

## Village of Creston Minutes Tuesday, February 4, 2020

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

Minutes from January 7, 2020 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Kerns to accept the minutes and Trustee Ward offered the second. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

**Visitors & Communication** – In attendance: Curt Loyd (Maintenance), President Williams informed the board that he received a check from Ogle County Waste Management Department for flat host fees in the amount of \$5,825.89.

Atty. Crull reported that he received a call from the subdivision owners' attorney about setting up a meeting. No date has been set at the time of this Board of Trustees meeting.

Casper Manheim said that a few more letters have been mailed out for abandoned cars where they are a nuisance for snow plowing.

Kevin Bunge informed the board that he is working on a bid package for automatic transfer switch for Well #3. One of his engineers will be meeting with Curt L. at the well. CES also went out for quotes for the well inspection and received four quotes. The amounts range from \$3,315 to \$6,780, with one quote including sterilized divers into the tank (instead of a remote-controlled vehicle). Mr. Bunge is to forward the quotes to Clerk Haub to distribute to the trustees before next month's meeting. Lastly, he said that CES has sent some data to a party interested in property located ½ mile west of Creston on IL Route 38, which is not village property or zoned by/for the village (water/sewer/annexation). There is no knowledge of who it is, only that it was a hired engineer gathering raw data.

### Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward told the county that the tar/chip project for Summer 2020 will be everything south of the tracks. If we do everything we did the last time, including Woodlawn Rd. and North St., the rough quote will be \$66,000 this time. He suggested doing Woodlawn Rd. and Main St., north of Cederholm St to IL Route 38. Reclamation of the sides of the street is another discussion, including patching before the project. Trustee Byro said that there is still truck activity going down and through Creston on South St, cutting through town instead of going down Woodlawn Rd. to Route 38. Truck route posting discussion followed. Trustee Ward is to get together with Curt L. about how many signs for truck route posting will need to be purchased/posted and then they are to notify Atty. Crull to start an ordinance and what the truck route will be. Trustee Byro noticed the credit balance for MFT Funds seemed short for not having been used for two years.

Water & Sewer - was not called on.

Health & Safety – Trustee Misch was not present.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Katzman was not present. A zoning meeting will take place on February 25, 2020 at 7:00 pm..

Subdivision – Trustee Byro was had nothing to report.

**Old Business** – *Sewer Rates* - continuing discussion from January's meeting. Atty. Crull want to be more clear on what the board wants the annual increase in rates to say in the resolution. Discussion followed on where funds are currently allocated to decide what rates are needed to be raised, justifying the charges. President Williams will have a spreadsheet worked up by Treasurer Payton to be available to the trustees for March's meeting. *Water Tower Inspection* - discussed above by Mr. Bunge. Will be added to March's agenda.

**New Business** - *Certified Public Water Supply Operator Contract IEPA* - President Williams signed the new contract to change the village's contact from previous President Byro to himself. At the meeting with Mike Megurdichian to sign the documents, President Williams discussed the wells. They are doing well for how old they are. The biggest problem is sometimes the pedestal type has a pipe that comes up sometimes gets a rust hole in them. He is going to take a look at it and see how it's doing. *Backup Power Supply* - for the water pumps, Mr. Megurdichian suggests to get the switches put in (which was previously discussed) and rent a generator if an emergency occurs, rather than purchasing a generator, to save money. Water supply in the water tower, with normal use, should last 3 days, leaving a couple of days to get a generator on site. It is more financially wise to get the switches put in so a rental would be able to plug in.

Curt Loyd asked how often Rochelle Municipal Utilities is to service/check the water pump. President Williams said that he thought they were to check once a week, on Saturdays, but Mr. Loyd has not seen footprints (other than his) in the area, leading him to believe that RMU is not checking as contracted. President Williams will contact RMU about it.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. There was a question about a posting on the "Council Approval Report" for O'Reilly's with a memo of "Natural Gas". There was an error made and Treasurer Payton voided the incorrect check but the report still showed the entry. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to approve the treasurer's Trustee Kerns seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Kerns. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.