

## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE DECATUR VILLAGE COUNCIL

Apr 20, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following were present at roll call: Trustees: Patrick Richardson, Robert Mead, Jr, Tom Stull, Norma Strickler, Ali Elwaer, and Carl Wickett. Absent: Mike Heflin, excused. Also present: Chief McLeese, DPW Avery, VC Conklin, VM Krizan, VT Rex, Atty Cooper, and fifteen guests.

President Wickett welcomed everyone and asked if there were any public comments that were not on the agenda. James Abshagen expressed his concerns regarding our community and why the best Village Clerk ever has chosen to work for another community. Keith Leighton spoke regarding the great leaf pickup service on his road and questioned why there is a problem. Charlene Jackson spoke regarding the Village Clerk and feels the council should talk her into staying. Bernie Sherburn again offered his property by the lake for the Fireworks this year with stipulation on insurance and cleanup.

**New Business:** Motion to temporarily appoint James Krizan as Street Administrator until a new DPW Director is hired was made by A. Elwaer and seconded by T. Stull. All in favor, motion carried. Motion made by A. Elwaer and seconded by R. Mead to combine the position of Village Clerk and Treasurer with a starting salary of \$37,500-\$42,500 depending on qualifications. All in favor, motion carried. The selection process was discussed with a tentative timeline to have final decision to be made by May 26, 2015 and a hiring committee was formed with Ali Elwaer, Carl Wickett, and Patrick Richardson. Treasurer Rex wanted council to know that she feels she should be compensated for the extra work she will be doing filling in until someone is hired, and council assured her that she will also receive any help that she may need.

Council Comments: No council comments. Motion made by A. Elwaer and seconded by P. Richardson to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lou Ann Conklin  
Village Clerk