

VILLAGE OF DENMARK DONATION POLICY

As of JULY 10TH, 2017

The Village of Denmark (Village) hereby adopts the following donation policy to promote consistent and best practices within the Village. Giving a donation is the act of presenting something as a gift. Municipal governments possess the public's money and property which is gained from taxing its citizen's taxes and charging fees necessary to operate the Village. Since contributions are not necessary to operate the Village, the governing body cannot donate taxpayer's money as a gift and has no power to award private donations.

The Village Board may appropriate public funds for the purpose of donating money to local non-profit organizations only if the appropriations are consistent with the public purpose doctrine, which requires that a municipality's expenditure of public funds be for a public purpose. The appropriation must also pertain to a public purpose within the Village of Denmark.

For the donation to be for a public purpose, the benefit to the public must be direct and not merely indirect or remote. The subject matter of the donation must be a public necessity or a general welfare benefit.

The Village Board has the authority to execute exclusive agreements with the Denmark War Memorial Inc (\$1,800 annually) and the Denmark Senior Center (\$1,000 annually). These funds are used by the non-profit organizations to assist in paying for utilities, maintenance and necessary activities within the organizations.

Signed:

Sherry A. Meyers
Village President

Date: 7-10-17

Kim Cooke
Witness

Date: 7/10/17