

Village of Deer Creek

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Deer Creek, IL 61733

Monday February 26, 2007

Special Meeting Minutes

President and Board of Trustees

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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 7:07 p.m.

I.) ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustees Jim Andrews, Bob Davis, Karl Eschelbach, Mark Killion, Mark Rich.

Absent: Trustee Wes Burr.

Also Present: Clerk Lori Lewis.

Trustee Burr arrived at 7:12 p.m.

II.) The purpose of this Special Meeting was to discuss options regarding the increase in street lighting expenses and the payment of the outstanding street lighting bill. Village President Hackney expressed his opinion to shut off all of the street lights. Trustee Rich stated that the village must maintain an element of security and safety, plus people considering relocating to Deer Creek would not look at this as a desirable move. The board discussed alternative energy solutions and reasons for and against the conservation of electricity. Alternative solutions included solar lighting and natural gas-powered generators. First Street renovations were also discussed. There are three street lights in front of the businesses between Main and Logan. A proposal suggested to eliminate these lights would be to purchase lights for each business to put on the buildings and lighting costs would then be absorbed by each business. This will be discussed further.

Maps of street light locations were reviewed and the board discussed elimination of lights in various locations around the village. The lights to be shut off should not cause safety issues. Ameren representative Neal Johnson will be contacted and asked to attend the next month's committee meeting. It was also suggested that individuals could "adopt" a light designated for shut off.

Trustee Davis moved and Trustee Rich seconded the motion to authorize the clerk to pay the previous AmerenCILCO bill for street lighting in the amount of \$817.93.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Andrews, Burr, Davis, Eschelbach, Killion, Rich.

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

Trustee Davis moved and trustee Killion seconded the motion to direct the village president and clerk to authorize AmerenCILCO to eliminate the eighteen lights and poles as recommended by the board of trustees.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Andrews, Burr, Davis, Eschelbach, Killion, Rich.

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

III.) ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Killion moved and Trustee Davis seconded the motion to adjourn. The board unanimously approved the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Lewis
Village Clerk