

know why she's not here. Trustee Gamble told the chairwoman to call the accountant, and to let her know the urgently for the reports. Chairwoman Martin said she will call her and asked her if she can have a report for next month.

**CITIZEN'S COMPLAINTS/PETITION:**

NONE

**CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT:**

1. Chairwoman Martin said we had four young men from Better Family Life and the Urban League working with us. Today was their last day. They were very productive, and next year hopefully we will get more. We gave those certificates and thank you cards.
2. The chairwoman said she has been going to different meetings to find ways to help the village. Things that can help the village, we do not qualify because we are too small. But she will continue going to meetings.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

1. Attorney Rudman said he has comments in close session in litigation and personnel.
2. Attorney Rudman told the board he has prepared the proposition for the cell phone tax. It shall be read once and the title is to be read once. After the reading and the passing it will be sent to St. Louis County Board of Election to be put on the ballot. And to be set out in a proposition form. The chairwoman stated the citizens are already paying for cell phone tax, and we should be able to collect the taxes.

**VILLAGE OFFICIAL'S REPORT:**

1. Trustee Carter: NONE
2. Trustee Gamble said he had the chance to work with the young men, and they were really nice.
3. Trustee Iwenofu said he has a couple of things.
  - a. The Census for 2010. The Census Bureau contacted Mr. Williams. We did not have the National Night Out. He and Kenneth Williams will host an event on August 5, 2009 Labor Day weekend. We will have food, music, tee shirts, and games. The Census Bureau will be donating \$2,999.00 and they will pay the vendors directly. Citizens are welcome; we need to have something for our citizens. People need to sign the census report. That's how the village gets money.
  - b. Trustee Iwenofu stated he has comments in old business.
  - c. Trustee Iwenofu said the citizens who have problems with their property. Contact the water company. They are supposed to plant the same grass you had. The clerk has the number.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Chairwoman Martin stated Lt. Smith could not attend the meeting. But she will ask him to come to the next meeting. The chairwoman read the police report for the month of July 2009. After reading the report she told the board and citizens only one

person is assign to put gas in the vehicles, and locks has been placed on the gas tanks. Lt. Smith is putting so much gas in the vehicles each shift.

The chairwoman told the board and citizens the village is running an amnesty for the month of August. The amnesty is running August 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009. The village is also participating with Better Family Life amnesty which was held at Harriett Stowe this past weekend. People were given vouchers and in terms we give them a new court date. The clerk explained the village amnesty and Better Family Life amnesty. The chairwoman said there are forty municipalities participating with Better Family Life.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Iwenofu told the board he would like to address an issue, and let the board make the decision. He stated Ms. McClendon has filed a complaint to the ethic committee. The board gave the employees their checks. Which they received the checks on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. McClendon wanted to give them their checks on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. McClendon filed a complaint stating the board knew there was no funds in the account. A check in the amount of \$1,862.91 for Regis hit the bank July 8<sup>th</sup>, and payroll was July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The clerk deposited enough funds in the bank for payroll. Ms. McClendon sent the check and it bounce. Knowing we had enough money for payroll. Ms. McClendon stated the reason why the check bounce was because the Department of Revenue held a check. He called to verify and was told they cash the check right away. The check that bounces was not for the Department of Revenue, but Regis. The village was charge \$25.00 for a return check. Trustee Iwenofu said he has all the transactions for 2008. Ms. McClendon walked out of the meeting and does not have the village in interest. Trustee Iwenofu motioned to remove Trustee McClendon as treasurer. He stated a board member should not be the treasurer. We can have a citizen as the treasurer, and we have an accountant. Trustee Iwenofu gave his reasons and gave examples on why she should be removed. Trustee Iwenofu stated we have bills that need to be paid monthly. Yesterday someone faxed another complaint and sent it to 573-526-4506. There was ten pages faxed and the duration was five minutes and twelve seconds to fax to the Ethic Committee. We are not doing anything wrong. He doesn't see why a person only sees herself and not the village. He is asking the board to take the cancer away. If not it will eat things up.

The chairwoman said Trustee McClendon had to work tonight. Trustee Iwenofu said it trivalent. The fact is his motion is to remove Ms. McClendon as treasurer. Trustee Gamble asked the attorney for his advice. Attorney Rudman read Sect. 115.070. He stated the treasurer is an official as oppose to employees. You can't vote her off as council. As treasurer (examples were given), yes you can have a motion to remove her as treasurer. Trustee Gamble seconded the motion. Discussion.

Trustee Carter asked who will take her place. Trustee Iwenofu said he will do it temporarily; he has a lot on his plate. Someone else can do it, and it will be great. We don't need all this. You get angry and file a complaint. Trustee Carter said the only person is Mr. Williams, will he be interested. Trustee Gamble said he will be willing, once the accountant gets the records straight. He will take time to come down to help. He also stated don't make anything to strenuous, and let's get the cancer out of here.

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Chairwoman Martin said the board needs to see what the accountant has to say. If we don't have anything to fear, work with her till we get the information from the accountant. She will file a lawsuit. Trustee Iwenofu said she got upset, and sent the check. She knew it would bounce. She intently wrote a fraudulent check. Then sent a complaint saying we knowing gave payroll out and did not have the money. She was not afraid of anybody else, and what grounds does she have. She committed fraud. Trustee Iwenofu said she needs to be gone. Cancer is cancer, and he and Trustee Gamble will volunteer. Roll Call; Trustees Iwenofu-yes, Gamble-yes, and Carter-yes; Motion Carried. Trustee Iwenofu said she needs to return the keys immediately tomorrow. The last time she took things out of the city hall saying it was donated to her.

The chairwoman entertained a motion to pay the bills. Trustee Iwenofu motioned to pay the bills. Seconded by Trustee Carter. Roll Call; Trustees Gamble-yes, Iwenofu-yes, and Carter-yes; Motion Carried.

Trustee Iwenofu introduced a resolution to remove Trustee McClendon off the bank accounts and add someone else. Trustee Gamble seconded the motion. Roll Call; Trustee Iwenofu-yes, Gamble-yes, and Carter-yes; Motion Carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairwoman Martin said the attorney has prepared the proposition for Telecommunication. Attorney Rudman said the bill number is 392. Trustee Carter introduce bill number 392 be read once and by title only. Seconded by Trustee Gamble. Roll Call; Trustees Gamble-yes, Iwenofu-yes, and Carter-yes; Motion Carried. Attorney Rudman read Proposition 392 and read it by title only. The chairwoman asked if there were any questions. Trustee Gamble said some municipalities received large amounts, and will we receive anything. Attorney Rudman explained to him it is in tempted to clarify and revenue will be paid to the village. It will help and his suggestion is to have it start in January 2010. Trustee Iwenofu motioned to accept Bill number 392, and have it on the ballot for November election. Seconded by Trustee Gamble. Roll Call; Trustees Iwenofu-yes, Gamble-yes, and Carter-yes; Motion Carried.

The chairwoman said in talking around with people, and finding ways to get more money for the Village. She asked the board about changing to City of Uplands Park, instead of Village of Uplands Park. She stated by us being a city we can get more money. Trustee Iwenofu asked the attorney. Attorney Rudman said he has to look at the charter, and population. He will take a look at it. It will take a lot of time and annex. Discussion entertained. Attorney Rudman said only unincorporated areas can annex. More discussion. Chairwoman Martin said when she mentioned it; she is trying to find ways to bring in money. Trustee Iwenofu said bringing in more will help. Trustee Carter said it will bring on more responsibilities. The chairwoman said maybe we can get people on the board to help make the village better. Trustee Gamble said it can be more expensive. The chairwoman said she is trying to find ways to help us and to bring in more money.

Trustee Gamble read the Public Hearing Notice on the budget and tax rate. Trustee Gamble asked about the tax rate. Chairwoman Martin said it comes out every year and its due September 1, 2009. Trustee Iwenofu asked if the state already said how

much the tax rate should be. Trustee Gamble said we have to go to the citizens. The chairwoman said ratify the rate that is noted by St. Louis County. She entertained a motion. Trustee Iwenofu motion to ratify the tax rate and leave it as it is. Seconded by Trustee Carter. Roll Call; Trustees Gamble-yes, Iwenofu-yes, and Carter-yes; Motion Carried.

**AS COURTESY TO THE CITIZEN'S COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE VILLAGE (OPEN TO THE FLOOR):**

1. Ms. Dyson asked about the treasurer's position. She asked the board to write down how many hours and what is required for the position. Trustee Iwenofu said he will call the accountant.
2. Ms. Luster said she would like to thank the board for not being long winded.
3. Ms. Luster said her question goes to Trustee Gamble. You stated the accountant is overwhelmed. Did she know what was ahead? Lt. Smith and the accountant should attend the meeting and we can get information from the horse's mouth, than the tail. This can't continue to go on. She expects people in positions need to be here to answer questions. Trustee Gamble said he has spoke with the accountant. He doesn't have the ideal what she has to work with. Trustee Iwenofu said she may not have been invited. She has responsibilities to answer to. He will call her. He was under the impression she would attend. The meeting was postponed, and she was working with the first treasurer.
4. Ms. Johnson asked if the accountant was not invited to the meeting. Shouldn't she be here for a schedule meeting? Trustee Iwenofu said this is the first time he spoke with her is today. Ms. Johnson said she should have attended the meeting. She should have not accepted if she can't do the job. Trustee Iwenofu said she would have been ready if she knew about the meeting. Chairwoman Martin said the reason the meeting was not held yesterday. It might have caused a problem and another complaint with Jefferson City. She was advised Tuesday will be a better day. That's the reason the meeting is held tonight. Trustee Iwenofu said it was posted 24 hrs Friday.
5. Ms. Johnson asked about the meeting that is posted for Thursday about the taxes. She also asked if the village is going with Pine Lawn. The Chairwoman said she was approach, but she is not considering and had no conversation. Before we do it she will bring it to the people. We are doing all we can to maintain our own police department. As of now she has not talk to anybody. There's nothing in writing. It was discussed but not on paper. Trustee Iwenofu said it's new to him. We can run the Police Department with volunteers to get the job done. We will get Lt. Smith to get the officers together, and he will be watching. Discussion was entertained.
6. Ms. Luster asked about the picnic. Trustee Iwenofu said he will get with Mr. Williams tonight after the meeting.
7. Ms. Luster asked if Lt. Smith will attend the next regular board meeting. The chairwoman said she will demand him to be at the next meeting.
8. Ms. Johnson asked about the sobriety check, and should the residents come through. She was told yes.

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Gamble motioned for the regular board meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Iwenofu. Roll Call; Trustee Iwenofu-yes, Gamble-yes, and Carter-yes; Motion Carried; Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
VILLAGE CLERK CHAIRWOMAN

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