

# Village of Deer Creek

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**Tuesday August 20, 2007**

**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 7:03 p.m.

### I.) **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Trustees Jim Andrews, Wes Burr, Karl Eschelbach, Mark Killion, Mark Rich, Mark Smith.

**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Clerk Lori Lewis, PWS Francis Wort, PWA Mike Carr, Chief Jim Edwards, Attorney Mark McGrath.

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

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

### **On roll call the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 6 – Andrews, Burr, Eschelbach, Killion, Rich, Smith.

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

### III.) **CITIZEN'S REQUESTS:** Brooklyn Birchnall was present to introduce herself as the branch manager of the Deer Creek Banking Center.

### IV.) **ADDITIONAL REPORTS:**

- A. **Public Works Superintendent** – Report on file. The following items were discussed:
1. Labor Day Street Dance – picnic tables, barricades and snow fence needs to be placed on the Village Tap property prior to Sunday's dance. It was the consensus of the board to allow overtime for the public works department to set up for this event.
  2. Storm drainage on W. First Ave. – This drainage area is still being worked on. The ditches along the railroad are being cleaned. Hunter needs to jet the culverts and while they are in town, sewer lines will be looked at for any necessary cleaning.
  3. No further information on the generator at the lagoon, including the schematics that were to have been sent by the company in Texas, has been received.
  4. The public works department has been working on replacing and repairing the catch basins along Main Street. Pres. Hackney informed the PWS Dept. that there appears to be a sink hole at the Phillips Apartments that needs attention. This may be an old storm sewer.
  5. The alley that runs parallel with Second Street between Main and Logan needs to be graded and cleaned up.
  6. The list of trees that need to be trimmed will be taken care of.
- B. **Zoning Board of Appeals** – The Zoning Board heard a request from Greg and Melissa Patridge for a variance on the garage they would like to build on their property at 111 N. Main Street. No complaints were heard from neighbors and this request will not violate green space or will not adversely affect the characteristics of the neighborhood.

Trustee Eschelbach moved and Trustee Killion seconded the motion to approve the variance request from Greg and Melissa Patridge, 111 N. Main Street, for a garage size 480 square feet larger than the maximum allowed size, as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**On roll call the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 6 – Andrews, Burr, Eschelbach, Killion, Rich, Smith.

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

**C. Police Chief – Report on file.**

1. The board discussed lease vs. ownership of the township building. One suggestion was to have an office in the building set up for the township supervisor so that is the question arises about township use, it is still being used as stated in the deed.

Trustee Killion moved and Trustee Eschelbach seconded the motion authorizing the village attorney to proceed with the research and to prepare an agreement with the township for a ninety-nine year lease of the building.

**On roll call the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 5 – Burr, Eschelbach, Killion, Rich, Smith.

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

There will be no construction until the property is secured. The board determined that the garage will not be built at this time.

2. Discussion regarding the purchase of a squad and a 4x4 SUV for the department took place. Spending and prioritizing the needs of the village, including the police department were discussed at length. From now on, items obtained through the LESO program need to be approved by the village board. Items may be requisitioned for, but must be approved by the board before any funds are expended to pick up these items. Chief Edwards suggested that the board needs to determine the level of service it wishes to provide its residents.

Trustee Andrews stated it was his understanding the board would not be discussing the purchase of another squad for three years and it had only been two. A report will be generated regarding the repair costs and other pertinent information regarding the cars over the past year or so. The board needs to do better job of planning for capital expenses.

The white truck obtained through LESO was discussed. This truck was gotten for the fire department. Chief Stewart wanted it for a critical incident van. The fire department paid 50% of the cost of picking up this truck, but currently it is listed on the village insurance policy and is being stored by the village.

3. The next item discussed by the board was the changes to the local village ordinance regarding underage drinking and adults providing alcohol to minors. Fines were discussed including monetary and community service hours. It was noted by the attorney that there is no provision regarding this issue for non-home rule communities, but it is being done anyway. It should take approximately three to four hours to prepare an ordinance.

Trustee Killion moved and Trustee Eschelbach seconded the motion directing the village attorney to prepare an ordinance addressing underage drinking and providing alcohol to minors.

**On roll call the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 6 – Andrews, Burr, Eschelbach, Killion, Rich, Smith.

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

4. Labor Day Street Dance:

Trustee Burr moved and Trustee Killion seconded the motion to close First Street on Sunday September 2 for the Labor Day Street Dance.

**On roll call the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 6 – Andrews, Burr, Eschelbach, Killion, Rich, Smith.

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

D. **Engineer** – No report at this time.

E. **Attorney** – No report at this time.

V.) **OLD BUSINESS:** S. Main Street is still under construction. The board was reminded that we still must monitor for prevailing wage even if this project cost is under the \$20,000 level required for the bidding process.

There is no additional information regarding the railroad crossing upgrades. A waiver request has been sent to the ICC for the grade to the approach on the south side of the tracks.

No change to the energy supplier will be considered at this time as no savings would be seen.

VI.) **NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Burr left the meeting at this time.

Trustee Killion moved and Trustee Eschelbach seconded the motion to approve the Class C & D liquor license renewal for Wes' Sports Bar & Grill for a term of one year commencing September 1, 2007 and expiring August 31, 2008 as recommended by the liquor commissioner.

**On roll call the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 5 – Andrews, Eschelbach, Killion, Rich, Smith.

**Nays:** 0 – None.

**Absent:** 1 – Burr. There being five affirmative votes...**Motion Carried.**

Trustee Burr returned to the meeting.

Trustee Killion moved and Trustee Rich seconded the motion to extend the Class C liquor license held by Mel's Port O' Call to include the property adjacent to the east side of her business on First Street for the Labor Day Street Dance on Sunday September 2 for one day only as recommended by the liquor commissioner and police chief.

**On roll call the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 6 – Andrews, Burr, Eschelbach, Killion, Rich, Smith.

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

Trustee Eschelbach moved and Trustee Burr seconded the motion to approve the annual audit as submitted.

**On roll call the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 6 – Andrews, Burr, Eschelbach, Killion, Rich, Smith.

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

Trustee Rich moved and Trustee Eschelbach seconded the motion to approve the Annual Treasurer's Report as submitted.

**On roll call the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 6 – Andrews, Burr, Eschelbach, Killion, Rich, Smith.

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

The board discussed PWA Mike Carr being hired as a part-time police officer. Concerns were voiced regarding payment of overtime and conflicts with the fire department and village priorities.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

Zoning Board	September 7	7:00 p.m. at village hall
Planning Commission	September 10	7:00 p.m. at village hall
Committee Meetings	September 17	6:00 p.m. at village hall
Regular Village Board	September 18	7:00 p.m. at village hall

**VII.) ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Eschelbach moved and Trustee Killion seconded the motion to adjourn.

The board unanimously approved the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Lewis  
Village Clerk