

**Village of Creston Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

President Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Trustees Byro, Hopkins, Kerns, Misch (tardy), Katzman and Ward were present. Atty. Russell Crull, Treasurer Payton and Clerk Haub were also present.

Minutes from December 1, 2020 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Kerns to accept the minutes as read and Trustee Ward seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

**Visitors & Communication** – Visitors in attendance were: Reid Elliot, Curt Loyd (maintenance) and Bill Newkirk (Newkirk & Associates Inc.) and Doug Kroupa (Creston-Dement Library). Two written complaints were received from residents. One complaint was a noise violation and the other about snow removal and fallen branches from the ice storm. Mr. Loyd said that branch removal that is in the way of the streets will take place the following day of the meeting.

Atty. Crull informed the board that Atty. Tess is working on an intergovernmental agreement with City of Rochelle.

Building Inspector, Casper Manheim - updated the board on permits issued and notices of abandoned vehicles.

Village Engineer, Kevin Bunge - bid letting for Safe Routes to School will take place on January 15, 2021. When conditions become favorable for manhole reviews for grouting, he will expect information from Mr. Loyd to continue the work that has been done to control storm water leakage. Mr. Loyd told him about a problem with the flow meter on Cederholm and how he is unable to get a reading since the previous Thursday. He is expecting someone to come out to take a look at it.

Trustee Misch entered the meeting at 7:09.

**Committee Reports**

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward had nothing to report.

Water & Sewer - Trustee Kerns had a meeting with a gentleman from a utility service out of Batavia. Information regarding the meeting, the company and the gentleman's name was not made available at the board meeting.

Health & Safety – Trustee Misch did not have any public information to report but voiced his concerns regarding the COVID limitations not being followed at the trustee meeting. No action was taken and his concern was not met by the president or trustees.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Katzman was not present.

Subdivision – Trustee Byro had nothing further to report.

**Old Business** – *no Old Business to present*

**New Business** – *Auditor's Report* - Annual Financial Report for Year End April 30, 2020 was presented to the board by Mr. Newkirk. *Truck Bids* - the red truck's transmission gave out and work was done on it in Machesney Park. Bids from one dealership were presented to the board, \$53,285 and \$49,777. The trustees requested more bids from other dealerships of other makes comparable to the two bids presented to make a conscience effort to find the best replacement vehicle for the village. *Creston-Dement Library FY2021* - Mr. Kroupa presented to the board the consideration of rezoning and annexation of the property where the new library is proposed. Clerk Haub will send the information obtained from the meeting the library board presented in Fall 2020. Action on the zoning and annexation will continue in the next month or so.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Trustee Kerns made a motion to approve the report and to pay the bills for the village as presented. Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Kerns, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.