

**WE PLEDGE TO FAITHFULLY SERVE  
OUR COMMUNITY TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY  
AS THEIR TRUSTEES**

**APRIL 17**

**Say "Yes" to TIME FOR A CHANGE**

**Say "Yes" to OPEN GOVERNMENT**

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*Public Trust places trustees*

*in a position of leadership.*

*Trustees should be Committed*

*at all times to maintain this trust*

*with Ethical Behavior*

*that is above reproach.*

*Trustees should be Diligent*

*and be held Accountable*

## **This is our Position on the Issues**

*(David Pantler at Candidates Forum, Lake Zurich Chamber of Commerce)*

### **FINANCIAL DILIGENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

We need diligence, objective realism, and dedication; not indifference, false confidence and irresponsibility when dealing with Village finances. Is \$1.5 million Cash in the Bank versus \$3 million of Yearly Spending a *sound* balance? We must explore ALL THE POSSIBILITIES for reducing spending to strengthen our financial status. We should consider replacing old consulting services with new ones – if the service is better and more cost-effective. We must stop wasting money on studies that are never implemented. We should investigate renegotiating the \$1.4 million Police Contract reducing it by using available supplemental County Sheriff's services. We ought to learn from past mistakes. We are obligated to investigate critical financial errors, identify why they occurred and put controls in place that prevent reoccurrence.

### **OPEN GOVERNMENT and TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION = WORKING TOGETHER**

**RESPECT is an essential element of effective communication. It should be mutual. It cannot be demanded. It is EARNED**

Trustees should ALWAYS take into account the needs and wishes of residents. Their decisions impact our lives, property values, and the character of our neighborhoods. Therefore, public input and feedback should be welcomed and appreciated, not rebuked.

The Vehe Farm Foundation is a public organization supported by public funds and must be open to public examination. The meeting place, agenda, schedule, reports, budget, and financial planning are required to be public information. The secrecy surrounding the operation of this organization must be stopped. All Village residents should decide about the future use of the Vehe Farm Community Center, not just the Foundation Board.

### **VEHE FARM FOUNDATION HELD ACCOUNTABLE**

The Vehe Farm Foundation should reach out for private and business donations and stop being a financial burden to our Village. The cost of the Vehe Farm project exceeds the cost of all similar undertakings in neighboring communities. This project has extended over a six year period at an unprecedented \$3.9 million cost, is two years behind schedule, and is not yet completed! The individuals responsible for this regrettable situation should be held accountable.

### **IMPROVING WORKING PATTERNS and PRIORITIES**

ALL Trustees should be better prepared. They should always study alternatives. A working list of pending issues should be updated at each Board meeting, so that no issue gets lost or forgotten.

## **This is our Vision for the Village of Deer Park**

Each trustee should be required to periodically write a report listing their goals and accomplishments. This will enable the public to evaluate their performance.

When the Board adopts an ordinance it must be enforced uniformly throughout the entire Village.

Appropriate priorities must be established. Witness the disproportionate spending on the Vehe Farm project and Parks versus spending on necessary drainage improvements and road maintenance.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS**

The balance between the Environment and Commercial Growth must be carefully evaluated. The adverse effects of opening the door to commercial development with its financial gains must be balanced by preserving Green Space, and Wild Habitat. We must protect our Water (by using 100%-safe methods for treating algae in ponds, not toxic copper sulfate); to minimize air pollution we should eliminate yard waste burning. Our Village should implement environmental protection programs, such as those presently limited to the Vehe Farm property, throughout the areas under Village control and thus become a leader in the Preservation of Deer Park's Environment.

**MORE TREES, LESS FERTILIZER** - in our open green spaces.

**NATURE ≠ green manicured, fertilized lawns and blacktop pavements**

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA)**

**ARE WE READY?** Deer Park is the only village in the surrounding area without its own emergency/disaster plan. In response to the national homeland security call, some residents, including one of our candidates, offered their volunteer services, but were ignored. In the event of a disaster such as a tornado, thunderstorm, heat wave, winter storm, pandemic flu, or terrorist attack, Deer Park depends on Barrington, instead of being self-reliant. Deer Park's volunteer CERT and EMA programs must be formed within our community and run by our residents as soon as possible.

### **ELDERLY, HANDICAPPED and DISABLED RESIDENTS**

The Village of Deer Park pays no attention to these residents. The County and township fill the gap. Some of these elderly represent the living history of our Village; some are the original owners of the farmland our houses were built on. The Village should reach out to them. We are our seniors' closest source of help – we ought to protect them. They should know us well, so they can trust us. We should know where they live, so we can reach them without delay. Special emergency plans should be developed for them. Let them know that we care.