

Village of Deer Creek

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Deer Creek, IL 61733

Tuesday March 19, 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 7:01 p.m.

I.) **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Trustee Tony Berardi

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

II.) **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Koch, Rich

Nays: 0 – None.

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

III.) **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Trustee Eschelbach reported that the library is having a logo contest.

IV.) **REPORTS**

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

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

C. **Police Chief** – Monthly report was presented. Chief Potts reported on the costs he obtained for squads. Right now, Dodge is offering vehicles several thousand dollars less than Ford and base costs will very likely increase substantially before the planned fall purchase. This will be added to the April agenda. The consensus of the board is that since a purchase was scheduled for fall, it would make good sense to order before the price increase. Chief's recommendation is to replace the Expedition with a 2019 Ram pickup. Base cost for the pickup is \$26,200 versus \$31,175 base for the Explorer.

D. **Engineer** – None.

E. **Attorney** – None.

V.) **OLD BUSINESS**

There are no updates on the water treatment plant #2.

Attorney McGrath reported that the letter from the engineer has been received qualifying the Wurmnest property for the new Tax Increment Financing District, due to the drainage issues. We should be ready to pass the inducement resolution next month.

Community Center construction updates:

- Attorney McGrath reported that the appraisal needs to be completed for the purchase of the property from Frontier.

- The board heard that the Deer Creek Township board would like to participate in the construction of the community center, with a donation of \$10,000. In exchange, they have asked that the residents that live outside of the village, but within the township limits, be allowed the same rules for use of the building as those residents living within the village limits. Currently, policy is that anyone the village limits would pay \$100 rental for the use of the building.

Trustee Eschelbach moved, and Trustee Rich seconded the motion authorizing the village attorney to prepare an intergovernmental between the village and the Deer Creek Township which will adopt policy to include the residents of the township outside of the village limits the ability to use of the community center with the same regulations as those residents within the village.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Koch, Rich

Nays: 0 – None.

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

There are no updates on the community solar project.

VI.) NEW BUSINESS

Chief Potts reported to the board that there has been additional conversation regarding the Goodfield contract including Jim Edwards (Goodfield trustee) suggesting the Village of Goodfield purchase one of the new radios when needed rather than the increase in the contract amount. This item of discussion will be continued to next month.

The board reviewed the franchise agreement with Heartland Cable that was prepared by the village attorney. It is the preference of the attorney to have the village adopt an ordinance addressing and approving the franchise agreement and that a separate franchise agreement be entered into between the village and Heartland Cable.

Trustee Rich moved, and Trustee Koch seconded the motion authorizing the village clerk to forward the proposed agreement to Heartland Cable for review and comment. The proposal will then be brought back to the village for adoption by ordinance following the required public hearing.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Koch, Rich

Nays: 0 – None.

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

VII.) CALENDAR ITEMS

Committee Meetings	April 15	6:00 p.m. at village hall
Regular Village Board	April 16	7:00 p.m. at village hall

Additional calendar items:

- Senior dinner – April 12 at 11:30 at the Baptist church
- Town-wide Garage Sales – June 15 (correction from June 8 dates given)
- Dumpster dates – June 17 - 24

Chief Potts will begin gathering addresses and sending letters regarding vehicles and yard clean-up.

VIII.) ADJOURNMENT:

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

The board unanimously approved the motion by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Lewis
Village Clerk