

Village of Deer Creek

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Tuesday September 21, 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 7:03 p.m.

I.) ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Grant Hackney

Also Present: Chief Potts, PWS Gordon Robertson, Jeff Rogers, 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 – Cremeens, Eschelbach, Lee Berardi, Kraemer, Smith

Absent: 1 - Hackney

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

III.) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV.) REPORTS

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

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

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

1. The Police Committee will meet on Monday September 27 at 6 p.m. to discuss the hiring and training of a full-time police officer.

2. Attorney McGrath discussed the Mutual Aid agreement presented from Tazewell County and recommends not signing it. There is no reason the village should take on the liability of handling calls outside of our jurisdiction when it is the statutory duty of the county sheriff's department to handle, and we are assisting them.

D. **Engineer** – None.

E. **Attorney** – Update on Bates property: A clean up order has been obtained and Mr. Bates has a set period of time to empty the house so that the inspection can be completed, and repairs made. If Mr. Bates does not complete this in the court-ordered time frame, the village will ask the courts for permission to do this and then place a lien on the property for costs associated with the cleanup.

V.) OLD BUSINESS

Cimino Subdivision update: The attorney recommends not issuing a building permit for the house construction until the conditions of the development agreement have been completed. Pressure tests for the water and sewer mains need to be done.

VI.) NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Smith moved, and Trustee Cremeens seconded the motion to approve the cost of street spray patching for this season not to exceed \$5,000.

On roll call the vote was:

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

Absent: 1 - Hackney

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

The board discussed the use of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. Improvements to the wastewater treatment plant, including upgrading the pumps, will be considered. This item will be added to the budget considerations for the next fiscal year.

Installation of the splash pad continues.

The police committee will meet on September 27 to continue conversation regarding the possible addition of another full-time officer.

VII.) CALENDAR ITEMS

Committee Meetings	October 18	6:00 p.m. at village hall
Regular Village Board	October 19	7:00 p.m. at village hall
Senior Lunch	October 8	Baptist Church at 11:30 a.m.
Halloween Parade	October 30	Line-up @ 1:30, parade @ 2:00
Trick-or-Treating	October 31	5 to 8 p.m.

VIII.) ADJOURNMENT:

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

The board unanimously approved the motion by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Lewis
Village Clerk