President Hermes called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Village Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Birmingham, Barbian, Ouellette, Chadwick, Sikorski, Genz, Hermes  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Todd Michaels, Village Manager  
Kristen Victory, Clerk Treasurer  
Sarah Jankowski, Assistant Village Manager  
Scott Satula, Director of Inspection Services  
Timothy Saidler, Fire Chief  
Robert Malasuk, Police Chief  
Robert McFaul, Public Works Director  
Susan Shepeard, Health Director  
Visitors

**MINUTES**

*Trustee Birmingham moved, seconded by Trustee Barbian, that the reading of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on November 4, 2014 and November 18, 2014 be suspended since all Board members received copies of same prior to tonight’s meeting and that these minutes be approved as presented.*

Ayes: Birmingham, Barbian, Ouellette, Chadwick, Sikorski, Genz, Hermes  
Nays: None  
Motion to Approve: Carried

**NEW COMMUNICATIONS**

NONE

**CITIZENS’ COMMENTS**

NONE

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Finance Committee, November 24, 2014, Trustee Birmingham

   i. 2015 Village Proposed Budget (FC 14-21)  
      - Consider action on Resolution R2014-10 Approving the 2015 Budget  
      - Consider action on Resolution R2014-11 Setting the 2014 Tax Levy
Trustee Birmingham moved, seconded by Trustee Barbian, to approve R2014-10 Village Budget as presented at the Finance Committee Meeting.

Discussion: Manager Michaels provided a breakdown of what a typical tax bill will look like with all taxing entities. The Village’s levy is a 1.2% increase, but will show as a 1.8% increase on most bills. The overall tax bill will go down about 1.75% due to decreases by MATC.

Trustee Genz moved, seconded by Trustee Barbian, to amend the motion to remove $125,000 from the fund balance in order to have a zero tax levy increase and apply $110,959 towards the cost of architectural services for the Fire Station and add $14,041 to the Capital Improvement fund for road repairs.

Discussion: Trustee Genz stated he wants to see a 0% tax levy increase, and the bond for the fire station can repay the fund balance in the future for the money used for the architectural services.

Manager Michaels stated we are already using $365,000 in fund balance. He cautioned the Board that using too much fund balance will look negatively on us when they are determining our bond rating for the Fire Station bond and could have an impact on interest rates if our rating was lowered.

The Board discussed the potential for a higher interest rates on bonds by taking too much fund balance, that the overall tax bill, for most people, will go down even with the Village’s 1.2% increase, and that a 0% tax increase will impact future years and may cause you to reduce services in the future.

Motion to amend:
Ayes: Genz
Nays: Birmingham, Barbian, Ouellette, Chadwick, Sikorski, Hermes
Motion to Amend the Motion: Failed

Original Motion:
Ayes: Birmingham, Barbian, Ouellette, Chadwick, Sikorski, Hermes
Nays: Genz
Motion to Approve: Carried

Trustee Birmingham moved, seconded by Trustee Barbian, to approve R2014-11 Setting the 2014 Tax levy.

Ayes: Birmingham, Barbian, Ouellette, Chadwick, Sikorski, Hermes
Nays: Genz
Motion to Approve: Carried

ii. Consider approval of beverage operators licenses (FC 14-22)

Trustee Birmingham moved, seconded by Trustee Barbian to approve the beverage operator’s licenses as presented.

Ayes: Birmingham, Barbian, Ouellette, Chadwick, Sikorski, Genz, Hermes
iii. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2014-12 a Resolution Increasing the Village’s Emergency Medical Services Charges (FC 14-23)

Chief Saidler presented information from 7 communities on their EMS rates. Greendale’s rates are the second lowest EMS rates. A majority of the EMS patients are on Medicare, but Medicare caps the payment that they will provide for ambulance services and the Village cannot go after the patient for the difference in fee. Approximately 80% of the calls are Medicare patients.

Trustee Barbian does not want to raise the resident fee, only the non-resident fee.

The Board discussed how the water rates were not raised in prior years to cover the increased costs and it required a large increase in the future, and they don’t want the same thing to occur with EMS rates.

Trustee Birmingham moved, seconded by Trustee Sikorski, to approve FC14-23 Resolution R2014-12 as presented.

Ayes: Birmingham, Ouellette, Chadwick, Sikorski, Hermes
Nays: Barbian, Genz
Motion to Approve: Carried

iv. Finance Committee Internal Audit Review of Bills Presented for Payment (Trustee Ouellette)

Trustee Ouellette randomly selected several items to audit and everything was acceptable.

v. Consider approval of accounts payable checks for payment

Trustee Birmingham moved, seconded by Trustee Barbian to approve accounts payable check numbers 96922 to 97016, in the amount of $913,385.24, ACH payments in the amount of $447,735.46, p-card purchases in the amount of $90,219.54 for a total amount of $1,441,340.24.

Ayes: Birmingham, Barbian, Ouellette, Chadwick, Sikorski, Genz, Hermes
Nays: None
Motion to Approve: Carried


Clerk-Treasurer Victory stated the accounts were up to date.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Board and Committee Appointments and Resignations
NEW BUSINESS

NONE

OFFICERS REPORTS

A. Village Manager’s Report: Dickens of a Christmas is this Friday. He handed out information on the water tower. They have been working on filling the new tank, but have found a few leaks. There is a one year guarantee on the leaks that are fixed.
B. Village President’s Report: None

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Birmingham, seconded by Trustee Sikorski to adjourn.

Ayes: Birmingham, Barbian, Ouellette, Chadwick, Sikorski, Genz, Hermes
Nays: None

Motion to Adjourn: Carried

The Board adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Jankowski,
Assistant Village Manager