

**Village of Creston**  
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting  
Minutes for: December 1, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with President Williams, Clerk Haub, Trustees Byro, Kerns, Hopkins, Katzman and Ward in attendance.

Attendees to the meeting, on record, are Jay Mulholland (Rochelle Municipal Utilities) and Village Treasurer Penny Payton.

Minutes from November 4, 2020 were reviewed by the board and a motion was made to approve the minutes as received by Trustee Kerns. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ward and passed with all yeas.

Jay Mulholland spoke to the board in regards to a letter received by Pres. Williams about Rochelle Municipal Utilities (RMU) will cease calling JULIE for the village dig requests. He cited the reason being disputes with billing and lack of manpower at RMU to handle calls for other public entities. This cancellation of service is within the 30 day allowance of the village's contract with RMU. There was mention within the trustees to look into USIC to take over this task. Mr. Mullholand also stated that RMU wants to cease lift station maintenance due to manpower issues at RMU. A date has not yet been set for the end of this service.

Atty. Crull informed the board about action taken by the subdivision and movement in possible sales of lots within.

Casper Manheim stated that property maintenance violations are being sent out.

Kevin Bunge stated that Safe Routes to School project is still on schedule for January 2021 bid letting.

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report

Streets – Trustee Ward had nothing to report. A motion was made to accept Resolution 12012020 to spend federal funds to not exceed \$156,279 for Safe Routes to School by Trustee Hopkins. A second was made by Trustee Kerns and a roll call vote passed with all yeas.

Water – Trustee Kerns had nothing to report

Health – Trustee Misch was not present

Zoning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report

Subdivision – Trustee Byro had nothing to report

**Old Business:** *William Heal Dedication Ideas* – no decisions have taken place since last meeting with the Heal family. *FY2021 Tax Levy* – Treasurer Payton previously submitted the tax levy to the trustees at November's meeting. Upon hearing the information from Mr. Mulholland, Treas. Payton suggested supplementing for RMU charges to whomever will take over the services as discussed above. Treasurer Payton was not aware of changes that were to be made and could not present updated information for the tax levy. A motion was made to accept Ordinance 12012020 FY2021 Tax Levy by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Hopkins. A roll call vote passed the ordinance with all yeas.

**New Business:** *Creston Townhomes Billing* – discussion followed. The trustees decided to allow billing to be sent directly to tenants of all rentals within the Village of Creston and a copy of the bill to be sent to the owner of the property. The current ordinance will need to be changed to reflect this decision. Trustee Byro made a motion to allow duplicate bills to tenants and owners of residences in Creston. Trustee Ward seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the ordinance change with all yeas. *2021 Meeting Dates* – Clerk Haub presented the Village of Creston Board of Trustees meeting schedule for 2021. All meetings have been set to the first Tuesday night of each month except for April as there is an election. The meeting date for April will be the following night, Wednesday, April 7. A motion was made to accept the schedule by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Kerns and passed with all yeas.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report and bills were reviewed and a motion was made to approve as given by Trustee Hopkins. A second to the motion was made by Trustee Kerns. A roll call vote passed with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Byron and seconded by Trustee Hopkins and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.