1) Meeting called to order by Peter Demydowich.
2) Roll call: Ross Anderson-present, Mike Broten-present, Peter Demydowich-present, Bob Determan-present, Rebecca Rowe-present, Alan Tomlinson-present, Phil Warhol-absent. Others present: Sarah Pohl, Brock Geyen, Monte Tretsven, Seth Petersen, Kevin Clunis, Cindy L. Peterson, Kevin Kress.
3) Motion to approve agenda by Determan, seconded by Rowe. Motion carried.
4) Appearance by Visitors. Eric Dueholm from the Luck EDA and Executive Director, Steve Healy from the Polk County EDC were present to request funding for the Executive Director position. They gave a brief description of the services provided to the community by the EDC and plans they have for the future.
5) Discussion and possible action on the County Library Tax Levy. The Board received a letter of recommendation for increasing the minimum ACT 150 funding for municipal libraries in Polk County. The ACT 150 legislation requires counties to pay each public library in the county at least 70% of the cost of library services provided to residents that live in areas that do not maintain a public library. The result of this is that non village residents enjoy full access to the library at a 30% discount while the Village pays 100% of the cost. Motion by Tomlinson to amend the last paragraph in the letter that Kress copied from previous years to reflect the correct budget amount to $60,536.00 seconded by Rowe. Motion carried.
6) Budget discussion. Demydowich called a short recess so that printing of the budget can be resolved. The Board came back from recess. Brock Geyen from LarsonAllen was present to work with the Board on the 2014 budget. Geyen said that the budget is subjected to two (2) limits. One is levy limit which indicates the most of what the Village can levy in taxes. That information comes from the State and isn’t available yet. He suggested that we work toward reducing that tax level. The other limitation is expenditure restraint. That relates to General fund only. That means the State wants the Village to limit the increase in expenses to 2 1/2 percent over last year’s, 2013, budget. By staying under the limit, the Village will qualify for $14,000 from the Budget Restraint Program.

The proposed Budget Restraint Program grant is $14,000, the Village needed to eliminate approximately $2700 off the expense side of the budget in order to capture those funds. Cuts were made to budget items Village Attorney, EDA, and Streets.

Demydowich asked Geyen what the next step in the process should be. Geyen explained that the next step in the budget process would be to finalize what the budget looks like, what numbers are going to be used, publish the budget for two weeks, then have the budget hearing. After the hearing the budget can be adopted.

Broten asked how the Golf course ties into the budget. He would like to see a line item for the Golf Course in the amount of $25,000. Demydowich responded asking where the money would come from. There would have to be significant cuts in other line items in order accommodate this request.

Cindy L. Peterson
Village Clerk