

# Village of Deer Creek

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Deer Creek, IL 61733

**Tuesday March 15, 2022**

## 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**

**In-Person:** Trustees Judy Cremeens, Mary Eschelbach, Grant Hackney, Jake Smith

**Remote:** Trustee Stefanie Lee Berardi

**Absent:** Ross Kraemer

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

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

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

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

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

**Nays:** 0 – None.

**Absent:** 1 – Kraemer. There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried**

### III.) **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None.

### IV.) **REPORTS**

A. **Public Works Department** – PWS Robertson reported that it is too wet to begin any work in the park.

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

C. **Police Chief** – None.

D. **Engineer** – None.

E. **Attorney** – Attorney McGrath introduced Attorney Grant Schricker, associate with McGrath Law Office. Grant will begin attending the village board meetings in place of Pat.

Attorney Schricker updated the board on the Bates property. Mr. Bates remains cooperative with the clean up and repairs of the house. Mr. Bates has also indicated that he does not intend to live in the house even after the situation is remedied. The attorney fees paid by the village are a part of the remediation.

### V.) **OLD BUSINESS** –

Trustee Smith moved, and Trustee Eschelbach seconded the motion to approve the street crack filling by Tazewell County Asphalt at a cost of \$6,000.

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

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

**Nays:** 0 – None.

**Absent:** 1 – Kraemer. There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried**

Trustee Eschelbach moved, and Trustee Cremeens seconded the motion to approve the water tower inspection agreement with Dixon Engineering & Inspection Services in the amount of \$4,300.

**On roll call the vote was:**

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

**Nays:** 0 – None.

**Absent:** 1 – Kraemer. There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried**

**VI.) NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Cremeens moved, and Trustee Smith seconded the motion to approve the updated policy for use of the community center to all rental fees are non-refundable whether or not the building is used.

**On roll call the vote was:**

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

**Nays:** 0 – None.

**Absent:** 1 – Kraemer. There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried**

No action was taken on the possible sale of the police vehicle.

May 1 will be Coffee with a Cop from 2 to 4 p.m. at the community center.

**VII.) CALENDAR ITEMS**

Committee Meetings	April 18	6:00 p.m. at village hall
Regular Village Board	April 19	7:00 p.m. at village hall

**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 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Lewis  
Village Clerk