

Village of Creston Minutes
Wednesday, April 7, 2021

delayed one day due to Consolidated Election Tuesday, April 6, 2021

President Williams called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Trustees Byro, Hopkins, Kerns, Katzman and Ward were present. Atty. Russell Crull and Clerk Haub were also present.

Minutes from March 2, 2021 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Ward requested changes to be made as follows: Regarding post office processing - Downers Grove needs to be changed to Carol Stream. Under Treasurer's Report, check payable to Kerns Construction may need to be payable to Dement Township needs to be "billed to Dement Township". A motion was made by Trustee Kerns to accept the amended minutes and Trustee Katzman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication – President Williams received a letter from Illinois Rural Water Association in regards to a school scholarship available to voting family members, including those of mayors, board members and administrative staff. The application will be available at the office at Village Hall. Roger Beardin asked about the three landfill applications for expansion and to know what has been going on to exhume Unit 1 and have a liner put in. President Williams had no information for him other than there will not be an expansion. Paul Williams, Planning Commissioner, presented Planning and Zoning meeting minutes and recommendation to the board. Since there was not a request to be put on the agenda for this meeting, no action was taken and Clerk Haub was instructed to have the planning commission put on next month's agenda. Mark Hibshman, new owner of Headon's Meat Market, presented a request to the board to close W. North St from Main St to the alley on May 15th and 1st & 3rd Saturday of the months following for a farmers market. President Williams and the trustees had no issues of not accepting his request. Trustee Byro would like to see notification of the closure made electronically to the residents. Doug Kroupa (Creston-Dement Library President) was concerned about the board not moving on the recommendation given by Mr. Williams. It was explained that the recommendation could not be included through the Zoning/Planning committee reports but needs to be put on the agenda as "New Business", as it was an oversight by the Zoning/Planning Commissioner.

Atty. Crull had nothing to report.

Building Inspector, Casper Manheim spoke about letters going out to residents for rubbish accumulation on properties.

Village Engineer, Kevin Bunge was not present but Trustee Ward spoke to him and he is waiting for a pre-construction meeting to be scheduled.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report. Clerk Haub presented last month's e-Pay information - number of payments made and the total amount paid through the system.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward voiced his concern over the amount of semi-truck/trailers going through town and presented the need to set up a truck route ordinance that would go to the State and gets published out to the public. This is in hopes that it may deter some GPS systems routing trucks around town, which seems to be part of the issue. Atty. Crull was instructed to draw up a truck route ordinance and a stop sign ordinance.

Water & Sewer - Trustee Kerns had nothing to report. He did bring up a request for manpower from Dement Township as they will be sponsoring a community dumpster in the near future. There was some response from the board members to help out. Trustee Ward asked about the meter reader repair. Clerk Haub said that there is now a loaner for use and meters had been read last weekend for the billing on April 21st (March water usage). Curt Loyd (VOC Maintenance/Water Dept) spoke up about the need to replace the water meter at Creston Car Wash. President Williams instructed Mr. Loyd to order the flow meter and let the owner of the car wash know when it will be installed.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Katzman had nothing to report.

Health & Safety – was passed over by President Williams.

Subdivision – Trustee Byro had nothing to report.

Old Business – *Resolution 03022021* - Waiving Building Permit Fees for Residential Construction or Remodeling - Clerk Haub did not receive the resolution from Atty. Crull. He will forward it to her. Without proper reading of the resolution, a motion was made to accept Resolution 03022021 by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Katzman. A roll call vote passed the resolution with all yeas.

New Business – *Appointment of Vacant Trustee Seat* - prior to the meeting, Clerk Haub contacted the State Board of Elections and found that any appointment of a vacant seat ends at the term of the trustee that vacated it. Therefore, President Williams did not make any recommendation to fill the seat and it will remain vacant until the new village president is sworn in at New Business at May 4, 2021 meeting. *Tipping Fee Disbursements* - President Williams informed the board that he will disburse tipping fee income received to the following Creston entities: Creston Booster Club, Creston Community Consolidated District 161, Creston-Dement Library, Creston-Dement Park District, Dement Township, and Ogle/Lee Fire Protection District/Creston Station. Each group will receive \$3,000.

President Williams presented a letter of resignation from Mr. Paul Williams. As of tonight, he has resigned his appointed position of Planning Commissioner.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to approve the report and to pay the bills for the village. Trustee Kerns seconded the motion. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Hopkins, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.