

Village of Creston Minutes Tuesday, August 6, 2019

President Williams called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Trustees Byro, Ward, Katzman, Misch, Kerns and Hopkins were present, along with Clerk Haub.

Minutes from July 2, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Katzman wanted clarification regarding Resident's Water Line Repair in the "New Business" portion of the minutes. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to accept minutes as amended. Trustee Ward offered the second to the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication – Present at the meeting was David Brown, Curt Loyd, Reid Elliot, Jack Kerns. President Williams read a letter from Petry Farms regarding renting the village farm property for the next three (3) years. Discussion followed. The rental agreement and the request will be put on the agenda for September.

Atty. Crull did meet with the subdivision attorney and it was suggested to have representatives from the village to sit with attorneys and the developer to get concerns addressed. President Williams and Trustee Byro, representing the Subdivision Committee, would be attending the meeting if it comes to fruition. Atty. Crull suggested on holding off until October on the Cannabis Resolution until after the IML conference in September. Atty. Crull passed off sample ordinances to President Williams regarding other municipalities' approach to the solar panel interest. President Williams mentioned that he want the subdivision developer and their attorney to be aware of the storm drain and manhole issue going on in the subdivision.

Kevin Bunge discussed locking storm lids. Discussion followed, no action due to assumability issue. His company is still waiting for a corrected invoice from VisuSeal. Paperwork will be available to IDOT for November letting of Save Routes to School project. Discussion took place about Curt Loyd raising manhole lids as instructed.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward had nothing to report.

Health & Safety – Trustee Misch had nothing to report.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Kerns - nothing that hadn't already been discussed. Transit St. & Cederholm St. hydrants were repaired. There are two older hydrants to be replaced with the newly purchased ones.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Byro had nothing to report. Repair to water line last month on Pierce St was discussed. Two different lines had leaks in the past two months. Mr. Bunge suggested passing an ordinance to require new service to be put in when new housing goes in.

Old Business – *Building Inspector* - President Williams talked with Casper Manheim in regards to filling the vacant position. Mr. Manheim offered to be in town two days a week for 2 hours each date for \$850. A motion was made by Trustee Ward accept the offer on a month to month basis, with Trustee Kerns seconding the motion. A roll call vote passed the motion to hire Mr. Casper Manheim with all yeas. *Solar Panel Ordinance* - will be held over until September for the trustees to review the sample ordinances that will be emailed to them after this meeting. *Stipend Increases for 2021* - A review of current and historic wages were presented to the board. Trustee Byro proposed changes as follows: \$14 per hour for meter reader, \$15 per hour for office manager, \$450 stipend for village clerk, \$500 stipend for village president and \$100 stipend for each trustee. The increase for meter reader & office manager will take place immediately with August's time worked. The increases for village president & clerk & trustees will take place at the time of swearing in after election (May of the year elected). A motion was made by Trustee Byro to approve the proposal with a second from Trustee Kerns. A roll call vote accepted the proposal with all yeas.

New Business – *NICOR Agreement* - The 50 year agreement with NICOR expired four years ago. Atty. Crull will contact NICOR in regards to updating the contract to include the therms agreement and Right of Way to move lines if needed. *Government Cannabis Policy Resolution* tabled until October. *Creston School Driveway Repair* - discussion followed in regards to the school owning the drive. No action was taken by the village. *Subdivision Walking Path Cleanup* - discussion took place about the walking path between the subdivision and the school. Trustee Byro made a motion to clean up the walking path for no more than \$500.00 and for Abe's Tree Service to be hired to do the work Trustee Kerns seconded the motion. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

President Williams notified the board about alley clean up between North St & Cederholm St on the south end. The north end is all mud. He asked the board to have Bud Dickey come in to clean it up and lay gravel. He also stated that there are manhole lids covered with seal coating. To complete the removal process to allow access, the village is in need of purchasing a concrete saw. The proposed amount is \$1,431.02. He was direct to use his authority to make the purchase.

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

Trustee Byro voiced his concerns regarding cars speeding down South St. and not obeying the stop signs on that street. Discussion followed regarding installing speed bumps or speed tables on that street and the location to put them. Trustee Byro also suggested revisiting discussion with Rochelle regarding a boundary agreement, since there will be Rochelle development taking place on the east side of I-39 on IL Route 38 in the near future.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Katzman. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.