

***Village of Fall Creek***  
*Minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting*  
*April 10, 2023*

1. **Call to Order:** 5:00 p.m., Village Hall Meeting Room, 122 E. Lincoln Ave., Fall Creek
2. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Village President Tim Raap, Trustees Ryan Aylesworth, Karen Hurd, Sheena Kaatz, Matt Mattoon. Arriving Later: Trustee Karen Herbison. Members Absent: Chester Goodman. Staff Present: Clerk-Treasurer Renee Roemhild.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Certify Open Meeting Law Requirements Have Been Met:** A notice of the meeting and an agenda was posted at the three public places and local newspapers were notified.
5. **Adopt Agenda:**
  - MOTION (Aylesworth/Kaatz) to adopt the agenda. PASSED, without negative vote.
6. **Select Village Attorney:** Village President Tim Raap stated we sent out Request for Proposals (RFP) for Village attorney as our current attorney's firm has merged with another and have stated their practice will be going away from municipal law. Raap stated the responses to the RFP were provided in the packet for all members to review. Administrator Jared McKee stated he has reviewed the RFP's and spoke with many of the references but wondered if any members wanted to share their information first. Trustee Karen Hurd listed the people she talked with from the Towns Association and various municipalities, sharing their comments. Trustee Karen Herbison arrived at 5:11 p.m. Administrator McKee gave his review of the proposals and the references he contacted, giving a detailed comparison of the billing rates. McKee stated we had a positive working relationship with Weld Riley in the past, and in calling references now, he heard more positive comments. McKee likes the idea of having a bigger firm that has a wide specialty group. Raap stated when he was an alderperson at the City of Altoona, they had Weld, Riley and the firm was very knowledgeable.
  - MOTION (Mattoon/Hurd) to recommend to the Board to select Weld, Riley as Village Attorney. PASSED, roll call vote: Herbison-yes, Hurd-yes, Kaatz-abstain, Mattoon-yes, Raap-yes, Aylesworth-yes.
7. **Amendments to Village Ordinance Title 7:** Raap stated this matter was referred from the Board meeting but unless someone had some conceptual ideas that they wanted to bring up, he thought it could wait until sometime in the future. No action was taken.
8. **Adjournment:** 5:25 p.m.

Renee Roemhild, Clerk-Treasurer