire department meeting minutes presented to the board. The first responder meeting minutes was presented to the board. Action – to approve the first responder meeting minutes as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Thiel; carried.

Treasurer's Report for the Village of Hilbert - balances – (\$65,293.82) General fund; \$187,527.40 Sewer fund; \$38,217.37 Water fund; \$2.00 Clean Water fund; \$2.00 Block Grant fund; \$13,495.58 TID #1 fund; \$500,400.63 T-Plus fund; \$15,775.22 First Responder fund; (\$375,584.65) TID #2, \$431.25 CDA; \$280,230.92 Capital Improvements Fund. Action – to approve the treasurer's report as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Thiel; 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 report was presented to the board. Action – to approve the first responder's treasurer's report as presented – motion: Breckheimer; second: Koffarnus; carried.

Claims - examined and discussed. Loose commented that the poly tank on Truck #32 has a lifetime warranty but we have to remove the tank and to take it in for repairs. This will be looked at. Action – to pay all claims – motion: Breckheimer; second: Koffarnus; carried.

Correspondence – There was no MEG newsletter received. There were no Time Warner Cable letters received. The Focus newsletters were presented to the board for their information. A press release regarding wind turbines in Brown County was presented to the board for their information. Letter from the Department of Administration for the final 1/1/14 population estimate was received. They estimate our population to be 1,150 residents. DuPrey read a Thank You card from the family of Steve Schmitting. A letter from Fox Valley Technical College regarding assessment testing was presented to the board. Stenklyft will check into the merits of doing this seeing we are looking at filling a position here.

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. Notice of the Preliminary Major Class Comparison Report was presented to the board. Currently, we are meeting the limits set by the state. Village Board Member Informational Report – Koffarnus stated that he feels that the 10<sup>th</sup> St. property owners should be given notice of any informational meetings and should have a right to voice their opinions before any final decisions on sidewalks are made. It was noted that the street committee will hold those informational meetings and all property owners will be notified when they discuss which ones will be completed and they will be given a right to voice their opinion. Sy Giesen stated that he would not be happy if it is just decided and they have no say in the matter. Stenklyft stated that any street that the street committee wants to look at for sidewalks, every property owner should be notified and invited to come initially so that they know right from the get go and they can take part in the discussions. Koffarnus agreed. Sy Giesen questioned who was on the street committee. Stenklyft stated that Gary Boesch is the chairperson and the other members are Rick Thiel and Dan Starfeld.

Village Personnel Informational Report – none.

President's Report – none.

Unfinished Business:

2014 Projects – Charlie reported that the patch by the tracks should take care of the water puddling there. Sy Giesen brought up about the dips in the road on 8<sup>th</sup> St. (Hwy 57/32). It is a state issue and he

was instructed to contact the state because it is in the driving lanes.

Recycling/Rubbish – The monthly report was presented to the board for their information.

Police Protection for the village – There was no monthly report received.

Fire Department – Mike Loose reported that he met with ISO regarding the survey required. This survey dictates the rating we get which drives the insurance rates for businesses. He touched on the retirement party for Bill Koehler. He reported that there 3 fire runs. He also reported that he will be attending the emergency government meeting in Chilton.

TID District #1 – nothing new.

Property Maintenance Ordinance – nothing new.

TID District #2 – nothing new.

Street Committee – nothing new on the Irish Rd culvert project. The 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2014\_03 amending the snow removal regulations was presented to the board. Action – to approve Ordinance 2014\_03 as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Breckheimer; Roll Call Vote – yes: Thiel, Koffarnus, Starfeld, Boesch, Keuler, Breckheimer, Stenklyft; carried. There was nothing new on the house numbers.

Discussion and possible action on how to proceed with development assistance – A letter from SAA Design Group that answered several questions from their presentation was presented to the board for their information. It was also noted that the power point presentation is available for anyone that would want it.

"Looks of Hilbert" (Aesthetics) – There was nothing new on the street signage. There was nothing new regarding the Main St. lights.

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Koffarnus; carried. The first recommendation was to authorize DuPrey to try to negotiate a smaller easement fee with Kopack on the interceptor main project. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Breckheimer; second: Koffarnus; carried. DuPrey noted that they would not budge and the costs associated with changing the layout or pursuing other remedies was way more expensive than paying the fee. He stated that he authorized the attorney to complete it. A letter from the DNR regarding approval of the plans and specs for the treatment plant upgrade was presented to the board for their information. A letter from the DNR regarding the clean water fund application for the treatment plant upgrade was presented to the board for their information. A letter from the DNR regarding approval of the plans and specs for the interceptor main replacement project was presented to the board for their information. A letter regarding the clean water fund application for the interceptor main replacement project was presented to the board for their information. A notice of award for a \$500,000 principal forgiveness grant was presented to the board. DuPrey commented that this is the culmination of many different people working together on a project to achieve the goal of doing this at the most cost effective manner. He stated that this started a couple years ago and even before when we turned down the stimulus money from 2010 and working with the engineers, financial advisors, auditors, committee and board members to make this project a reality and having the least amount of impact on the user charges. He stated that this was a team effort and an example of how things should be done to accomplish a given goal. There was nothing new to report on Hilbert Acres.

New Business:

Application for operator's license – none received.

Classes/Seminars/Schooling for employees – A written report on the League of Wisconsin Municipalities conference in Middleton attended by Thiel and Stenklyft was presented to the board. Thiel touched on the issues with Birch St., phosphorous, branding, etc.

Park & Recreation Committee – Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Boesch; carried. The first recommendation was to do the electrical work in the fire station (scopes 1 & 2) at a cost of \$1,600 with Abstract Electric doing the work. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Koffarnus; second: Thiel; carried.

Assessor Contract for 2015 – The proposed assessor contract was presented to the board. The cost would be \$5,300 which is no increase. Action – to approve the assessor contract with Action Appraisers & Consultants for 2015 at a cost of \$5,300 – motion: Starfeld; second: Boesch; carried. Troy Zacharias appeared before the board and talked to them about the need to plan for a reassessment. He stated that the last time it was done was 2003. He stated that he would like to look at it in 2016 or 2017. The cost would be about \$21,000. The state does not want municipalities to go too long between revaluations even if we are meeting the limits that they impose because it can sometimes cause assessments to not be equitable and fair to property owners.

Employee Handbook – Stenklyft stated that he would like to set up an employee review/grievance committee meeting to discuss residency before we start reviewing the applications for the open position. He stated that the committee would make a recommendation to the board.

Tom Baer Land Swap – A drawing was presented to the board on the proposed property swap. DuPrey explained the drawing and the need to do the split yet this year because the storage sheds are being sold off. Baer will pay 100% of the cost up front and we will reimburse him in 2015 for our share. The board was okay with the proposed layout to get the CSM completed.

Adjournment – Action – to adjourn – motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

*Dennis DuPrey*

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Dennis DuPrey, Clerk

President Ken Stenklyft called the special meeting of the village board to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2014.

Roll Call – all members reported present except Keuler Others present were Charlie Fochs, Josh McDonald and Nick Mirsberger.

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 – none.

President's Report – none.

New Business:

TID District #2 – Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Breckheimer; carried. DuPrey then explained all of the agreements to the board. He touched on several points in the agreements. He stated that there are 3 agreements but each one is tied to the other. What we would be doing is purchasing 4.52 acres from Jacobs which is a mirror of the Mirsberger and Abstract properties on the east side of 12<sup>th</sup> St. We would then sell off 2.5 acres to Mirsberger to construct an office building. The proposed plans were reviewed. DuPrey noted that he may build it bigger to accommodate a warehouse space to be used to store parts and supplies for his use only. This would leave a 1.5 acre parcel that would be made available for future development and would also include a dedicated road off of 12<sup>th</sup> St. to the west which is part of the original master layout that was discussed. The purchase price from Jacobs would be \$144,000 for the property and we would need to survey it prior to closing. With the Mirsberger agreement, the price of the 2.5 acre parcel would be \$80,000 with Mirsberger paying \$52,200 in cash and the village contributing \$27,800 of this as our investment in the project. He stated that the developer agreement is worded off of the last one done with Mirsberger. He would have until September 30, 2016 to build the building. This deadline was used in the event he has issues with bringing in the required fill for this project. The subordination amount would be \$175,000 which would include the larger building if he does build it. The agreement has personal guarantees as before. DuPrey stated that with his current project, he will have paid back the village's investment in about 4 more years which is ahead of schedule. DuPrey stated that the project investment does not take into account the larger building or any personal property values that may be there. DuPrey stated that he does not anticipate having to borrow from the bank which will give us the additional cushion if the building is not built until 2016. There were some questions but they were answered. The first recommendation from the TID Committee was to approve the developer agreement with Nick & Vicki Mirsberger, LLC. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Breckheimer; second: Koffarnus; carried. The next recommendation was to approve the Real Estate Sales Agreement with Nick & Vicki Mirsberger, LLC. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Boesch; second: Thiel; carried. The third recommendation was to approve the Vacant Land Offer to Purchase with Jacobs Hillview Dairy, Inc. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Koffarnus; second: Starfeld; carried.

Employee Review/Grievance Committee – There was one correction to the minutes. It was to add hour after the ½ in paragraph 2. Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes with this change – motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried. The first recommendation was to draw up an ordinance to abolish the residency ordinance that is on the books. DuPrey will draw up the ordinance amendment. The second recommendation was to add to the employee handbook that when you are on call you must stay within a ½ hour response time to the village hall or make arrangements to have one of the other employees cover for you. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Boesch; second: Breckheimer; carried. The employee assessments were discussed but the committee didn't feel that they would be beneficial to us. There was no action taken.

The board then convened into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes to review applications for the open General Public Works position. Action – to convene into closed session – motion: Boesch; second: Breckheimer; Roll Call Vote – yes: Thiel, Koffarnus, Starfeld, Boesch, Breckheimer, Stenklyft; carried.

The board then reconvened into open session. Action – to reconvene back into open session – motion: Breckheimer; second: Boesch; Roll Call Vote – yes: Thiel, Koffarnus, Starfeld, Boesch, Breckheimer, Stenklyft; carried. There was no action to take from the closed session.

Adjournment – Action – to adjourn – motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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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 – none.

President's Report – none.

The board then convened into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes to interview applicants for the open General Public Works position. Action – to convene into closed session – motion: Breckheimer; second: Koffarnus; Roll Call Vote – yes: Thiel, Koffarnus, Starfeld, Boesch, Keuler, Breckheimer, Stenklyft; carried.

The board then reconvened into open session. Action – to reconvene back into open session – motion: Boesch; second: Thiel; Roll Call Vote – yes: Thiel, Koffarnus, Starfeld, Boesch, Keuler, Breckheimer, Stenklyft; carried. There was no action to take from the closed session.

Unfinished Business:

Appointment of individual to the TID Committee – Stenklyft stated that Al Breit had resigned and that he is recommending Tom Roehrig be appointed to the TID Committee. Action – to appoint Tom Roehrig to the TID Committee – motion: Stenklyft; second: Boesch; carried.

Plan Commission – Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried. The first recommendation from the committee was to approve the Jacobs Hillview Dairy property split. Starfeld expressed concern on the amount of land being set aside for Mirsberger and that he was concerned that there would be storage units put there or trailers stored there. He also expressed concerns over the village's investment in the project. Boesch commented that he should have brought this up sooner and felt that it was too late now. Action – to approve the property split for Jacobs as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Breckheimer; carried by majority vote. The second recommendation was to approve the Baer property/Village Property split and that the culvert would have to be paid by Baer. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Thiel; second: Starfeld; carried.

DuPrey then touched under additional Citizen Comments the status of the user charge system for the treatment plant upgrades and interceptor main. He stated that with the numbers the way that they shake out, a typical residential customer that uses about 3,000 gallons per month would go up about \$3.40 per month or about \$41 per year. Keuler questioned about not having Sargento Foods and Thiel Cheese pay for the upgrades so that the residential rates wouldn't change. This was discussed briefly and DuPrey explained that with Thiel Cheese they are charging a base rate along with a volume charge and surcharge. This is just the way Sargento Foods is done. With Sargento Foods, they currently give us a shortfall payment each year so with the increased rates, that shortfall payment will be less. DuPrey asked the board if they see any issues with the rate set up because he would like to have them approved at next week's meeting. The board felt that this would be okay. Thiel questioned annexation and how it is done. DuPrey explained that if a property owner wishes to annex into the village, then they make the petition to annex in. The village does not petition the property owner.

Adjournment – Action – to adjourn – motion: Boesch; second: Keuler; carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

*Dennis DuPrey*

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Dennis DuPrey, Clerk