

Village of Creston Minutes Tuesday, July 5, 2022

President Byro called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Trustees Kerns, Hopkins, Ward, and Williams were present. Trustees Hibshman and Katzman were not present. Attorney Crull was present.

President Byro introduced the minutes and asked for additions or corrections. Trustee Kerns made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Minutes were approved.

Visitors & Communication – President Byro called for Visitors and Communications. President Byro announced that the library was having an end of summer event in front of the library on Monday July 18, 2022. They wanted to close off the street for a motorcycle event and President Byro said that the village would accommodate them. President Byro introduced Ken Stoll and apologized for not having him on the agenda. President Byro welcomed Mr. Stoll to speak. Mr. Stoll announced Booster Days is happening September 16-18, and he said that the Boosters would much appreciate the support of the Village both financially and volunteer-wise. Mr. Stoll stated that the cost of fireworks has increased by 30% and that the stage has gone up 25%. Tonya Sarver announced that the Moose Knuckle wants to have a beer garden like they did in previous years, and she said she would fill out the paperwork in the next month or so to get everything set up. Mr. Stoll mentioned that the previous year they had to fill out a single license for each day, and he wanted to know if all 3 days could be covered under one license. President Byro asked if it had to be done that way previously because of an issue with the state, and Mr. Stoll replied that it was an issue with the Village. He stated that the state covered all 3 days under one license. Trustee Ward stated that the Village may have a one-day license special event license in the ordinance. Attorney Crull said he would look at the ordinance.

Attorney Crull stated that he did not have much to report. He stated that he reached out to the landfill again. The landfill is using a 3rd party engineer and they were waiting for the engineer to provide a final plan for drainage. Attorney Crull had a conversation with the attorney for the owner of the subdivision and their attorney said he would take the initiative to reach out to the owner and find out what their plan was regarding the subdivision. Attorney Crull also said he needed to speak with Casper about a property that he had sent a letter about that he received no response to. He needed to know if the property needed to be taken to court. Casper asked if it was the property on west North St, and Attorney Crull said that sounded familiar.

Casper Manheim stated he issued 3 permits for fences and sheds. The residents that have received letters have been cooperative. Casper said he noticed that the home that burned on Depot Street had been demolished. He said he assumed that Hueber's bought it, and President Byro said that they had.

President Byro stated that someone on Depot St has turkeys and chickens running around in their yard. The Village does not have an ordinance that allows chickens within Village limits. President Byro said that he had told people who called to contact Animal Control. Casper asked if was on west Depot and President Byro said it was on east Depot. Trustee Ward said they are doing a lot of work on that property. The house has no siding on it, and there is a trailer on the property that has a big hole in the side. Trustee Williams said that they got the trailer to use as a chicken coop. Casper said he would look into it. Trustee Ward stated that he understood the Wicke property hadn't been mowed recently. Trustee Williams stated that that property had been mowed. Trustee Williams said he was concerned about the old chicken coop property because that one hadn't been mowed.

Kevin Bunge stated that they were working on the water plans for 2 blocks and coordinating with Mike on the well as necessary. President Byro asked about the manhole project. Kevin said that they did one round that took care of 4 manholes, and they are done until Curtis Loyd says that there are more than needs to be done. There need to be 5-6 on the list so that the crew can work a full day.

Committee Reports

Finance - Trustee Hopkins had nothing.

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Ward had nothing.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Kerns had nothing.

Health & Safety - Trustee Hibshman was not present.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Katzman was not present.

Subdivision - Trustee Williams said that the only thing he had was in relation to mowing. He stated that it seemed like the Village would have to let the owner know when the property needs to be mowed, because it currently needed to be mowed. Attorney Crull said that he would be speaking to the owner's lawyer the following day and he would mention it. Trustee Ward spoke about the resident of the subdivision who had had signs up about her lost dog. She stopped by the fire station to let them know that the dog was reportedly spotted south of town off Woodlawn Rd, so she had a feeding station and a camera set up, hoping the dog would come and eat. President Byro asked if it was her dog, and Trustee Ward said it was. The dog reportedly took off from Sandwich and has been sighted in Shabbona, Lee, and had been making its way to the area.

Old Business – FY2023 Appropriations: President Byro announced that he had made some changes, and Treasurer Payton stated that the board members should have a sheet with all the changes listed on it. President Byro said he thought that the Village needed to put the truck back into the appropriations, and he wanted to have new flooring installed in Village Hall. He stated he also made a separate line item for conferences. He announced the Illinois Municipal League conference in Chicago, and he felt that if anyone wanted to go, the Village should pay for it. It takes place the same weekend as Booster Days. He changed the utility fund in case any well work needs to be done, and he added more money for chlorine. He also added more money for collections, for the EPay system. President Byro asked if Treasurer Payton wanted to say anything, and she stated that the total was \$834,625, which is the highest it has ever been. Treasurer Payton stated that as far as she was concerned it was ready to be approved unless someone had any additional changes they wanted made. Mr. Loyd asked if he could say something about the maintenance building. He said that there have been 3-4 leaks with the last rain, where the trucks sit. It was leaking in the south half of the building, and he didn't notice anything on the north side, or on the west side where the wells are. It got wet enough that insulation was falling. Mr. Loyd thought it had been leaking for a while, as some of the exposed wood was blackened. President Byro stated that repairs need to be done as there is a lot of expensive equipment stored in that building. Mr. Loyd said he spoke with Mike last year, and Trustee Kerns said that a coating had been put over the roof about 15 years ago. Trustee Kerns said he would show Mr. Loyd the product that was used and they would see if that would fix it again. President Byro asked about the Appropriations Ordinance and Trustee Ward stated that Treasurer Payton stated it was ready to pass. Trustee Williams made a motion to pass the Ordinance, and Trustee Ward seconded the motion. President Byro asked if there were questions. There were none. Trustees Ward, Williams, Kerns and Hopkins all voted yea. Trustees Hibshman and Katzman were not present. The ordinance passed.

New Business - President Byro brought up the street repair on Main Street. He asked Mr. Loyd to get some bids for fixing the area where the manhole is caving in. The trustees had a quote from Queens, and Mr Loyd had gotten a quote from Curran for \$39,000. President Byro said they were waiting on another quote. President Byro asked if the board was ready to proceed with the repairs. He said he did not want to do them immediately, because Hueber was going to be doing some digging near where the east Depot Street property had been demolished, but he also wanted to get it done before Booster Days. Trustee Williams asked what Hueber was digging for. President Byro stated that Huebers had to shut off the sewer line for that property, and also have the water line shut off and capped. Trustee Kerns asked about the other bid, and Mr. Loyd stated he had spoken to the other firm last week and they were waiting for an estimate on the asphalt. Trustee Williams asked how long the bids were good for. There was no expiration date on the bids submitted. Trustee Kerns stated that he felt that they should approve the bid for Queens. Trustee Kerns felt that the 3rd company knew there was a meeting scheduled and he should have had his bid in. Trustee Kerns suggested getting things set up with Queens before they were booked and could not do it. Trustee Ward was concerned with the Queens quote because it appeared that they were only going to lay down 4" of aggregate. Trustee Ward stated that Curran's quote was not out of line considering they were going to lay down 12" of aggregate, and he said he would do at least 6" of HMA. Trustee Williams stated that Queens' bid may change if more materials are required than is on the quote. Mr. Loyd stated that Queens planned to dig down 17", the back-fill with 3", pack it with road rock on top, and then lay 4" of blacktop. Trustee Williams was concerned that 4" was not enough, and Mr. Loyd said that everyone he talked to said 4" was enough. Trustee Ward said he would do at least 6" for the sake of longevity. President Byro said he would have Mr. Loyd talk to them about what the Village is looking at and see what they say. Trustee Ward said he was surprised that anyone would give a set price, as a lot depends on what they find when they start digging. The area this repair would cover 40' by 8". The difference between Queens and Curran is Queens is a repair and Curran is a rebuild. President Byro asked if the board wanted to accept Queens' bid and then let them know that more asphalt is required on top. Trustee Williams stated that he would pursue that option. Trustee Ward said that a "not to exceed" price of \$10,000 could be set and that would give them a cushion in case they find more to repair. President Byro asked for the board's decision. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to accept Queens' bid with a "not to exceed" price of \$10,000 and an increase to two 3" lifts instead of two 2" lifts. Trustee Kerns seconded the motion. President Byro asked for questions. Trustees Ward, Williams, Kerns and Hopkins all voted yes. Trustees Hibshman and Katzman were not present. The repair bid was approved.

President Byro asked Mr. Loyd to speak about the water. Mr. Loyd stated that the Village is still having issues with chlorine levels. He stated that the 10" that is coming from the wells to the water tower seems to be the problem. They have been putting in 3.5 in chlorine as the wells are pumping, and within 2 to 2-1/2 hours of the wells shutting down, the chlorine levels have dropped to 0.9. Trustee

Williams asked if that was only in the houses that hooked up to the 10" main, and Mr. Loyd said that it was only those homes. Samples have been pulled from Casey's and Booster Park, and those samples have been showing chlorine levels on the high side, which is where Mike Megurdichian likes to keep it. The Village has been using a lot more chlorine than normal because of the 10" main issues. Mike M. is having a hard time calibrating the chlorine because we are using it in the 10" main. The samples come back that there is no ammonia or algae, so he is having a hard time figuring out why so much chlorine is being lost in the 10" main. Trustee Williams asked if there was backflow and Mr. Loyd said he didn't know. Kevin said that when the wells shut off, the 10" and all the mains get the water from the tower. Trustee Williams doesn't understand why, if there is enough chlorine in the well, why if there is no back feed is there so little chlorine in the 10" main. Kevin suggested that something in the 10" main is killing the chlorine. Kevin said that 35 years ago, there were way too many connections made to that 10" main. Kevin said that the Village needs a project of disconnecting 75% of those connections to the 10" main. President Byro stated that this problem needs to be figured out. He said that the big cure is to get everyone off the 10" main. Trustee Ward said the big cure is to add another supply only and return into the system. He estimated the cost of that would be about \$1 million. President Byro said that with the direction the IEPA is heading regarding water testing and lead service line replacement, the Village may have to do some of that work to be in compliance. Trustee Ward asked where the Village is with the Lead Line Replacement Project, and Mr Loyd stated he has taken samples for the first 20 tests, and Mike M. wants them back by September. The samples are taken from the same residences Mike has been using. Trustee Ward asked if the samples show no lead, does that mean the IEPA will assume there are no lead pipes, and Mr Loyd said not necessarily. Trustee Ward asked if the plan had to be submitted by April of next year, and President Byro said that it did.

Treasurer's Report – Trustee Hopkins made a motion to pay the bills. Trustee Ward seconded the motion. Trustee Ward mentioned that Clarke had sprayed for mosquitos twice. Roll call vote taken. Trustees Kerns, Hopkins, Ward, and Williams voted yea. Trustees Hibshman and Katzman were not present. Bills were approved.

President Byro said he had nothing else. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kerns seconded the motion. All voted in favor. President Byro adjourned the meeting at 7:43:34 pm.