

Village of Deer Creek

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Deer Creek, IL 61733

Tuesday May 17, 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.

SPECIAL BUSINESS: At this time, the swearing in of the elected officials took place. Attorney McGrath Swore in Clerk Lewis. Clerk Lewis then swore in Trustees Jake Smith, Judy Cremeens, Stefanie Lee Berardi, and Ross Kraemer and Village President James Hackney.

Village President Jim Hackney called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

I.) **ROLL CALL**

Present: Trustees Stefanie Lee Berardi, Judy Cremeens, Mary Eschelbach, Grant Hackney, Ross Kraemer, Jake Smith

Absent: None

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

II.) **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Lee Berardi, Cremeens, Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Smith

Nays: 0 – None. There being six affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

III.) PUBLIC COMMENT – 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.

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 – None.

VI.) NEW BUSINESS

Attorney McGrath reported to the board the proposed changes he recommends on the Heartland Fiber franchise agreement. The noted changes were sent back to the Heartland attorney late today, therefore no response has been received yet. These items were reviewed. LG Stutzman was present from Heartland Fiber. Attorney McGrath recommended approval of the franchise agreement contingent upon reaching an agreement with Heartland on the proposed changes.

Trustee Hackney moved, and Trustee Smith seconded the motion to approve the franchise agreement and authorize the village president to sign the agreement once all proposed changes have been accepted to both parties' satisfaction.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Lee Berardi, Cremeens, Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Smith

Nays: 0 – None. There being six affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

Trustee Hackney moved, and Trustee Kraemer seconded the motion to accept the village president's appointments: Police Chief Brad Potts, Treasurer Jodi McMahan, Collector Lori Lewis, Public Works Superintendent Gordon Robertson, and Assistant Public Works Jeff Rogers, all for terms of four years.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Lee Berardi, Cremeens, Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Smith

Nays: 0 – None. There being six affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

Trustee Eschelbach moved, and Trustee Hackney seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Certification of Estimated Revenues as presented.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Lee Berardi, Cremeens, Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Smith

Nays: 0 – None. There being six affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

Trustee Smith moved, and Trustee Cremeens seconded the motion to approve the Special Event permit request from Boommin BBQ for Saturday May 29.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Lee Berardi, Cremeens, Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Smith

Nays: 0 – None. There being six affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

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