

Village of Deer Creek

101 W. First Ave. PO Box 38

Deer Creek, IL 61733

Tuesday April 16, 2024

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 Grant Hackney, Ross Kraemer, Stefanie Lee Berardi, Nick McGahan, Josh Rossman, Jake Smith

Absent: None

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

II.) **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Hackney, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, McGahan, Rossman, Smith

Nays: 0 – None

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

III.) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dan Schlueter and Donna Cimino were present to address the board again regarding his building situation at W First. Dan began by stating that the village website states that no permit is needed for window or siding. This is correct. He then stated that he had been lied to for six months. When asked by who, he stated the mayor and Lori. President Hackney directed the attorney to file the lawsuit and schedule a new court date.

Bill Chuich requested that village look at the tree in front of his house. Bark and limbs are dropping off. PWS Robertson will have Zehr's come out and look at it.

IV.) **REPORTS**

- A. **Public Works Department** – The 20 m.p.h. signs are in for Perry Street. An ordinance needs to be prepared for next month. The 20 m.p.h. will be for Perry Street in its entirety.
- B. **Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals** – None.
- C. **Police Chief** – Village President Hackney informed the board that Chief Lewis had called him and requested that the police department be included in the wage increases.
- D. **Engineer** – None.
- E. **Attorney** – Attorney McGrath stated that he had the same conversation with Mr. Schlueter on the phone after last month's meetings. It was clarified that, yes, the village code does not require a building permit to replace windows or siding on existing buildings. Mr. Schlueter's building is new and incomplete construction.

V.) **OLD BUSINESS** – None.

VI.) **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Smith moved, and Trustee McGahan seconded the motion to approve the Class “C” and Class “D” liquor license for Fuller’s Smokehouse Bar & Grill for a term of one year beginning on May 1, 2024, and expiring on April 30, 2025, contingent upon receipt of the health department certificate.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Hackney, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, McGahan, Rossman, Smith

Nays: 0 – None

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

Trustee Rossman moved, and Trustee Smith seconded the motion to approve the replacement of the park bathroom doors at a cost of \$8,262 by Schieler Quality Builders.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Hackney, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, McGahan, Rossman, Smith

Nays: 0 – None

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

Trustee McGahan moved, and Trustee Lee Berardi seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance 695, setting the new rates for water and sewer, effective May 1, 2024.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Hackney, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, McGahan, Rossman, Smith

Nays: 0 – None

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

Trustee Rossman moved, and Trustee Kraemer seconded the motion to approve the 5% increase in wages for all village employees effective with the first pay period after May 1, 2024. This increase does not include the trustees, president, or clerk.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Hackney, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, McGahan, Rossman, Smith

Nays: 0 – None

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

Trustee Hackney moved, and Trustee McGahan seconded the motion to approve and authorize the village president to sign the intergovernmental agreement with Tazewell County Health Department for the recycling grant in the amount of \$2,020.35.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Hackney, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, McGahan, Rossman, Smith

Nays: 0 – None

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

Trustee Rossman moved, and Trustee Hackney seconded the motion to approve the annual schedule of meeting dates as presented.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Hackney, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, McGahan, Rossman, Smith

Nays: 0 – None

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

Trustee McGahan asked if the lead service form needed to be mailed out to those people who received their newsletter via email. The requests that went out in the newsletter are just one tool the village is using to gather the needed information. They are not necessary to satisfy the reporting requirements.

Trustee Lee Berardi noted that the board needs to consider succession planning regarding board replacements as needed.

VII.) CALENDAR ITEMS

Committee Meetings

May 20

6:00 p.m. at village hall

Regular Village Board

May 21

7:00 p.m. at village hall

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 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Lewis
Village Clerk