

Village of Deer Creek

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Deer Creek, IL 61733

Tuesday January 18, 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, Ross Kraemer, Jake Smith

Remote: Trustee Stefanie Lee Berardi

Absent: None

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

II.) **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Cremeens, Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, Smith

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

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

IV.) **REPORTS**

- A. **Public Works Department** – Additional information will be obtained before deciding to purchase a spreader.
- B. **Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals** – None.
- C. **Police Chief** – Monthly report was presented. No additional business.
- D. **Engineer** – None.
- E. **Attorney** – None.

V.) **OLD BUSINESS** – Attorney McGrath reported that a January 20 court date has been scheduled for the Bates property situation. This date is to receive the court order to approve the cleanup of the property by the village.

VI.) **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Cremeens moved, and Trustee Kraemer seconded the motion to approve the \$1 per hour increase for the two part-time employees.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Cremeens, Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, Smith

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

Trustee Hackney moved, and Trustee Smith seconded the motion to approve and authorize the village president to sign the annual intergovernmental agreement for animal and rabies control services for 2022, annual fee in the amount of \$709.92.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Cremeens, Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, Smith

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

Trustee Lee Berardi questioned if these services are available after hours for emergency purposes and how does one contact animal control if that need arises. The non-emergency police number should be called after hours, and the contract does provide for emergency services.

Trustee Hackney moved, and Trustee Cremeens seconded the motion to appoint Deputy Chief Bill Lally as Police Chief effective on the date the village receives the letter of resignation from Chief Potts. Beginning May 1, 2022, Deputy Chief Lally will be considered full-time, salary to be set at \$60,000, and \$40 per month reimbursement for his personal cell phone.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Cremeens, Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, Smith

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

Trustee Hackney moved, and Trustee Kraemer seconded the motion to approve the early buyout of the solar lease from Hawk Attollo at a cost of \$5,000.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Cremeens, Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, Smith

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

Trustee Hackney moved, and Trustee Smith seconded the motion to approve Resolution 22-1, a resolution regarding the release of closed session minutes.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Cremeens, Eschelbach, Hackney, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, Smith

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

VII.) CALENDAR ITEMS

Committee Meetings	February 7	6:00 p.m. at village hall
Regular Village Board	February 15	7:00 p.m. at village hall

VIII.) ADJOURNMENT:

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

The board unanimously approved the motion by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Lewis
Village Clerk