

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

Roll Call – all members reported present. Also present were Josh McDonald, Dennis Hein, Mike Loose, Todd Thiel, 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 – Spring Election will be 4/1/14. Regional flood meeting is set for 3/19/14. Stenklyft commented on his meeting with Brillion and the DNR and Milwaukee regarding flooding issues in Milwaukee and how they addressed them. He stated that they wanted to get an idea of where the communities wanted to go from here. They discussed what Milwaukee did with their issues that they had there. They created this group that brought other communities in and did a plan and sought federal funding to make improvements to alleviate some of the flooding issues that they had been experiencing. Stenklyft stated that when dealing with these issues, we can't just think about our community. We have to think about all the other communities and it really needs to be a joint effort. Spring Clean will be 5/3/14 from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. April Board meeting will be 4/15/14. Board of Review and Open Book will be 5/21/14 with Open Book from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Board of Review from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. There will be DOT meeting in Forest Junction on the round about project on Highway 57/32 & Highway 10 on 3/25/14 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes – Action – to approve the board meeting minutes as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Thiel; carried.

Treasurer's Report for the Village of Hilbert - balances – (151,088.40) General fund; \$249,160.97 Sewer fund; \$69,007.58 Water fund; \$1.00 Clean Water fund; \$1.00 Block Grant fund; (\$9,428.55) TID #1 fund; \$1,020,089.09 T-Plus fund; \$17,583.48 First Responder fund; (\$166,949.58) TID #2, \$159.44 CDA; \$223,080.38 Capital Improvements Fund. Action – to approve the treasurer's report as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Boesch; 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 treasurer's report from the last 3 months was presented to the board. Action – to approve the treasurer's report for the last 3 months from the first responder group as presented – motion: Thiel; second: Keuler; carried.

Claims - examined and discussed. Action – to pay all claims – motion: Breckheimer; second: Boesch; 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. A newsletter from Boardman & Clark, LLP was presented to the board for their information. A thank you card from the family of Roy Schroeder was presented to the board. A thank you card from the family of Beverly Glasow was presented to the board for their information. DuPrey brought up a request from the Eastshore Humane Association for a donation. In the past we donated \$200. The board has no issues with donating the same \$200 without formal motion.

Reports - The report of labor hours was presented to the board for their information. There was no monthly report for building permits. A report was then given by the revitalization group. Todd Thiel asked that Koffarnus provide the report. He stated that he attended a meeting and that there were 11 members there. He stated that they talked about street lights and the possibility of getting different street lights on Main St. Koffarnus stated that he showed them the pictures of the portable libraries and they liked that. He also stated that the group would like to see the gravel part of the parking lot on 5th St. cleaned up by either paving it or planting grass. He stated that they were also looking at street signs and planters and pole banners. As far as signage, they would like to see something on the highway pointing to the businesses on Main St. Any signage would need a state permit. Stenklyft stated that you would provide them a general area and they would come in and say it goes here on this post. They would want it placed on an existing post and not add any new ones. Stenklyft stated that it is feasible but the state regulates it. Koffarnus also stated that the group discussed the consultants that we should get. He stated that Sherwood has SEH and Ehlers finance to help grow Sherwood. Koffarnus noted that this would be discussed later. Koffarnus felt that it is a good group with a lot of concerned citizens. He stated that they want to help with beautification and they do have fundraisers and have money they could put towards it. Stenklyft questioned if there should be a joint meeting between the group and the park and recreation committee. He also stated that the street committee should be part of it also. Koffarnus stated that the group has concerns regarding the gazebo and he informed them that they don't have funds budgeted for it this year. He stated that the group is concerned about being cheap and sometimes we have to spend some monies. Todd Thiel commented that the group does have money to put toward it. Koffarnus could understand their desire to clean up by 5th St. He stated that it had been gravel long enough. He understands that we do push snow there also. Boesch commented that it is handy as hell for what they use it for and it saves the taxpayers monies. Koffarnus also commented that he does understand that contractors use this area too to park their equipment. Koffarnus stated that there may be grant dollars available through WE Energies to replace the poles. Trustee Rick Thiel commented that some of the poles are in real bad shape. DuPrey stated that he had been in contact with them already but it was late in the fall and the weather then went south. He stated that he can follow up with them again. DuPrey stated that they are supposed to maintain those poles for general wear and maintenance

but in instances where they have been hit by someone, they may not pay to fix them and it may be on our dime. Starfeld suggested that this may be the time to switch to LED lights. Mike Loose stated don't do what Chilton did. He stated that when you go through there when it is below zero, you can't even see down the street. He stated ask anybody in Chilton. They are very upset. Keuler commented that they are talking about changing to a different type of bulb again. Koffarnus felt that it was a good idea to get together jointly and talk. Trustee Rick Thiel stated that we are going to have to spend some money. He stated that he took some time and read the Smart Growth Plan for the village and said starting in 2008 they talked about everything that Koffarnus just talked about. He stated with updating the park system, updating the trail system, sidewalks, etc. He stated that from reading the book, we have done a very good job with the infrastructure but a lot of the other stuff is lacking. He stated that the above ground stuff, the cosmetics some of the safety and convenience stuff has been lacking because most of the monies have been spent on the infrastructure stuff. He stated that we are at that point where something needs to be done. Keuler stated that this has to go to committee so why doesn't the committee set up a meeting. He suggested that we work on the signage. Trustee Rick Thiel agreed. Ken Stenklyft stated that we could send this all to the street committee because it could all fit under that. Trustee Rick Thiel felt that some of it is park related and that committee should take care of it. They will meet jointly.

Village Board Member Informational Report – Breckheimer stated that he had been at some of the fire department meetings and was glad to make it to see how things work. He suggested that he felt that both the fire department and first responders group already provide us with a treasurer's report already and that we should also get the minutes of their meetings also. Mike Loose stated that it wouldn't be a problem and will send them directly to the clerk's office. DuPrey will contact the first responder group. Breckheimer also brought up that after the February board meeting, he had a lady ask him and questioned him about fire department members voting on fire department issues. He stated that he wasn't 100% sure on the answer so he contacted Claire Silverman from the league group and ran it past her. He stated that she provided a general response but nothing specific. He stated that the jist he got from her is that if it is department wide, they can vote on it but if not then they can't. He stated that she informed him that with raises as long as it is department wide, they can vote on it. Keuler questioned what would be an example of something individual. Breckheimer stated that this is the gray area so he dug into it a little more and was directed to Adam Harvell from the GAB which are the ones in charge of all ethics regulations. He stated that on their website they even have archives of the opinions that have given out. Breckheimer stated that they have a free service where municipalities can send in questions and they offer their opinions. He stated that he talked to him on the phone and emailed back and forth and discussed the fire department issues along with Darlene who is his mother in law. He stated that he threw out some different things that they vote on like purchasing equipment, voting on a fire chief, voting for pay raises, etc. He stated that his opinion was pretty much the same just as Claire's. If it not the entire fire department, then they can't vote on it. Breckheimer stated that he specifically asked about the conference from the last meeting and the GAB told him that because it is a partial group, you cannot vote on it if you are attending that conference. Breckheimer stated that because of that, anyone of the board members attending that conference could not vote on it if they were attending that conference. Breckheimer stated that the way that it is written is that it is a substantial effect. Stenklyft stated that he was under the impression that they could not vote on anything that had to do with pay. He stated that this is what they have always been told that if it had to do with pay, they could not vote on it. Stenklyft stated that this is new to him. Breckheimer stated that once you break away from the entire group as a whole is where it gets questionable. Breckheimer also provided a guidance sheet that outlines this. Breckheimer also stated that anything involving immediate family members which he would say is parents, children, spouse, brothers or sisters are ones that you would have to abstain from also. He stated that this is also on the guideline sheet that he provided. Breckheimer stated that technically, he could vote on items involving Darlene, his mother in law because this is not deemed as immediate family, however he will continue to abstain because he feels that it is still the right thing to do in his opinion. He stated that he wanted to pass that out so that everyone is on the same page and so there is not a liability issue in the future. Village Personnel Informational Report – Charlie reported that the screening unit is put back together today. He also reported that they are beginning the process of the getting into implementing the radio read system.

President's Report – Stenklyft reported that he is attending the 5th annual policy conference put on by LWMMI in Wisconsin Dells on April 10th & 11th. Cost for anyone else attending is \$90. No one else expressed interest in going. He also commented that when he was at his meeting in Brillion, they have full maps on the walls. He stated that he would like to explore thoughts about making the council room more user friendly.

Unfinished Business:

2014 Projects – nothing new.

Recycling/Rubbish – The monthly report was presented to the board for their information. DuPrey presented a report of garbage/recycling trends for the village from 2006 – 2013.

Police Protection for the village – The monthly report was presented to the board for their information.

Fire Department – Mike Loose reported that Mark Fochs will be attending a class on critical incident management. He also thanked the board members for attending their meetings. Mike Loose presented a listing of budgeted items and the prices received. Action – to approve the purchase of these budgeted

items with the lowest priced vendors as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Breckheimer; carried.
TID District #1 – nothing new.

Property Maintenance Ordinance – The second reading of proposed Ordinance 2014_01 took place. DuPrey presented a request from Brandon Luedtke to remove the 2nd citation issued. As of the date of the board meeting, nothing has been completed yet. The board took no action on the request because the work has not been completed yet.

TID District #2 – nothing new.

Street Committee – The committee meeting minutes were presented. There was a correction that needed to be made. The time of adjournment is supposed to say 8:50 a.m. and not 8:50 p.m. Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes with this correction – motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried. Boesch touched on the discussion that took place regarding house numbers. The committee is working on amending the ordinance and will be addressing changes at a future meeting. Boesch stated that Trustee Rick Thiel has already compiled a listing of houses where house numbers are deficient. Boesch commented that this is something that hasn't been addressed for quite a few years. Stenklyft then went into snow removal issues. He had this placed on the agenda. He stated that the way we handle the non removal of snow from our sidewalks is not working. Keuler questioned what he meant that it isn't working. Stenklyft stated that the process if someone is not cleaning their sidewalk, the Director of Public Works contacts the clerk's office who sends out a letter to the home owner who then has 24 hours to remove the snow the way it reads right now. Stenklyft stated that it could be another week before the snow is removed. He stated that he looked at the City of Brillion and City of Chilton's snow removal ordinance. He stated that the City of Brillion does not give out any warnings. They do nothing. If you don't clean off your sidewalk within 24 hours, they come and do it and bill you. In the City of Chilton, they publish the ordinance in the paper once in the fall. He stated that if you don't get the paper, you don't see the ordinance and they just come out and clean it. Trustee Rick Thiel stated that he would agree with that. He stated that it has been a horrendous year with snow and stuff but these sidewalks are not getting cleaned and when they are not getting cleaned and it thaws, then we have an ice issue where the village had to go around and put down sand/salt down on all the sidewalks that had ice on them because they were not cleaned. He stated that as an example, he was out walking last week Thursday and he observed 41 stretches of sidewalk in this community and he probably missed some that were not cleaned yet. Keuler questioned for Brillion and Chilton who maintains the sidewalk. He questioned who owns the sidewalk, who repairs it. Stenklyft stated that as with any community, the community owns the sidewalk. Stenklyft stated it is up to the property owner whether or not the community to take care of cleaning it or the homeowner. Keuler questioned who takes care of the repairs in Chilton or Brillion? Stenklyft stated that he did not check that. Keuler again asked if you have sidewalk out in front of your house, who maintains it? Keuler stated that he doesn't know about Brillion but in Chilton, the homeowner is in charge of maintaining and repairing their sidewalk. Keuler stated that he feels that when they go around and do this, he thinks and himself included explain why he leaves the shoes up on his snow blower. He stated that he paid \$1,200 for a new snow blower and when he goes down that sidewalk, he says guess what, it is boom, boom, boom on the sidewalk. Keuler stated that if he lowers it all the way, it will get worse. Keuler stated that if we want to go around and replace all of the sidewalks in town or by everyone that is having the same issues that he is having, he thinks that this is what we are setting ourselves up for. Stenklyft didn't agree. He stated that we have people out there that just don't clean up their sidewalks. Keuler questioned if they were talking the same thing. He stated that he keeps his sidewalk open and keeps Darrell Parsons open and sometimes Ken Grenzer and he has snow that is high in the terrace and it thaws, guess where the water ends up, on his sidewalk and it freezes. He stated that if we want to do this, he would have to go out and he would have to salt every morning from now until whatever. Keuler stated that he felt that he doesn't think that we want to go there. He stated that he didn't think that we want everyone in town to go out every day and salt every day. Stenklyft stated that if we don't want them to do it, then we need to do it. Stenklyft stated that by state law, we have to keep it clean. Stenklyft stated that we are held liable if they can proof that for 3 weeks it was not clean. Keuler stated that we are also liable for keeping a decent sidewalk there. Stenklyft agreed. Keuler stated that this is the point that he is making. Keuler stated that if someone is not cleaning their sidewalks and you have to walk through several inches of snow, he agrees. Stenklyft stated that the last snowstorm was on a Saturday/Sunday and there were the first two residences from 2nd St. this way on the north side of the street that did not clean their sidewalks. Boesch stated that there are trouble with some rentals. Trustee Rick Thiel stated that it is more than just rentals. Stenklyft stated that he is after getting rid of this extra paperwork having to send out letters. He stated that they need to take some pride in their property and do something about it to try to take care of it. Keuler stated that he understands that and feels that a bulk of the people do take care of it. Stenklyft questioned why should we do an extra hassle for the ones that don't. Keuler stated that if it doesn't work now, who are you going to have police it. Are you going to lay it on Charlie or Josh. Stenklyft stated that it is on Charlie. Trustee Rick Thiel agreed. Keuler questioned that Charlie has time to do that every day? Stenklyft stated that we have 5 village employees that drive the streets every day. Charlie stated that the way he did it this year and the way the ordinance states is that we are supposed to send a letter. He stated that he did it a little different this year and informed the street committee of this. He stated that after it stops snowing, they have 24 hours to clean the sidewalks. He stated that someone has to deem when it is

done. He stated that if it is blowing, they still have the chance to clean it off after it stops blowing. He stated that this year was an exceptional year. It snow almost every other day. He stated that 24 hours after, he went around and handed out notices. He stated that the first time, he handed out about 19 letters. He stated that he went back the next day and it was done. He stated that he did that all winter when he had the chance to do it. He stated that they all need to remember that he had more things going on than just dealing with the sidewalks. Charlie stated that what irritates him more is that it hasn't been a real big issue until this year. Trustee Rick Thiel disagreed and stated that it has always been an issue. Charlie stated not as big an issue as it has been this year. Trustee Rick Thiel stated that he has brought it up for years before he was even on the board. Charlie also stated that the other thing he wanted to bring up is when we have a board member sitting here and doesn't follow the ordinance, why should he be out there enforcing it to everybody else. Trustee Rick Thiel stated that because it is your job. Charlie stated, no not because Rick. Trustee Rick Thiel stated that if everyone picked and chose every time that they wanted to do something or that they got a job and say I don't want to climb that pole so I'm just not going to do it. Keuler stated that he didn't think that this is what Charlie does. Keuler stated that what he has to do is prioritize when he starts his day. Keuler stated that it is his opinion that the sidewalks should be right down here on the bottom. Trustee Rick Thiel did not agree. He stated that if someone is walking to school, slips and falls and cracks their head open and this is low priority Tim, wrong. He stated not in his books. Trustee Thiel stated that safety in the village is #1. Keuler stated that so he is supposed to put that on top and leave the streets full of snow. Trustee Thiel stated that he didn't say that. Keuler then asked what he was suggesting then. Trustee Rick Thiel stated that they do have 24 hours. Keuler stated so he has to go around and plow the roads and then hey, we have a water main break, and now we are into the second day. So then if something comes up the second day, then what. Trustee Rick Thiel stated that there are exceptions but it has been this way all winter. Keuler then looked at Charlie and asked what the hell did you do all winter? Stenklyft asked that they all stop right now. Josh McDonald asked what the definition of clean is for sidewalks. What do you determine that is clean? A path through the sidewalk that is travelable by people? Or are you talking bare concrete? Stenklyft stated that he could get Josh the definition but he thinks that it is bare concrete. Josh stated that as long as you can walk down them, he never minded them this winter. Mike Loose stated that someone cleans his sidewalk and keeps it open and it fills up with ice all the time. He stated that when they cut down his yard when they did the street, every time it melts, it goes to the sidewalk and sits. He stated that there is going to be ice out there. Todd Thiel stated that the people that cleans his sidewalks they do put deicer out there if there is ice. Charlie stated that the state sends us an email and tells us to cut back on the salt used on the streets and we are sitting here and telling the residents to put more salt on the sidewalks. He says the state is telling us to cut back on the salt because it is not good for the environment. Todd Thiel stated that he is going to go back to his theme. He stated that this is his opinion, it has to be about safety, safety, safety. If someone slips and falls on his sidewalk, they are going to come after him. He stated that not everyone is wearing boots like people have on tonight. He stated that they have clientele coming in from all over the country and they are wearing rubber soled shoes. He stated that it has been an exceptional winter and it has been hard on people and it has been extra work for people just to live here. Gary Boesch commented that we do live in Wisconsin and nothing against him but his wife, LoAnn took a digger entering his building to give blood. Todd Thiel stated that yes, we do live in the State of Wisconsin but everyone has to be diligent in trying to keep their sidewalks clear, then why in the hell do I have to pay Phil Nett so much money to clean my sidewalk. If someone else doesn't have to do it, then he is going to not do it and save himself a boatload of money. Boesch stated that Keuler stated this last month and those were excellent words when he said that he thought it was time to stop picking on people. Boesch stated that you have to think about that. We live in Wisconsin environment and if we want bare sidewalks and pavement then you better head to south Florida. Trustee Rick Thiel stated to Boesch that then he is saying that we should get rid of the ordinance. Boesch stated that he is not in favor of this proposed ordinance change. Trustee Rick Thiel questioned that in the winter time we should just close down the sidewalks? Boesch stated that if you want to promote this community going forward, we need to stop picking on the people here. Trustee Rick Thiel stated so we should send a letter to the residents of the Village of Hilbert that in the winter time, sidewalks are impassable. Keuler stated like he said, common sense. Stenklyft stated that if we are going to have sidewalks, we either have to clean them or the residents have to. Boesch stated that there are not perfect sidewalks anywhere. He stated that he travels all over to other communities and they don't have perfect sidewalks. Stenklyft stated that he is not looking at picking on people, he is looking at making it easier for Dennis so we don't have to send out letters. Keuler questioned how this would make it easier on Dennis? Stenklyft stated that right now, the way the ordinance reads, Charlie has to provide Dennis with a list and then a letter has to be sent out. Keuler stated that so with this, he will now have 20, 30, 40 or 50 more to do because he is going to look down the sidewalk and see there is small patch of ice, I have to write that one up. Oh, there is another small patch of ice, I have to write that one up. Now you have just multiplied everything. Stenklyft stated that they didn't change the ordinance. Breckheimer stated that this was horseshit. He stated that one thing that caught his attention was that they added "thawing event". He stated that he looked all around us. He looked at New Holstein, Chilton and no one has it in there. He stated, look at the last five days, every day it has been melting and every night it is freezing so every single day like Keuler was saying for the last five days,

they would have to be out there salting. He also questioned when the 24 hour period begins when it is thawing during the day and freezing at night? Starfeld stated that the 24 hours would never end. It would be unfrozen by noon and then it would start over at night. We would not have a time when an event ends. Todd Thiel stated that we are getting back to Josh's question and what do we deem as clean? Starfeld stated that he would rather have snow on it. Trustee Rick Thiel asked if it is clean when there is like 3" of snow on the sidewalk and they don't clean it and they trample it down and it is not cleaned off for a month. Josh McDonald stated that it is passable at that point. It is no different than a street somewhere. Stenklyft stated that he didn't think that would pass. Stenklyft stated that he will get more clarification on it. Breckheimer stated that this is something that should go to committee and shouldn't be here tonight. Stenklyft stated that it is a thought provoker because every year it happens and we get to this time of year and we say, we will wait until next year to see what happens. Stenklyft stated that you can't just sit there and do nothing. Trustee Rick Thiel questioned how many sidewalks were cleaned by the village this year? Charlie stated none. Trustee Rick Thiel, there we go, every sidewalk was perfect all year. There was not one single violator all year did not clean their sidewalk. He stated that he rests his case. Keuler questioned what case he is resting? Trustee Rick Thiel stated that he rest his case that he knows for a fact that there was people that were not even close to an attempting to clean their sidewalks and nothing was done. Keuler stated that his name was brought up on a list submitted by Trustee Rick Thiel and he maintains his sidewalk. Keuler stated that what he saw there was a little ice on there and that's what he has a problem with. Trustee Rick Thiel stated to Keuler that there was snow on his sidewalk. He stated that it was from his snow blower. Keuler stated that he should have taken a picture. He stated that he went home and was going to get that list from Charlie because he called Charlie and he was going to go out and salt them all himself. He stated that he looked at his sidewalk and his sidewalk was clean. It had some ice on it. He stated that he is saying that we live in Wisconsin and a little common sense goes a long way. Trustee Rick Thiel stated that he knows it does. Keuler stated that there are a lot of people on this board that don't have sidewalk. Trustee Rick Thiel stated that he does. Keuler stated that he didn't say Trustee Thiel but that there are a lot of board members that don't have sidewalk. Trustee Rick Thiel stated that some of them should though. Keuler stated that if this is where they want to go with this, you are going to open up a big can of worms. Trustee Rick Thiel stated that his biggest thing is the paths to school have got to be kept clean for the kids. Keuler stated that he agrees with Josh and if it passable, it is passable. Keuler stated that if he plows it or blows it and it is passable, it is passable. He stated that to go out there every morning and salt is not where we want to go. Starfeld commented that he didn't really see anyone that had to step over a foot of snow to walk. Keuler stated that he didn't see any. Trustee Thiel stated to Starfeld that this is because he doesn't walk. Starfeld told Trustee Rick Thiel to bring his camera out. Stenklyft stated that just remember, we can't just say no and let it go as status quo. Starfeld then stated then give it to the street committee. Stenklyft stated that something needs to be done. Either we are going to enforce it or we are going to have to take care of all of them. Starfeld stated that we have until November. Stenklyft stated that this is what happened last year and here we are again sitting in the same spot. Boesch stated that he walked up here tonight and no fault to a couple of property owners but water is ponding on some of the sidewalks due to the fact that we have a lot of snow or the sidewalks are lower than lawn level. He stated that it really is not the homeowner's fault that he had to go off course and walk in the road. Boesch stated that to him, that is not the end of the world but he is not going to walk through an 1 ½" of water with regular shoes and it is not that person's fault that the sidewalk doesn't drain. Trustee Rick Thiel stated that the frost also pushes the grass higher. Boesch stated that sidewalks are an issue. It was an issue when we put it in on Milwaukee St. They are an issue with construction, they are an issue with maintenance, they are an issue when it comes to snow. They are an issue in every community. Boesch stated let's take it to the committee level and see once what we can come up with.

Summer Help – Action – to approve the employee review committee meeting minutes as presented from the last two meetings – motion: Koffarnus; second: Boesch; carried. Stenklyft commented that the committee did talk about the changes in the schooling policy but he forgot to put them in the minutes. The recommendation was to hire Alvin Dohr as the summer help employee. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Breckheimer; second; Thiel; carried.

Discussion and possible action on how to proceed with development assistance – Stenklyft stated that there was a survey sent to all businesses in Hilbert. Stenklyft stated that Trustee Rick Thiel volunteered to do some legwork and get some information regarding consultants for possible hire from the village and some issues that we might want to have addressed. Trustee Rick Thiel stated that he obtained one of their booklets or pamphlets for a consultant and they had the outline of all the things in a town that a consultant would help with such as transportation, parking, walking or biking trails, snowmobile trails, pedestrian safety, land use planning, development, marketing, streetscapes and branding of what a village is. With all of the questions that are on here and he started going through them with what consultants are trying to do and what they are trying to get information on, he found out that he didn't know a lot of the answers. He stated that he is sure that no one on the board doesn't know all the answers either. He thought it would be a good idea and give this to everybody and maybe you could find out the answers. He stated that if we are going to pick a consultant, first of all we can what they are going to do for us here and second we can be intelligent and make intelligent decisions on what is going

to happen. He stated that if we don't know the answers to a lot of these questions, how are we going to vote on a consultant. He stated that we don't know anything about it. Starfeld commented that no one stated that we were going to hire a consultant did they. Boesch commented that this doesn't sound good. It sounds like that he can't make an intelligent decision. Starfeld agreed. Trustee Rick Thiel asked Boesch if he knew every answer on that list because he doesn't. Boesch stated that there are some things that will pertain to the village and others that will not. Trustee Thiel stated that I might not be that smart but I didn't know a lot of the answers here. Boesch stated that our community was strong when we had an active chamber of commerce. Boesch stated that we can spend 10's of 1,000's of dollars on a plan and he doesn't know if any good will come out of it. He stated that he didn't know what the people on the Revitalization Committee envision what will come out of it, but he honestly don't think a whole hell of a lot will come out of it other than a bill and some guidelines if we don't have an active and meaningful chamber of commerce, business people having a direction and being able to participate in it. Not just the citizens at large. Boesch stated that he doesn't see anything being done with a consultant unless there is a strong chamber of commerce and it's his personal opinion. Trustee Thiel stated that it is an opinion, but he put it this way, would he build a house without a plan? Boesch stated no, not in today's world. Trustee Rick Thiel then questioned how can we get this village to grow if we don't have a plan? Boesch stated that we do have a plan. Trustee Rick Thiel questioned what it was. Boesch stated it is the comprehensive plan. Trustee Rick Thiel did not agree. He stated that he looked at that comprehensive plan and all there is in it is ideas. There are no priorities, there is no layout on how things could be done. Boesch stated that we have a plan commission that oversees many, many projects. Trustee Thiel questioned what the priorities are? How is the funding listed? Boesch stated that he doesn't agree with him that we don't have this, we don't have that. Trustee Rick Thiel questioned Boesch when the last time was that he read the comprehensive plan? Boesch commented that he makes this community sound like that it is nothing. Trustee Rick Thiel did not agree. He stated that he never has said that. Stenklyft stated that if we sit down and we look at these questions, he felt that as a group, we can answer most of them. Trustee Rick Thiel stated that Boesch might know more about something such as streets and he would like to know more and there may be some areas where he knows more about something. He stated that Keuler may know something that Koffarnus doesn't know and Starfeld might know something that he doesn't know. He stated that if we would get the answers to all of this, we would all be in the same ballpark then to make good decisions. Boesch questioned if we are looking at hiring a consultant. Trustee Rick Thiel and Stenklyft stated no. We are just trying to find the answers to these questions. Boesch questioned whether or not they are supposed to go home and try to fill this out. Boesch stated that he would like all business owners to fill this out. The survey has been sent to all of them. Starfeld questioned how many had been returned. DuPrey stated two so far. Starfeld commented that this isn't too good. Stenklyft stated that he would like each one of the board members to fill it out also. He stated that he wants the business owners to step forward. He stated that he is not sure that a Chamber of Commerce is the answer but he does want to get their input. Stenklyft stated that if we want to move forward, we may have to look at a consultant at some point. Boesch stated that before he would support anything like that, he doesn't think that anything was put in the budget for it for this fiscal year and the other thing that he would like to see is a performance or track record of what they have done and the results with communities like our size. Koffarnus stated that Sherwood really boomed and they went with a consultant. Stenklyft stated that he expect everyone to fill it out by next month. Keuler questioned before getting into it with a consultant, should we be setting up something with the business owners and see where they want to proceed? Trustee Rick Thiel stated that when he looked through the pamphlets of the consultants they do have these types of meetings. Trustee Rick Thiel stated that the biggest thing that he sees is that there are goals in there but nothing is prioritized. Trustee Thiel stated that one of the things in the comprehensive plan was not to mix the truck traffic with the residential traffic. He stated that if Birch St. would go in, that would address this issue. Boesch commented to Trustee Rick Thiel, do you remember the trouble that we had at budget time to just get a couple thousand of dollars just to do pursue that avenue from some members on this village board. Trustee Rick Thiel stated that he did.

New Business:

Application for operator licenses – Applications were received from Theresa Lewins and Heather Blohowiak. Action – to approve the operator license for Theresa Lewins – motion: Breckheimer; second: Starfeld; carried. Action – to approve the operator license for Heather Blohowiak – motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried.

Classes/Seminars/Schooling for employees – nothing new.

Park & Recreation Committee – Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Keuler; carried. The first recommendation from the committee was to allow the installation of the mobile community libraries at both Railroad Park and the Civic Park. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Boesch; second: Breckheimer; carried. The second recommendation from the committee was to allow the fire department to perform the following updates to the fire station building:

1. New airline & electrical hookups for the apparatus
2. New electrical outlets to accommodate training area upstairs

3. Center light above the officer's table
4. Wire upstairs fans to a separate outlet
5. Run wiring to area under east stairway for outlet & light for map
6. Run TV cable line to area under east steps & upstairs training area
7. Add an outlet by the base station

These were discussed. Mike Loose stated that his main concerns are the airlines and cords off the floor. The funds to do this would come out of the fire department funds. Mike Loose felt that we should do the airlines and cords right away. The board felt that it would be ok for the department to do the little things using their funds and some of the bigger items would need to be budgeted for. Action – to allow the fire department to perform any of these improvements using their funds for the smaller items that they can shoulder themselves and the rest would need to be budgeted for – motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried.

Request to purchase Magikist Steamer – Charlie Fochs brought this to the board on urging from some of the board members. He checked into a price to purchase a unit like this. It would be \$2,641 and would be used to assist in thawing out water laterals. Due to the harsh winter, we did have issues with frozen water laterals and rented Chilton's unit. Charlie stated that we were at the mercy of when they could come and sometimes it had to be after hours. By having our own unit, it would allow us to deal with any situations sooner and also allow us to assist neighboring communities if needed. Charlie stated that the funds to purchase this would come out of the funds earmarked for the Jetter Reserve in the water fund. Action – to approve this purchase – motion: Koffarnus; second: Keuler; carried.

Adjournment – Action – to adjourn – motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Dennis DuPrey

Dennis DuPrey, Clerk