

Facts and Figures for the

The Peoples Party CANDIDATES

DEERFIELD, ILLINOIS

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 One Year Term
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Endorsed by Leading Business Men and Prominent Citizens

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PLATFORM

Economy and Efficiency

Opposition to Roadhouses House Numbering

Street Signs at Street Intersections

Mail Delivery Service

COMMUNITY BUILDING: For all Civic Organizations, Public Library, Meeting Room for Village Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Appeals, Clerks and Collectors' Office and the People of Deerfield. To be erected when it can be Properly Financed and the People Want It.

POLICE REGULATION: Thorough Police Regulation and Night Police Protection by Local Man.

SCHOOLS: Recommend the Purchasing of a Grammar School Site west of the C. M. St. P. and P. R. R. Tracks before Land Values Increase. This Will Mean A Big Saving to the taxpayers.

ELECTION DISTRICTS: Establish Several Precincts and Elect a Trustee from Each Precinct. This will give All Sections of Deerfield Representation on Board of Trustees.

The originals of the following letters are on file in the Village Clerk's office.

April 2nd, 1929.

Mr. James H. Hood,
 Pres. Village of Deerfield,
 Deerfield, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Hood:

As a resident, property-owner, taxpayer, and voter, I wish you would give me the following information:

I am told Knaak, Village Clerk, has been drawing a salary of over \$6,000.00 per year on a 2% basis of his collections. Is that correct? If so it is out of all proportion for a village of the size of Deerfield—2600 to 3000 people. Who fixed the fee rate of 2% and why was it not restricted to a given sum, i. e., a fair amount covering work done or to be done.

This matter is being discussed throughout the Village, espe-

cially among the women and the fees of the Village Clerk severely condemned, criticised, and resented.

Also salaries paid Chief of Police—\$200.00 or \$225.00 per month—what is correct amount? and \$185.00 to his assistant.

Webber comes in for more or less censure for amount of work done on his \$2500.

A true statement of facts will be appreciated, and may help in furthering your candidacy.

Thanking you I am

Cordially,
 A DEERFIELD TAXPAYER

Deerfield Taxpayer Chicago, April 8, 1929.
 Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of April 2nd, which I received on my return home on April 6th, I am very glad indeed, to impart to you the information desired in answer to your various questions which you have raised in reference to the Village of Deerfield.

The Village Clerk, Alvin Knaak, was paid for his collection services, last year, \$2,677.00 net. His average yearly earnings for the past four years were \$2,700.00. The fixed rate of 2% is fixed by the special assessment law. The law distinctly states that it is not possible or permissible to divert any special assessment moneys from one fund to another. These payments to Mr. Knaak are made on that basis and are not taken out of the general tax fund, at all, but from the special assessment funds. In other words, if you are paying on Roll No. 22, and your assessment is spread over a ten-year period, you are paying 2% per year for the necessary amount it costs to collect this by law. If Mr. Knaak does not make this collection because it may be delinquent or because it is paid at the office of the County Treasurer in Waukegan, then the County Treasurer in Waukegan gets the 2% by law.

Up to date, Mr. Knaak has about sixty special assessment rolls to look after. His total duties in reference to the special assessment accounts alone amount to 22,000 individual accounts. Do you believe it would be possible to hire any one to competently take care of this great amount of business with this immense amount of detail for less than the amount which he has been paid? I believe you will fully appreciate that if these accounts should become badly twisted up, it would cost more than \$2,700.00 to have an audit outfit come in and straighten them out.

The Chief of Police is being paid \$210.00 per month. His assistant is being paid \$185.00 a month. Out of this they have to buy and maintain a motorcycle or automobile. They pay for their own gasoline, oil and storage. They not only do police work, but they are detailed on other work as well, even so far as cleaning the streets and cleaning out sewers or anything else which is necessary. Their hours are unlimited, but they are forced to work at least from eight to ten hours a day, every day.

John Weber receives \$200.00 per month. He looks after the water department entirely. The investment in the water department including pumps and tanks without considering the cost of reading and maintaining and installing meters, all of which Weber takes care of, as well, is over \$25,000.00. Mr. Weber has been specially prepared for this work taking a course of instruction from the manufacturers of these items so as to know how to handle them correctly. When he was appointed to this position the outstanding accounts collectable

Election Tuesday, April 16, 1929