

Village of Creston Minutes
Tuesday, December 3, 2019

President Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Trustees Byro, Misch, Katzman, Ward, Kerns and Hopkins was present, along with Clerk Haub.

Minutes from November 5, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Ward requested that the word “vacated” be changed to “close” in regards to the status of the alley that Mr. Cich came to the meeting to speak about. A motion was made by Trustee Ward to accept the amended minutes and Trustee Hopkins offered the second. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication – In attendance: Penny Payton (Village Treasurer), Jack Kerns, Adam Heal (Crum Halsted/Query Insurance)

Atty. Crull had nothing to report than what will be discussed later.

Casper Manheim informed the board that he did a walk-thru with Creston School’s superintendent to offer recommendations on where to allocate money the school has to make updates.

Kevin Bunge was not present. President Williams went over what Mr. Bunge had sent in an email (see attached email).

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward received a call from a resident about barricades at South St & Transit St. intersection and having to drive around them. Jack Kerns will make improvements on Wednesday. Trustee Kerns spoke about concern in regards to dumpster trucks going down South St. instead of IL Route 38. President Williams will call the company. Wayne referred to Mr. Bunge’s email in regards to Safe Routes to School (SRTS).

Water & Sewer - Trustee Kerns and Curt Loyd received a map on the gasket work that has been completed through CES. The Harris’ (Moose Knuckle Bar & Grill) asked about their waterline to the business because the need for an upgrade. Trustee Kerns suggested them to have it JULIE’d to determine where the water line is and why a shorter route seems to be abandoned for the longer route. Speculation discussion followed.

Health & Safety – Trustee Misch had nothing to report.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report. President Williams talked to Commissioner Williams about setting up a meeting with the commission members. Atty. Crull suggested they talk about solar panels and cannabis zoning.

Subdivision – Trustee Byro was had nothing to report.

Old Business – *Solar Panel Ordinance* - It was suggested to take this to the zoning board for recommendations. *Farm Lease* - has been signed by Petry and he voiced his concern about being charged for an acre of grass that is not farmed. The premium check for the farm yield was presented for \$6,970.30. *FY2020 Tax Levy* - was previously submitted to the board at November’s meeting. A motion was made to accept FY2020 Tax Levy by Trustee Ward. A second was made by Trustee Kerns and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. *Business Development Plan & Liquor License for Harris’ Business* - (followed after Insurance in New Business) A motion to accept the business development agreement and issue a liquor license for the Harris’ was made by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Katzman. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

New Business – *Insurance* - Adam Heal from Query Insurance approached the board with 2020’s insurance coverage information. A new policy with Tokio Marine (previous policies with Bliss McKnight) with a 3 year locked rate at 18% loss rate up to 9 months (21 months the same), saving the village approximately \$5,000 instead of paying \$1,500 more. Villages of Ashton and Hillcrest also have the same carrier. Workman’s Comp will stay with Bliss McKnight.

Treasurer’s Report – The Treasurer’s report was reviewed. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to approve the treasurer’s Trustee Ward seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

Booster Club is looking for two members of each group they have designated to be in a committee to help unify efforts. Trustee Katzman asked for another member to join him. President Williams will be the other member.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Katzman. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.