

Village of Deer Creek

101 W. First Ave. PO Box 38

Deer Creek, IL 61733

Tuesday November 21, 2023

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEER CREEK HELD AT DEER CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER.

Village President Jim Hackney called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

I.) **ROLL CALL**

Present: Trustees Grant Hackney, Ross Kraemer, Josh Rossman, Jake Smith

Absent: Trustee Stefanie Lee Berardi

Also Present: Attorney Grant Schricker, PWS Gordon Robertson, Jeff Rogers, Clerk Lori Lewis

II.) **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hackney, Kraemer, McGahan, Rossman, Smith

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Lee Berardi

There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried**

III.) PUBLIC COMMENT – Trustee McGahan informed the board that the library is searching for a new director. Their current director, Meghan, has taken a new job in Las Vegas and will be leaving soon. Carla Coggins, resident living on Perry Street, voiced her concerns about the speed of traffic on Perry Street. She asked if the village might consider installing a digital speed limit sign. Prices for these types of signs will be looked into.

IV.) **REPORTS**

- A. **Public Works Department** – None.
- B. **Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals** – None.
- C. **Police Chief** – None.
- D. **Engineer** – None.
- E. **Attorney** – None.

V.) OLD BUSINESS – There has been no activity on the Schlueter/Cimino property. The consensus of the board is to direct the attorney to send a letter to Mr. Schlueter informing him that daily fines will begin on Monday November 27 and continue until the building is completed. A lien should be placed on the property to ensure fines are collected.

PWS Robertson reported on the information gathered to help with the lagoon ponds, including sludge packets and duckweed killer. Information is still being collected.

VI.) **NEW BUSINESS** –

Trustee Hackney moved, and Trustee Rossman seconded the motion to direct the village president to sign the CorrPro agreement for annual maintenance on the cathodic protection at the water tower.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hackney, Kraemer, McGahan, Rossman, Smith

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Lee Berardi

There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried**

Trustee Hackney moved, and Trustee Smith seconded the motion to approve televising and cleaning of sewer lines in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hackney, Kraemer, McGahan, Rossman, Smith

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Lee Berardi

There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried**

Trustee McGahan moved, and Trustee Kraemer seconded the motion authorizing the village engineer to proceed with the necessary paperwork for the 2024 MFT program in the amount of \$75,000.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hackney, Kraemer, McGahan, Rossman, Smith

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Lee Berardi

There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried**

It was the consensus of the board to give \$100 gifts to each employee as in past years.

VII.) CALENDAR ITEMS

Committee Meetings	December 18	6:00 p.m. at village hall
Regular Village Board	December 19	7:00 p.m. at village hall
Senior Lunch (open to the public)	December 5	11:30 a.m. at the community center
Breakfast with Santa	December 9	9 to 11 a.m. at the community center

VIII.) ADJOURNMENT:

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

The board unanimously approved the motion by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Lewis
Village Clerk