

**Village of Creston Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 7, 2020**

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 December 3, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. 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), Curt Loyd, Mike Rock (State's Attorney candidate - R), John Stoddard (Winebaugh & Associates) Atty. Clerk Haub informed the board about a thank you note from Creston-Dement Public Library for the village's participation in Christmas in Creston held on December 7, 2019. President Williams notified the board about a compliment from a Rochelle resident in regards to Creston's light display and Pres. Williams thanked Dement Township for purchasing new Christmas lights for the village. Mike Rock introduced himself to the board as a republican candidate for Ogle County State's Attorney.

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

Casper Manheim gave an update to the board for work that is being completed at Moose Knuckle LLC and a short update on the solar panel ordinance. President Williams updated the board on the waterline work at CJs Gaming.

Kevin Bunge posted a map of the areas televised with problems of water in the sewer on Fremont St, north of the tracks. He estimates water equal to 70 houses is flowing through when it is occurring, which is most of the time. Laura from IDOT bumped letting to March 2020 due to Union Pacific Railroad missing paperwork.

**Committee Reports**

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward said that the county has asked if we will be doing work on streets in 2020. It was decided that streets south of the tracks will be tarred and chipped and some road reclamation will take place. President Williams wanted to review if South Street needs to be included in the project or not.

Water & Sewer - Trustee Kerns had nothing to report.

Health & Safety – Trustee Misch had nothing to report.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins informed the board that the Zoning and Planning Commission had a meeting to go over the cannabis law and the solar panel ordinance. Another meeting will take place at the end of February for the solar ordinance after Mr. Manheim forwards information to the committee. The cannabis ordinance/resolution will need to be written up by June 2020.

Subdivision – Trustee Byro was had nothing to report.

**Old Business** – *No Old Business to discuss.*

**New Business** – *Audit Presentment to Board of Trustees* - Mr. John Stoddard reviewed the Annual Financial Report Year Ended April 30, 2019 and its findings to the board. A motion was made to accept the 2018-2019 audit by Trustee Hopkins. A second to the motion was made by Trustee Katzman. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. *Committee Assignments:* President Williams made changes to the committees members. See attached Committee Assignments as of January 7, 2020 form. *Water/Sewer Rates:* discussion followed. Trustee Ward proposed to look at Capital Improvement rate as opposed to raising water/sewer rates for the work that has been done lately on the sewers and the future work on the water tower. Atty. Crull will work on drafting a resolution. The previous resolution and rates were approved by the board on July 5, 2016. No water/sewer/administrative/capital improvement rates have increased since that date.

President Williams asked the board's opinion of the water meter reader assignment going to David Haub. Mr. Haub was hired to take the place of Albert Lundgren as meter reader as Mr. Lundgren will not be available to continue his employment due to traveling. The trustees agreed to allow Mr. Haub to continue reading meters. No opposition was voiced.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Trustee Kerns made a motion to approve the treasurer's Trustee Hopkins 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 Katzman. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.