

Endorsement of Bob Kellermann for Village President.

We have an opportunity on April 7 to vote for President as well as 3 Trustees for the next 4 years. We need to have people on the Village Board who have the interest of all the citizens of the Village of Deer Park at heart. We need to have an open dialogue – nothing hidden or excused – so the citizens of the village can have a voice in what is being done. The people who are on the board are supposed to represent all of the people in Deer Park, not to push their own agenda on certain projects only.

Another very important matter is the money situation. The road program has been pushed back in favor of the Vehe Barn restoration, as well as taking care of other village matters. The roads when not taken care of in time will only deteriorate further causing more expenses and more extensive repairs.

The citizens of Deer Park were not contacted to voice their opinions about the Vehe Farm and its improvements which are costing us a lot of money. It is nice to have a community center – but it should not drain our budget so that nothing else is taken care of in a proper way and timing. The contractor who finished the outside of some of the buildings did a great job and it was done in a timely manner. They were on the job regularly and kept the worksite nice and clean. The background of the contractor hired to do the work on the inside was not checked, neither was the bonding company checked out. The worksite was a mess and the work was done very sporadic with just a couple of workers at a time or maybe only one person there.

Then there is the \$60,000 that was recently given to a lobbyist at the drop of a pin. If we get any extra money back – it would be great – but there are several projects where that money could have been spent right here. What about the drainage and road conditions throughout the village? Yes, I realize \$60,000 is not going to take care of such an expensive item, but it certainly could give a start – for crack control for example. Then what about the village entrance signs? They have been needing attention for at least a couple of years – but the information was that there were no money available. What kind of impression are we giving to people who see our signs in such bad shape?

These are just a couple of things why we need to have responsible people on the Village Board. Please check for yourself the background of the people running for the positions. And come out and vote - for a much needed change.

Kari Diesen-Dahl

Village Clerk from 1987 to 1992

Village Administrator from 1992 to 2006

The very first resident of Hamilton Estates Subdivision - since 1981.