

Village of Deer Creek

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Tuesday December 20, 2011
Regular Meeting Minutes
President and Board of Trustees

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:**

Present: Trustees Tony Berardi, Phil Calhoun, Karl Eschelbach, Grant Hackney, Mark Rich.

Absent: Trustee Mike Wallace.

Also Present: Clerk Lori Lewis, Chief Jim Edwards, PWS Mike Carr and Attorney Pat McGrath

Trustee Mike Wallace arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Special Business: The hearing for the close-out of Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) grant number 09-242001 economic development project was called to order. An attendance register was circulated for all to sign.

Administrator James Cummings, grant consultant to the Economic Development Council for Central Illinois, provided a detailed agenda that outlined the topics to be covered at the required hearing. Mr. Cummings distributed copies of the final Status of Funds Report which provided details on the budget, the funds expended for each activity and the fund balances as well as the outcome of the project. The Report showed that the entire grant of \$350,000 CDAP grant awarded was spent. The amounts spent were \$329,000 for the construction of a 150,000 gallon new water tower and connecting main and \$21,000 for administration. The Village expended \$258,273.24 for construction and construction engineering.

The benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons was 51.48% (364 of 706). The figure was determined by the income survey conducted for the grant application.

As called for in the agenda, the public was given the opportunity to comment on the Village's performance and the activities undertaken. No comments were received, either oral or written.

With no comments being received from those present, a motion to adjourn the hearing was made and approved by a voice vote.

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

Trustee Eschelbach moved and Trustee Rich seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Berardi, Calhoun, Eschelbach, Hackney, Rich, Wallace.

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

III.) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

IV.) **REPORTS:**

A. **Public Works Superintendent** – Report on file.

B. **Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals** – No meeting held. The board was informed that representatives from IDOT would be meeting with the Planning/Zoning Board to update them on the progress of the Eastern Bypass Study. This meeting has been scheduled for the January 3 meeting. Village board members are encouraged to attend.

C. **Police Chief** – Report on file.

D. **Engineer** – A letter has been sent to the EPA requesting an extension of the construction permit for the well and raw water main.

E. **Attorney** – No report.

V.) **OLD BUSINESS:** A public hearing is scheduled for January 17, 2012 to begin the grant process for the construction of the new well and raw water main. The hearing will be held prior to the regular board meeting at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Cummings reminded the board that matching funds will be required for this project.

Trustee Wallace moved and Trustee Rich seconded the motion to approve the request by Chuck Schrock, Goodfield Disposal, to increase pick-up rates by \$1 per month beginning January 2, 2012.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Berardi, Calhoun, Eschelbach, Hackney, Rich, Wallace.

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

Trustee Eschelbach moved and Trustee Calhoun seconded to motion to approve payment to Chuck Schrock, Goodfield Disposal, in the amount of \$500 for his help with the clean-up day in June.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Berardi, Calhoun, Eschelbach, Hackney, Rich, Wallace.

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

Trustee Rich moved and Trustee Berardi seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance 578, setting the 2012 tax levy in the amount of \$59,500.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Berardi, Eschelbach, Hackney, Rich, Wallace.

Nays: 1 – Calhoun. There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

The next item of business was discussion again pertaining to water rates in the business/commercial district. Village President Hackney requested that the attorney draft an ordinance that would address “ultra-low water use” in multi-use units (i.e. storage units) that would allow one billing for the entire building and generate individual billings upon any unit being rented with regular, daily water use. Several items in the code will be addressed including defining “measurable use” of water and the combination of services.

VI.) **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Eschelbach moved and Trustee Rich seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance 579, abating the taxes for 2011 to pay debt service on the alternate revenue bonds, Series 2011.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Berardi, Calhoun, Eschelbach, Hackney, Rich, Wallace.

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

There was no further discussion regarding the Rural Business Enterprise grants.

Attorney McGrath explained the purpose of the municipal electric aggregation and opt out referendum. Through Municipal Electric Aggregation municipalities can enter into electricity purchasing agreement on behalf of consumers within their jurisdiction. By aggregating the buying power of a large number of small customers, the municipal entity can get a better deal for those customers than if the individuals shop for their own electricity. Ameren will still be the service provider. The customer would simply purchase the electricity from the “lowest responsible bidder”. Education will be the key to this program. If a new supplier is chosen by the village, residents will have the opportunity to opt out of switching suppliers. They will be automatically switched to the new supplier if they do not opt out of the program.

Trustee Calhoun moved and Trustee Rich seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 11-3, providing for the submission to the electors of the Village of Deer Creek the following question to be placed on the ballot at the regular election on March 20, 2012: “Shall the Village of Deer Creek have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such a program?”.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Berardi, Calhoun, Eschelbach, Hackney, Rich, Wallace.

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

The second step to the above process is to enter into an agreement with Good Energy to act on behalf of the village for the bidding process for electricity purchase.

Trustee Eschelbach moved and Trustee Rich seconded the motion to authorize the village president to sign and to enter into an agreement with Good Energy Consulting Services for services pertaining to the municipal electric aggregation.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Berardi, Calhoun, Eschelbach, Hackney, Rich, Wallace.

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

Trustee Eschelbach moved and Trustee Wallace seconded the motion to accept with regret the resignation of Officer Brian Tibbs.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Berardi, Calhoun, Eschelbach, Hackney, Rich, Wallace.

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

VII.) CALENDAR ITEMS:

Zoning/Planning	January 3	6:00 p.m. at village hall
Committee Meetings	January 16	6:00 p.m. at village hall
Regular Village Board	January 17	7:00 p.m. at village hall

Other Calendar Items:

CDAP Grant Hearing	January 17	6:30 p.m. at village hall
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VIII.) ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to conduct, Trustee Hackney moved and Trustee Calhoun 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