

# Village of Deer Creek

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**Tuesday September 17, 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:** Clerk Lori Lewis, Jeff Rogers

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

Trustee Hackney 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** – None.

### IV.) **REPORTS**

#### A. **Public Works Department** –

1. Jeff reported that he asked Mike about the manganese and was told it is not magnetic and that it must be filtered in order to remove it from the drinking water. Mike would need to upgrade his water license if filtration becomes a requirement.
2. Update on commercial water softeners installation at VCF Properties: VCF intends to install two commercial water softeners, one at 300 Place and one for the 400/500 Place townhouses. A 3” valve will be installed before and after the softeners and it is recommended that an anti-siphon valve be installed. Costs for all materials and labor will be tracked and at least one \$900 initiation of services fee will be charged.
3. The splash pad will be closed down and winterized on September 30.

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

C. **Police Chief** – Village President Hackney informed the board that the Tazewell County ETSB was interested in purchasing a piece of equipment for communications from the police department for \$1200. The equipment is needed this week. The consensus of the board is to go ahead and dispose of the equipment. The clerk will prepare the ordinance to dispose of surplus equipment for next month.

D. **Engineer** – None.

E. **Attorney** – None.

**V.) OLD BUSINESS**

Village President Hackney reported to the attorney that the uncompleted building appears to be enclosed, including all tin hung and the overhead doors covered with plastic. Village President Hackney stated that he and the board were satisfied with the situation at this time. It will be reviewed again at the time the final payment for attorney's fees has been made.

**VI.) NEW BUSINESS**

Auditor Michael Remmele was present to review the annual audit with the board. He updated the board on the restricted funds balance. He also noted revenues are down this year compared to last year due to the sale of the 2 police vehicles that took place last year.

Trustee Hackney moved, and Trustee Smith seconded the motion to approve the FY2024 audit and authorize the village president to sign the representation letter.

**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 McGahan seconded the motion to approve and authorize the village president to sign the 2025 animal control agreement with Tazewell County, including the annual fee in the amount of \$855.28

**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 Hackney seconded the motion to approve the initial payment of \$25,640 for materials to begin the cleaning of lagoon ponds 2, 3, and 4 and authorize the village president to sign the proposal for work to be done by Rhino Industries. The remaining funding will be discussed and authorized at the next regular village board meeting. This motion includes a super majority vote to waive the bid process for this project due to the specialized nature of the work to be done.

**On roll call the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 7 – Hackney G, Kraemer, Lee Berardi, McGahan, Rossman, Smith, Hackney J

**Nays:** 0 – None

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

Attorney McGrath heard that the village was approached regarding the possible lease of the old town hall by a local business. The building was donated to the village by the township. If leased out, the property would need to go back on the tax rolls and the taxes and utilities will need to be included when considering the lease amount. Attorney McGrath will need to review the documents regarding the original donation to the village to make sure this arrangement would be allowed.

Trustee McGahan moved, and Trustee Lee Berardi seconded the motion to direct the attorney and clerk to research and possibly work out details of a possible lease agreement for the old town hall.

**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**

**VII.) CALENDAR ITEMS**

Committee Meetings	October 14	6:00 p.m. at village hall
Regular Village Board	October 15	7:00 p.m. at village hall
Halloween Parade	October 26	Line up at 1:30, parade at 2
Trick-or-Treat	October 31	5 to 8 p.m.

**VIII.) ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The board unanimously approved the motion by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Lewis  
Village Clerk