

# Village of Deer Creek

101 W. First Ave. PO Box 38

Deer Creek, IL 61733

**Tuesday June 15, 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 Stefanie Lee Berardi, Judy Cremeens, Mary Eschelbach, Ross Kraemer, Jake Smith

**Absent:** Trustee Grant Hackney

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

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

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

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

**Ayes:** 5 – Lee Berardi, Cremeens, Eschelbach, Kraemer, Smith

**Nays:** 0 – None

**Absent:** 1 - Hackney. There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried**

### III.) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dan Schopp, Vice President, and Kristi Phillips, branch manager, from First Security Bank were present to update the board on the sale of the bank to First Bancorp of Taylorville, Inc, parent company of First National Bank of Taylorville. Mr. Schopp assured the board that there will be no noticeable changes to the bank services currently provided. The sale should be completed in August.

Trustee Eschelbach commented that she had the opportunity to meet at the park with the HCE group and was pleased with the updates that were made to the restrooms and the cleanliness of the park.

### IV.) **REPORTS**

#### A. **Public Works Department –**

Trustee Berardi moved, and Trustee Hackney seconded the motion, to approve the purchase of the snowplow and attachment from IL Power at a cost of \$8,003.95.

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

**Ayes:** 5 – Lee Berardi, Cremeens, Eschelbach, Kraemer, Smith

**Nays:** 0 – None

**Absent:** 1 - Hackney. There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried**

Trustee Smith moved, and Trustee Eschelbach seconded the motion, to approve the sewer work needed to be done by Hoerr Construction at a cost of \$4,672.00.

**On roll call the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 5 – Lee Berardi, Cremeens, Eschelbach, Kraemer, Smith

**Nays:** 0 – None

**Absent:** 1 - Hackney. There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried**

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

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

1. Attorney McGrath updated the board on the status of the Bates property. They are working on scheduling an inspection and preparation of the report regarding the condition of the property. This will go to the judge to determine the dangerous and unsafe status. It is also unknown if the water damage in the spring caused any further damage to the structure. The house is not occupied at this time.

D. **Engineer** – None.

E. **Attorney** – None.

V.) **OLD BUSINESS** – The Heartland Fiber agreement will be removed from the agenda since this was approved for signature during last month’s board meeting pending approved changes. All parties agreed to the changes and are not just waiting on an updated agreement from Heartland Fiber’s attorney.

**VI.) NEW BUSINESS**

Item A will be removed from the agenda since there has been no public attendance pertaining to this. There will be no changes to the animal section of the village code.

Trustee Cremeens moved, and Trustee Smith seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance 680, the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance.

**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
Deer Creek Cruise-In	June 12	
River Bottom St Jude Event	June 12	
Town-wide Garage Sales	June 19	

**VIII.) ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to conduct, Trustee Cremeens moved, and Trustee Lee Berardi 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