

# Village of Deer Creek

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**Tuesday December 17, 2019**

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEER CREEK HELD AT DEER CREEK VILLAGE HALL.

Village President Jim Hackney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### I.) **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Trustees Mary Eschelbach, Grant Hackney, Ben Koch, Mark Rich, Jake Smith

**Absent:** Trustee Tony Berardi

**Also Present:** Attorney Pat McGrath, Chief Potts, PWS Gordon Robertson, Jeff Rogers

### II.) **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Rich moved, and Trustee Koch seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

#### **On roll call the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 5 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Koch, Rich, Smith

**Nays:** 0 – None.

**Absent:** 1 – Berardi. There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

### III.) **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Trustee Eschelbach thanked the board for a wonderful Breakfast with Santa event.

### IV.) **REPORTS**

A. **Public Works Department** – None.

B. **Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals** -None.

C. **Police Chief** – Monthly report was presented.

D. **Engineer** – None.

E. **Attorney** – None.

### V.) **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Hackney moved, and Trustee Rich seconded the motion to approve Change Order #1 from GA Rich for the construction of WTP #2, as recommended by the village engineer. This Change Order did not change any costs and will release the final payment of \$25,651.00 due to GA Rich.

#### **On roll call the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 5 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Koch, Rich, Smith

**Nays:** 0 – None.

**Absent:** 1 – Berardi. There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

### VI.) **NEW BUSINESS**

Michael Remmele and Andy Saltzman from Ginoli & Company presented the audit for review and acceptance. This was the first year for the new auditors. They reported no issues and noted the reduction of funds were from the spend down of the Special Tax Allocation Fund (TIF). All additional requirements will be completed upon approval of the audit.

Trustee Eschelbach moved, and Trustee Rich seconded the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2019 audit as presented.

**On roll call the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 5 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Koch, Rich, Smith

**Nays:** 0 – None.

**Absent:** 1 – Berardi. There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

Trustee Rich moved, and Trustee Koch seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance 668, an ordinance amending the Village of Deer Creek Municipal Code providing amendments relating to cannabis.

**On roll call the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 5 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Koch, Rich, Smith

**Nays:** 0 – None.

**Absent:** 1 – Berardi. There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

Trustee Rich moved, and Trustee Smith seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance 669, an ordinance assessing the tax levy for fiscal year 2020.

**On roll call the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 5 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Koch, Rich, Smith

**Nays:** 0 – None.

**Absent:** 1 – Berardi. There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

Trustee Koch moved, and Trustee Rich seconded the motion to appoint Brice Magarity as the ESDA director to complete the term vacated by Ben Koch, term expiring May 1, 2021.

**On roll call the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 5 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Koch, Rich, Smith

**Nays:** 0 – None.

**Absent:** 1 – Berardi. There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

Trustee Eschelbach expressed her concerns regarding the costs for Mediacom services and asked for suggestions on other options for internet, television, and cable services. Other options were discussed for internet and the clerk will check on the status of Heartland Cable out of Minonk who approached the village early in 2019 regarding the offering of fiber and broadband services in the village.

Village President Hackney informed the board that he has received a letter of resignation from Trustee Ben Koch from the board of trustees, zoning board, and as ESDA director. Ben and his wife will be moving out of the village in February.

**VII.) CALENDAR ITEMS**

Committee Meetings	January 20	6:00 p.m. at village hall
Regular Village Board	January 19	7:00 p.m. at village hall

**VIII.) ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to conduct, Trustee Koch moved, and Trustee Rich seconded the motion to adjourn.

The board unanimously approved the motion by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Lewis  
Village Clerk