

Village of Deer Creek

101 W. First Ave. PO Box 38

Deer Creek, IL 61733

Tuesday October 17, 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 7:00 p.m.

I.) **ROLL CALL**

Present: Trustees Ross Kraemer, Stefanie Lee Berardi, Josh Rossman

Absent: Trustees Grant Hackney and Jake Smith

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

Special Business: Village President Hackney introduced Nick McGahan and recommended his appointment as trustee.

Trustee Rossman moved, and Trustee Kraemer seconded the motion to approve the appointment of Nick McGahan as village trustee to fill the unexpired term of Judy Cremeens as recommended by the village president.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Kraemer, Lee Berardi, Rossman, J Hackney

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Hackney, Smith

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

II.) **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Kraemer, Lee Berardi, McGahan, Rossman

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Hackney, Smith

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

Trustee Grant Hackney arrived at 7:13 p.m.

III.) **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

IV.) **REPORTS**

A. **Public Works Department** – PWS Robertson reported that the new picnic tables and benches have been installed at the park.

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

C. **Police Chief** – None.

D. **Engineer** – None.

E. **Attorney** – None.

V.) OLD BUSINESS – Attorney Schricker reported that a letter has been sent to Dan Schlueter and Donna Cimino regarding the building structure at W First Avenue. The letter gave a 15-day notice to either enclose the structure or tear it down. A new building permit will need to be granted. Village President Hackney would like to propose an amendment to the village code that increases the cost of building permits that need to be reissued by 10 times the amount of the original permit. Permits are good for 12 months and there should be no problem with any construction taking longer than that to complete.

VI.) NEW BUSINESS –

Trustee Lee Berardi moved, and Trustee McGahan seconded the motion to direct the village president to sign the Compliance Commitment Agreement with the IEPA pertaining to the violations associated with the wastewater treatment facility.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hackney, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, McGahan, Rossman

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Smith

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

Trustee Kraemer moved, and Trustee Rossman seconded the motion to approve the IMLRMA annual contribution for insurance in the amount of \$24,603.99, including IML membership of \$150.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hackney, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, McGahan, Rossman

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Smith

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

Trustee Rossman 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, Lee Berardi, McGahan, Rossman

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Smith

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

Auditor Michael Remele presented the completed audit for approval. Highlights of this year's audit were larger than normal amounts of miscellaneous income which included the sale of police vehicles and the Rebuild IL and ARPA funds. The Annual Financial Report (AFR) is due to be filed with the comptroller by October 27.

Trustee McGahan moved, and Trustee Kraemer seconded the motion to approve the fiscal year 2023 audit as presented.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hackney, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, McGahan, Rossman

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Smith

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

Trustee Kraemer moved, and Trustee Lee Berardi seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance 693, pertaining to the appointment of police officers.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hackney, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, McGahan, Rossman

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Smith

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

The board discussed the replacement of sidewalks. It was clarified that the \$24,000 quote from Miller & Sons did not include the cost of the concrete; just the tear out, forming, and concrete pour and finish.

Trustee McGahan moved, and Trustee Hackney seconded the motion to approve the replacement of sidewalks by Miller & Sons at a cost of \$24,000 plus the cost of concrete.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hackney, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, McGahan, Rossman

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Smith

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

VII.) CALENDAR ITEMS

Committee Meetings	November 20	6:00 p.m. at village hall
Regular Village Board	November 21	7:00 p.m. at village hall
Senior Lunch (open to the public)	October 31	11:30 a.m. at the community center
Halloween Parade	October 28	2:00 p.m.
Trick-or-Treat Hours	October 31	5 to 8 p.m.

VIII.) ADJOURNMENT:

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

The board unanimously approved the motion by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Lewis
Village Clerk