

Village of Deer Creek

101 W. First Ave. PO Box 38

Deer Creek, IL 61733

Tuesday April 20, 2021

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, Ross Kraemer, Mark Rich

Absent: Trustees Tony Berardi, Jake Smith

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

II.) **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Rich.

Nays: 0 – None.

Absent: 2 – Berardi, Smith. There being four affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

III.) **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

IV.) **REPORTS**

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

B. **Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals** –

Trustee Eschelbach moved, and Trustee Kraemer seconded the motion to appoint Christian Sorensen to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 2026.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Rich.

Nays: 0 – None.

Absent: 2 – Berardi, Smith. There being four affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

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

Attorney McGrath reported that Mr. Bates has now been served regarding his dangerous and unsafe property. The building is not repairable. Attorney McGrath recommends moving forward with an abundance of caution, giving Mr. Bates every opportunity to address the situation.

Trustee Rich moved, and Trustee Hackney seconded the motion to approve the updated 2021-23 contract with the Village of Goodfield for an annual sum of \$85,500 through April 2022 and \$87,000 through April 2023.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Rich.

Nays: 0 – None.

Absent: 2 – Berardi, Smith. There being four affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

D. **Engineer** – None.

E. **Attorney** – None.

V.) OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Rich moved, and Trustee Kraemer seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance 678 pertaining to the disposal of surplus property.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Rich.

Nays: 0 – None.

Absent: 2 – Berardi, Smith. There being four affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

LG Stutzman, from Heartland Fiber, was available for any questions regarding the proposed franchise agreement. Attorney McGrath has not completed reviewing the agreement. A public meeting will be scheduled and held at the community center in order for the residents to get any questions answered regarding bringing this internet service into the village.

Trustee Hackney moved and Trustee Rich seconded the motion to extend the agreement with Donna Cimino to June 30, 2021.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Rich.

Nays: 0 – None.

Absent: 2 – Berardi, Smith. There being four affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

VI.) NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Kraemer moved, and Trustee Hackney seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance 679, setting the water and sewer rates.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Rich.

Nays: 0 – None.

Absent: 2 – Berardi, Smith. There being four affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

Trustee Eschelbach moved, and Trustee Rich seconded the motion to approve the annual meeting dates as presented.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Rich.

Nays: 0 – None.

Absent: 2 – Berardi, Smith. There being four affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

Trustee Rich moved, and Trustee Hackney seconded the motion to approve the Special Event permit request from Roschelle McCoy to host the 4th Annual River Bottom Runs & Benefit for St Jude on June 12,2021.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Rich.

Nays: 0 – None.

Absent: 2 – Berardi, Smith. There being four affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

Trustee Rich moved, and Trustee Eschelbach seconded the motion to approve the Special Event permit request from the Deer Creek Fire Department and Madison Street Hot Rods to host the Deer Creek Cruise In on June 12, 2021 and to grant the event \$1,000 to help offset expenses.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Rich.

Nays: 0 – None.

Absent: 2 – Berardi, Smith. There being four affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

Trustee Rich moved, and Trustee Kraemer seconded the motion to approve the wage adjustments as recommended by the Finance, Administration, & Development Committee effective May 1, 2021.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Rich.

Nays: 0 – None.

Absent: 2 – Berardi, Smith. There being four affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

At this time, Village President Hackney presented outgoing Trustee Mark Rich with a gift and proclamation thanking him for his 16 years of service on the village board.

VII.) CALENDAR ITEMS

Committee Meetings	May 17	6:00 p.m. at village hall
Regular Village Board	May 18	7:00 p.m. at village hall

VIII.) ADJOURNMENT:

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

The board unanimously approved the motion by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Lewis
Village Clerk