President Mark Breckheimer called the regular meeting of the village board to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2015.

Roll Call – all members reported present. Others present were Rick Keuler, Andrew Dane from SEH, Jim Cruthers, Charlie Fochs, Karl Propson, Steve Helms, Harold Sippel and Ed Byrne.

<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> – The pledge of allegiance was recited by everyone present. <u>Citizen Questions and Concerns to be acted on at the next board meeting</u> – Rick Keuler came before the board to issue a complaint regarding an individual that goes past the residences with loud motors from his truck and motorcycle. He stated that the individual goes through each morning at about 4:50 a.m. and wakes up everyone in the neighborhood. He stated that the residents have sent letters to him and to the village and sheriff's department but nothing is being done about it. He stated that there are several people upset by this but that they are afraid to come to the village board to voice their concerns. He stated that there is not a muffler on the motorcycle. He stated that he has antagonized him one day and went past really loud and then smiled at him. Rick Keuler stated that he is looking to see what can be done and feels that they should not have to put up with this noise. He asked if there was anything that the village could do to alleviate the situation. Breckheimer stated that they will look into it but nothing can be done or discussed tonight because it is not on the board meeting agenda.

Announcements - Voices of Peace Gospel Festival is scheduled for 8/21/15 and 8/22/15. The Annual Cheesehead Run is scheduled for 8/22/15. The Hilbert Fire Department End of Summer Celebration will be held on 9/12/15. The next Civic Association meeting is scheduled for 9/15/15 at Stockbridge. It was noted that the budget meetings must be held so that all information is turned in no later than 9/30/15. Breckheimer stated that the committees can get started now and don't have to wait until September. Breckheimer also noted that the September board meeting is the day after Labor Day and that board members will need to pick up their packets no later than Friday because the office will not be open on

Minutes – Action – to approve the board meeting minutes as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Starfeld; carried. The minutes were presented from the July meeting. There was some discussion about the truck options in the minutes. Mike Loose stated that he will take care of it. Action – to approve the minutes as presented - motion: Koffarnus; second: Roehrig; carried. The first responder minutes from June were presented to the board. Action – to approve the minutes from the first responders group as presented - motion; Koffarnus; second: Boesch; carried.

<u>Treasurer's Report for the Village of Hilbert</u> - balances – \$420,322.69 General fund; \$327,489.75 Sewer fund; \$185,496.11 Water fund; \$3.00 Clean Water fund; (\$26,364.74) TID #1 fund; \$109,976.77 T-Plus fund; \$19,917.15 First Responder fund; (\$307,764.45) TID #2, \$180.03 CDA; \$229,578.68 Capital Improvements Fund. Action – to approve the treasurer's report as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; 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: Roehrig; carried. The first responder treasurer's report was presented to the board. Action – to approve the first responder's treasurer's report as presented - motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried. <u>Claims</u> - examined and discussed. Action - to pay all claims - motion: Starfeld; second: Piepenburg; carried.

Correspondence - The MEG newsletter was presented to the board for their information. There were no letters from Time Warner Cable. The Focus newsletters were presented to the board for their information. Several emails were presented to the board from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities highlighting the recently passed budgets and law changes affecting municipalities. An email from LWMMI outlining changes in the workers' compensation rates for the upcoming year was presented to the board. With the changes in the rates, our overall increase will be about \$700 for the upcoming year. Notice from the Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau regarding our modification factor was received. Our modification factor for the upcoming year is going to be 1.39 which means that we are given a surcharge on our workers' compensation insurance of about \$4,300. There was no Boardman & Clark newsletter received.

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 First Dollar Credit Distribution in the amount of \$25,965.76 was presented to the board for their information. Notice of July installment of shared revenue in the amount of \$65,929.65 and state school tax credit in the amount of \$82,961.64 was presented to the board for their information. Notice of receipt of exempt computer aid for real estate in the amount of \$813.00 was presented to the board for their information. Notice of receipt of exempt computer aid for the TID Districts in the amount of \$424.00 was presented to the board for their information. Notice of preliminary change in equalized values of \$1,188,900 or 2% was presented to the board for their information. Notice of preliminary net new construction for 2015 of \$1,639,400 or 2.73% was presented to the board for their information. Notice of preliminary TIF Value Limitation Report was presented to the board. Our TIF's make up 20.83% of the total equalized value of the village and we are limited currently to 12%. Notice of receipt of the quarterly Cable TV Franchise Fees in the amount of \$2,348.48 was presented to the board for their information. **Unfinished Business:** 

2015 Projects – Nothing new.

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

the UW Extension outlining changes to the recycling program with the state was presented to the board for their information. Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Keuler; carried. The recommendation from the committee was to go with single stream recycling at a cost of \$1.50 per month per container or \$18 per year and that we would stay with once a month pick up. DuPrey explained that he contacted the hauler regarding the options of purchasing our own containers and what the price would be. They would not provide one. Also, DuPrey explained that you do not have to have container if you share with a neighbor. This is the way that it is done with the garbage containers also. DuPrey stated that our options are to go with the commission or out on our own which could be more costly. He also stated that several of the municipalities have already signed on to do it this way. Action – to approve the recommendation – motion: Boesch; second: Keuler; carried. <u>Police Protection for the village</u> – The monthly report was presented to the board for their information. Fire Department - Chief Mike Loose reported that there were two calls since last month. He brought up about encouraging businesses that they purchase a knox box where department would have access to keys to the building so that they could gain access to the buildings if there were a fire alarm going off. He stated that it is much more secure than having keys to all the businesses in the station and it also allows for less damage to the building because the department had to break in because there was no one with a key. He was instructed to see what other communities do and that it would be referred to the Health Board Committee to review and come up with a recommendation. He also stated that they are continuing their work on the new equipment truck.

<u>TID District #1</u> – The preliminary notice of changes in TID Value for TID District #1 of \$36,200 or 1% was presented to the board for their information.

TID District #2 – The preliminary notice of changes in TID Value for TID District #2 of \$3,416,400 or 43% was presented to the board for their information. DuPrey stated that there was a correction done by the state with the Sargento project which reallocated valuation to this TID District that wasn't originally accounted for. Even without this adjustment, the TID District value increased by 21%. Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented - motion: Boesch; second: Piepenburg; carried. The recommendation from the committee was to approve a developer agreement with Chicaugon Enterprises, LLC for their building addition. We would provide them with a \$19,500 developer assistance grant which they would pay back through increases in their property taxes. DuPrey explained the agreement in detail and stated that it was modeled after the original agreement and the taxes generated on the increased value will pay back the investment from the village. He stated that they did a title report on the property and everything falls into place where there is their first mortgage and then our current second mortgage. This new agreement will create a third mortgage on the property. He stated that they are doing well and growing and it a great opportunity for them. He stated that this property has been laid out that according to drawings submitted, there is room to add a couple more additions in the future. He stated that this is very beneficial to this community because they are going really well right now. This was discussed at quite length. Keuler questioned if we have had any issues with developer agreements not coming through. DuPrey stated that they have not. Starfeld stated that his problem is that they gave them an original \$28,000 and now we are giving them another \$19,500. DuPrey stated that this is because of the extra value that they are adding. Starfeld stated that he threw up a building at about \$160,000+ and no one threw \$19,500 at him. DuPrey stated that this is because this property is in the TID District and Starfeld's property is not in the TID. Starfeld stated that he was originally in the TID. District when the Sargento project was going on and he was asked by our previous mayor that the Sargento did not want to be involved with no other properties and he was asked by the mayor if he would take his property out of the TID that section that was in it. He stated that he agreed because he didn't care and wanted to get the Sargento stuff taken care of. He stated that this was before he actually built the warehouse and he stated that if he would have left it in there then he would have had money thrown at him. Starfeld stated that we are only throwing money at two people out there. He stated that we have other businesses in town. He questioned if anybody gave Paul Giese \$50,000 for that parking lot that he just did? He stated probably not. DuPrey stated that this is because that property is not in a TID District. He stated that this is the downside to the TID Districts is that businesses outside the TID Districts do not benefit from the TID Districts. Boesch questioned if we did not give Fox Valley Alfalfa Mill funds for their development? DuPrey stated that we had. Boesch then stated to Starfeld that there are more than two properties benefiting from the TID. Starfeld stated so three of them. He stated that there are a lot more than 3 businesses in the village. Breckheimer stated that as DuPrey stated earlier with the 20% number, we cannot make amendments to our TID Districts or add TID Districts because we are over the % allowed. He stated then you get the land, give it to them free and then give them start up money besides. Starfeld stated that he paid for the land. Paul Giese paid for the land. Starfeld stated that he had to pay for sewer and water and curb & gutter that ran past his property. He stated that all of this is handed to him. He stated that one time is fine but if he adds on again, then he will get more assistance. Starfeld stated that he is a fool not to keep on adding. Keuler questioned what would bring that 20% down. DuPrey stated there has to be development outside the TID Districts. He stated that when your development all takes place inside a TID and there is no outside development, the value of the TID's in relation to the overall equalized values goes up. He stated that we could terminate a TID early which would be TID #1 but there is outstanding debt and if we terminate it and there is debt outstanding, then that outstanding debt is paid through our general fund budget and takes the hit for the entire amount. He

stated that the TID has to pay for itself and that is what it has done. DuPrey stated that he does the calculations very conservatively and with this project he built in that we are borrowing the monies when we actually are not so it does provide us with a cushion and makes sure that it will pay for itself by the end of the TID which is what he is supposed to be doing. He stated that he had the assessor look at the plans and gave a conservative number for the assessment. He stated that this is how TID's work. It is the main financing tool available to municipalities to encourage economic development. He stated that without TID's, we wouldn't have Sargento; we wouldn't have Smoky Lake; we wouldn't have Mirsberger expanding; we wouldn't have Abstract Electric; we wouldn't have \$9,000,000 of extra tax base down the road. Keuler stated that he understands but if we had a lot of development outside the TID, it could draw that % down. DuPrey stated that this is correct. Starfeld stated that it will never happen. Starfeld stated that you would be a fool if you are a business owner and come into the village without a TID. He stated that you are better off going to Chilton and building all the buildings you want in their TID because they will throw money at them because our TID is full. DuPrey stated that there is land in that TID District that can still be developed. Starfeld questioned 1.5 acres? DuPrey stated that there is more land that this which is privately owned but still in the district. Starfeld stated at \$30,000 per acre. DuPrey stated that the land has potential for development down the road. Starfeld again stated at \$32,000 per acre. DuPrey stated that you sit here on this board and you have to decide and ask the question do you want this village to grow or not grow and this is the main financing tool that municipalities are allowed to use for development. DuPrey stated that he had conversations with Todd Thiel about the building on the corner and he had stated that the Hotel North building in Green Bay it appeared that they were providing assistance and it looked like a TID but it wasn't a TID. He stated that they called up there and they informed us that no matter which way you cut it, it is a TID. He stated that this is the main financing tool that every community gets to use. He stated that Chilton has the same thing. He stated that there are businesses in Chilton in the same boat that are outside the TID just as Starfeld is here in the village. He stated that this is what the state law allows us to do. He stated that you sit here and if the numbers shake out and the numbers work, why wouldn't you want the village to grow and do development. Starfeld stated that he is not saying that he doesn't want the village to grow. Starfeld stated that when you start handing out everything...DuPrey stated that we are not handing out anything. Starfeld stated that you are cutting a check to this company for \$19,500. DuPrey stated that they pay that back through property taxes from the increased values. Starfeld stated that they pay property taxes no matter if they get this \$19,500 or not. DuPrey stated that the difference is that this is a financing tool that the state allows us to get paid back for our investment so the cost to the taxpayers is really nothing. DuPrey stated that it costs a hell of a lot more if we don't have the development and we don't have the incentive out there because now we don't have \$9,000,000 in development down the road that is going to add to our tax base down the road. Boesch stated that we have dwelled on this long enough. DuPrey stated that he can guarantee that if we don't do these TID Districts and don't have these developments in the TID, they will just go to another community that does have them. He stated that one of the first things that they ask is what can you give us? He stated that it is high competition for this throughout the state. He stated that if we don't do it here, they will go to Chilton. If they don't do it in Chilton, they will do it in Brillion. If they don't do it there, they will go to Sherwood. It doesn't matter. The communities with the TID's and the foresight to do the investments through the TID's have at least a fighting chance to get development. He stated that without it, you have nothing. Action – to approve the recommendation from the TID Committee to approve the developer agreement with Chicaugon Enterprises for their building addition - motion: Boesch; second: Roehrig; carried by majority vote.

<u>Street Committee</u> – Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Starfeld; carried. Boesch provided a report on the meeting with the Department of Transportation. Right now, the project is slated for 2021 but it could be delayed and they may do a temporary fix. He stated that we reviewed with them our safety concerns and provided them information regarding the new elementary school being built. They suggested sending a letter to voice our concerns and to have the school district also send them a letter. The committee's first recommendation was to send a letter to the Dept of Transportation expressing our concerns on safety on Highway 114 and the desire to have the entire area from 11th St. to Hwy 57/32 urbanized. Action – to approve this recommendation - motion: Boesch; second: Keuler; carried. Boesch also reported on his conversations with the county regarding using County Road BB for the garbage trucks instead of coming through the village. He stated that the county and the town are receptive but they would have to open up the agreement to and the landfill would have to agree on the maintenance for the road and traffic. He also stated that he talked with Ontario regarding the railroad culverts and he received a call from a gentleman in Washington DC who stated that they will put in a work order to conduct an inspection on site. It was noted that the DOT was planning on doing their survey on our request for lowering the speed limit this past Friday. An article from SEH regarding the truths about speed limits was presented to the board for their information.

"Looks of Hilbert" (Aesthetics) – Starfeld reported that the signs are being worked on. They are redoing the vinyl on it. Breckheimer reported on the status of repairs to the Main St. lights. He stated that he did file a complaint with the PSC and that same day he did get a response from WE Energies. He stated that there are 3 poles getting replaced and that they will be painting 30 of the poles and that the covers have been replaced on the poles for the ones that needed them. They will also be replacing 20 of the

globes that are faded.

Wastewater Treatment Plant - Action - to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented motion: Koffarnus; second: Boesch; carried. The first recommendation was to deny request to pay to fix the sinking retaining wall on S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Piepenburg; second: Koffarnus; carried. The next recommendation was to proceed with the slip lining of S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and 30' on N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. for the sewer main. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Koffarnus; second: Roehrig; carried. The next recommendation was to send a notification letter to the corporate office and the local managers of the mobile home park providing notice that they must come up with a plan to alleviate the infiltration happening in the mobile home park. Action - to approve this recommendation – motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried. Interceptor Sewer Main Replacement <u>Project</u> – nothing new to report. <u>WWTP Upgrades</u> – Charlie Fochs provided an update on the project. He stated the foundation wall has been poured for the screening room and they poured the dewatering walls today. He stated that they have been having issues with Winters because they keep hitting something every day. He stated that they are digging with a machine where they shouldn't be. Keuler questioned if there was going to be an issue for us down the road. Charlie stated that he hoped not. There is an onsite inspector on site. DuPrey then presented a worksheet with bills that have been received but not paid. Total amount is \$252,697.04. Action - to approve payment of this bills as listed for a total of \$252,697.04 as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Koffarnus; carried. Hilbert Acres Mobile Home Park – There was nothing new to report.

New Business:

<u>Appointment of Alternate Emergency Government Director</u> – Nothing new.

<u>Application for operator licenses</u> – none were received.

<u>Classes/Seminars/Schooling for employees</u> – Action – to approve the Employee Review/Grievance Committee meeting minutes as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Koffarnus; carried. The first recommendation was to approve Charlie & Josh to attend the WWOA conference in Wisconsin Dells with Josh's cost at \$165 which includes membership and Charlie's at \$115 plus hotel for one room for two nights. Action – to approve this recommendation as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Starfeld; carried. The next recommendation was to hire a full-time employee for the clerk's office position of deputy clerk treasurer when Darlene retires. Action – to approve this recommendation - motion: Boesch; second: Keuler; carried. It was noted that the committee will address the need for a part-time employee at the Wastewater Treatment plant at a later date.

Community Development Authority - Andrew Dane from SEH presented information regarding the company and the types of projects that they can do for us. He also presented information on the schedule for funding for various grants. He talked about what they could do for applying for funding to do a development plan. The next round to they anticipate for applications is to be due next May. He touched on the work that they completed in Sherwood. They performed a market study in addition to a full plan. He stated that transportation and land use are two of the biggest keys when doing a master plan. He also touched on some other areas that they did complete work. He also talked about "pocket neighborhood" developments. The board asked several questions such as business recruitment, implementing the plan, etc. Andrew Dane stated that he feels that it is probably better to have 2 or 3 communities working together to hire a consultant than to go out on your own and do it. Park & Recreation Committee - Action - to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented motion: Koffarnus; second: Starfeld; carried. The first recommendation from the committee was to sell the old fence at \$2 per foot with the funds to be placed in the ballfield reserve and the village would remove the grandstand bleacher and the blast cooler would be moved to the pavilion in the park and any other salvageable items that the club can use is for them. The board discussed this recommendation. It was noted that someone has offered \$1,000 for the fence which is less than the \$2 per foot. Karl Propson also pointed out that the blast cooler agreement states that the club can use it but if they no longer use it, it has to be returned back to Pepsi. Action - to disapprove the recommendation as presented - motion: Starfeld; second; Koffarnus; carried. The next recommendation was to use beautification funds to replace the bushes at the community center fire station building. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Piepenburg; second: Starfeld; carried. The board then discussed a request from the athletic club to sell advertising for the fencing at the ballfields. Karl Propson presented a sample of what the advertising panel will look like. There were questions on how much the advertising would cost, what the funds would be used for, wind load on the fence, etc. Karl Propson stated that the funds would be used by the club for programs that they do there. As far as how they were going to structure the fee for putting a panel up on the fence, time length it would cover, etc, he had no information to provide the board. Breckheimer stated that he felt that there should be a more complete plan so everyone is on the same page. The board felt that it was a good idea to do and felt that they did not want to hold up the group another month for more detail. Action - to approve allowing the athletic club to sell advertising panels that would be placed on the ballfield fencing – motion: Koffarnus; second: Boesch; carried. Karl Propson was instructed to keep the board up to date on the program details as they are formulated. The board then discussed the current offer for the fencing from the old ballfield. Currently, there is an offer of \$1,000 for the fencing. The board felt that we should go with this offer. Action – to approve the offer of \$1,000 for the old ballfield fencing with the funds payable to the village and the funds would be placed in the ballfield reserve – motion: Boesch; second:

Piepenburg; carried. The board then discussed the demolishing or sale of both buildings at the old ballfield. There has been some interest in repurposing one or both buildings for use for storage of equipment and supplies for the park and ballfield. Where the current buildings are located, they would not interfere with the turned ballfield. Charlie Fochs stated that these buildings could easily be converted to storage buildings where we could store the field conditioner, lime, lining equipment, etc. The board felt that this would be something worthwhile to investigate. Action – to leave both buildings standing for now - motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried. The committee will review this possibility. Karl Propson asked if this decision now clears the athletic club from removing the buildings. The board stated that it does. It was also noted that the power will stay on for now also until a final decision is made. Charlie Fochs provided an update to the project. He stated that the engineer that drew up the original plan ended up drawing a new one based upon more detailed information on the drainage. They are going to try to utilize the drainage tile which will help alleviate some of the questions concerning the drainage swale on the original plan. Charlie stated that he is going to get a revised price from Janette's. The tentative start date is August 24th. DuPrey was instructed to send WE Energies a thank you letter for donating the use of equipment and manpower to take the old light poles down. Request to block off a portion of Main St. for the Heathstone's Annual Car Show - A request was received from the Village Hearthstone to block off a portion of Main St. for their Annual Car Show. Action to grant permission as in the past – motion: Boesch; second; Koffarnus; carried. Discussion regarding committee meetings and planning – Breckheimer stated that he knows that government is not efficient but he is hoping that we can try to step it up a little bit. He stated that he is looking especially with the chairperson of the committees and try to be a little more proactive for their meetings if it is on the agenda to make sure we get more information going into the meeting. He knows that this cannot be the case with everything but he wants the chairpersons to look more in depth on the items so they are more prepared and we cut down the amount of meetings. He stated that it also ties in with our budget because we did amend our budget a lot this past year. He wants projects looked into more to see if there are any potential items to add onto the cost or if they can be tied to a larger project to get cost savings and get them included in the budget and make things more efficient to help avoid cost overruns or not being able to do a project. The board felt that there are issues because if they have an idea or two members of a committee want to talk about issues or ideas, it actually violates the open meeting law. Breckheimer stated that it is unfortunate but this is where the chairperson has to reach out to the parties involved other than other committee members to gather this information. Keuler

Mike Loose then questioned if it is okay for firemen to go to the races in Elkhart Lake and assist with it again as last year. The board felt that it would not be an issue.

talks to another committee person, is that a violation. It is not.

questioned if a committee person talks to the general public and then that person from the general public

<u>Discussion regarding board meeting agendas and procedures</u> – Breckheimer stated that we don't have to approve committee meeting minutes as we have done in the past. We should not be approving them because we were not part of the meeting. It is for information only. He stated that this information was given to him by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. He presented samples from other municipalities. They then discussed having the agendas where we have recommendations from the committees as a line item but then also have another line item where the board can take action to tweak the recommendations. He used the example of slip lining a main 35' but after discussion, the board felt that we should do 45' because it goes through an intersection, then the project is not held up because they can act on it instead of sending it back to committee and delaying it by another 30 days. He stated that the big thing that they would have to do is come up with a policy of when the board can tweak a recommendation such as a time deadline, etc. and when a turned down recommendation goes back to committee. He stated that he does not want to turn it into a situation where the board is constantly overturning the committee's recommendations. He wants the committees to stay in-tact as they are right now. Boesch stated that you end up with a committee as a whole then. Breckheimer stated that he doesn't want it to go there. Boesch stated that he does not either but there are municipalities that operate that way because of issues like we have been discussing. Breckheimer stated that it could be like Sherwood's where there is a line at the bottom that states that any agenda item listed the board may take action. DuPrey stated that you always have to watch that line that you cross because with the rezoning request, the board wanted to change it from industrial to commercial and then when more research was done, it was found it had to be industrial or his business would have been in violation. He stated that you have to be careful because if it would have been changed we would have had to start the whole process over again and now make it more inefficient. DuPrey stated that this type of thing should only be used as a last resort. He stated that the board can make that snap decision and 30 days later find out that the decision made last month wasn't a right one. DuPrey stated that the committees do a lot of the leg work and if they are coming with recommendations and they are always being amended, they will take the attitude why should I do anything. It creates animosity and he stated we have been down that road already and he does not want to go back down it again. Breckheimer stated that is why it is important to have a policy on hand. DuPrey stated that he felt that this whole thing needs to be thought through thoroughly before we make any type of change like that. Breckheimer stated that he doesn't

want to make a decision on it tonight and felt that it could be sent to committee. Ed Byrne then spoke and stated that he attended an open government summit meeting in Madison. He stated that he sat next to the assistant attorney general and she said that the biggest problem that they have is the local government taking action that they are not legally allowed to at a meeting because they did not put it on the agenda. He stated that the purpose of an agenda is to notify anyone in the public that might have an interest in that item to know that it is being discussed and may possibly be acted on. He stated that she had told him that it is good if an item is on the agenda because you can always skip over it if there is nothing to deal with it. He stated that if it is not on there, you can't deal with it at all. Ed Byrne then stated that he took a few agendas to the meeting. He stated that he took the Town of Holland, Town of Morrison, Village of Hilbert and a couple other ones. He stated that what she like about the agendas that Dennis does is this is exactly what people should be doing and she was referring to the section on unfinished business. He stated that so many towns and villages will put "old business" on their agendas with nothing listed under it and anything that was brought up (could be 20 years ago) can be brought up and that is illegal. He stated if people are putting all the unfinished business on their agenda, then they opened a purely legal door to be able deal with that in a timely fashion. He stated that she stated that if they did not have that on there, then a lot of the stuff that they want to deal with would be illegal to deal with. He stated that she was really impressed with the agenda from that regard. Ed Byrne then questioned what about the lack of numbers on our agenda because a lot of agendas contain item numbers. He said that she said that this doesn't matter at all because you can tell on our agenda which items are a subsidiary of a main agenda item because they are indented. He said that she told him that it is not the numbers that matter it is the words. She also informed him that a municipality can vote on something that is an emergency situation and still satisfy open meeting law where it cannot wait until the next board meeting. Ed Byrne gave examples that would follow under this. He stated that she suggested that something be put on the agenda that this board may take action on emergency items that cannot be dealt with later and cite the statute number that says you can do that. Ed Byrne also touched on closed session and that it must contain detail. It cannot just say personnel. It must be a specific person who is going to be talked about and what is going to be talked about. He stated that there are penalties for violating open meeting law but there is one exception and that is when there is a closed session and someone rats out the guys that talked about something else. He stated that it is illegal to state what took place in closed session. They want to protect the whistle blowers. They are looking at proposing a change in the law that will require the taping of all closed sessions and would be kept confidential. Breckheimer then thanked Ed for his comments and asked if this is something the board wants to send to committee for review. The board felt that it should be looked at.

<u>Village Board Informational Report</u> – nothing was presented.

<u>Village Employee Informational Report</u> – Charlie Fochs reported that the radio read antenna took a lighting strike and was knocked out of service from the last storm. He stated a new one has been ordered and will hopefully be here soon and installed.

<u>President's Report</u> – Mark Breckheimer brought up that the Village Hearthstone is holding an event on 8/29/15 that will be using the parking lot from the Lutheran church. He stated that there are no streets being blocked off but there will be live music from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. He stated that there wasn't enough time to get approval from the board so he granted the okay with the understanding that they have to request this sooner so the board can address it.

<u>Adjournment</u> – Action – to adjourn – motion: Boesch; second: Koffarnus; carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Dennis DuPrey	
Dennis DuPrey, Clerk	