

## Village of Creston Minutes Tuesday, June 2, 2020

President Williams called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Trustees Byro, Kerns, Katzman, Hopkins and Ward were present. Trustee Misch was excused due to positive COVID-19 test in his area at his place of employment. Clerk Haub, Atty. Russ Crull and President Williams were also present. The meeting was not available by the Zoom app.

Minutes from May 5, 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** – President Williams received a letter from Utilities Inc. requesting to own and manage Village of Creston's water system. No action was made. Chelsea Erickson and Penny Payton took turns speaking against the Kerns zoning request

Atty. Crull had nothing to report that won't be discussed later.

Building Inspector, Casper Manheim - updated the board on permits and violations issued.

Village Engineer, Kevin Bunge - had nothing to report that won't be discussed later. Pres. Williams let Mr. Bunge know that Curt Loyd is marking manholes that need to be grouted.

### **Committee Reports**

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward said that the county will do patching on the streets before sealcoating starts. The cost will be around \$17,000 for street reclamation (as it was for the north side) or \$15,000 without.

Water & Sewer - was passed by. No discussion was made.

Health & Safety – Trustee Misch was not present for the meeting. Mosquito spraying has been taking place throughout the village.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Katzman had a few issues going on and turned to Atty. Crull to report on the meeting coming up on May 18, 2020. Trustee Byro brought up his concerns about what took place on April 21, 2020 Zoning Commission meeting. Reid Elliot spoke as a zoning committee member about the meeting that took place.

Subdivision – Trustee Byro had nothing to report. Atty. Crull is to contact the subdivision attorney about the need to get mowing done.

**Old Business** – *Well Transfer Switch Quotes* - Four bids were received. Kelso-Burnett were the low bidders at \$21,710. Trustee Byro made a motion to approve the bid of \$21,710. Trustee Kerns seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. *Safe Routes to School* - Laura Connelly at IDOT told Mr. Bunge that a letter needs to be sent in regards to the sudden reduction of work that was planned. Pres. Williams instructed Mr. Bunge to draft the letter explaining the changes made to save money. *Zoning Recommendation for Katzman Project* - Zoning Commissioner Paul Williams presented the zoning commission's minutes with the recommendation to approve Mr. & Mrs. Katzman's request for a change in roof height for a pole building to fit recreation vehicles. Trustee Ward made a motion to accept the recommendation and Trustee Hopkins seconded. A roll call vote passed the recommendation with 4 yeas and one sustained by Trustee Katzman. A motion was made to approve the Katzman variance by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Kerns. A roll call vote passed the motion with 4 yeas and one sustained by Trustee Katzman. *Zoning Recommendation for Kerns Project* - Zoning Commissioner Paul Williams presented the zoning commission's minutes with the recommendation to approve Mr. & Mrs. Kerns request for rezoning R1 to R2 and build 2 duplex housing units on the corner of South and Prairie Sts. with one building on South and the other on Prairie. Letters were read for and against the proposal by Pres. Williams. Trustee Ward made a motion to accept the recommendation for rezoning and special allowance and Trustee Byro seconded. A roll call vote passed the recommendation with 4 yeas and one sustained by Trustee Kerns. A motion was made to approve the Kerns rezoning and special allowance by Trustee Katzman and seconded by Trustee Byro. A roll call vote passed the motion with 3 yeas, one no and one sustained by Trustee Kerns. *Water and Sewer Rates* - discussion followed regarding updating water and sewer rates. A motion was made by Trustee Byro to increase water and sewer rates 3% per year starting on January 1, 2021 at a \$.004 rate. A second was made by Trustee Katzman. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

**New Business** – *Supplemental Budget Appropriations 06022020* - Treasurer Payton presented the Supplemental Budget Appropriations for 2019-2020 budget. Money was needed for the first time in a long history of not needing to do so. A motion was made to accept Supplemental Budget Appropriations 06022020 by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Kerns. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. *FY2021 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance* - Treasurer Payton presented the ordinance for trustee review and will be voted on at the July 7, 2020 board of trustees meeting. Pres. Williams asked the committee leaders to review their parts of the budget for increase or decrease needs.

**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.

Trustee Byro suggested that the board should do something to commemorate Bill Heal, former mayor who passed away in May, for the 25 years he put in for the village. Discussion will take place at next month's meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Hopkins, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.