

## Village of Creston Minutes Tuesday, March 1, 2022

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

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

**Visitors & Communication** – Trustee Williams asked for visitors and stated he had no communications. Trustee Williams started the meeting with Attorney Crull.

Attorney Crull said that he did not have much to report. He stated that the board has not yet had any serious discussion about raising the fees collected from each gaming machine from \$25 to \$250. Atty Crull stated that some communities have opted to raise the fees. Trustee Kerns said that there has been a lot of debate amongst communities about whether to raise the fees. Atty Crull said that was something the board could decide amongst themselves. Trustee Williams asked if raising the fees would require an ordinance and Atty Crull responded that it would be an ordinance modification. Trustee Hibshman stated that the Moose Knuckle has 5 machines.

Casper spoke about the garage that burned at the corner of Cederholm and Transit. The old garage is torn down and they have the shell of the new structure up, so he will follow up. The people who were living on Transit that had all the engine pulling equipment in the yard moved and left it all behind. Casper said he sent a letter regarding that issue. Curtis Loyd said he spoke to them that day and they were going to get a couple of dumpsters. They said they would try to get as much cleaned up as possible within the 10-day time frame. Casper reiterated that the 10-day window is for people to contact him, and Trustee Williams said that as long as there is some improvement, that is a plus.

Kevin Bunge stated that he submitted the grant application, and he got some good letters of support, which should help. He will let us know when or if he hears something. He said he owes us an estimate of both engineering fees and construction costs for the 2 water main replacements that the ARPA funds are being used for. He has a route question that is impacting both of those estimates. He needs to know if someone has a personal relationship with the property owner on the west side of Transit, south of the tracks. Trustee Williams said he doesn't know who the owners are, but they did a lot of work on the property. They need to replace the main on Ridge, and it has to be looped, and the only loop is to the east and they need an easement on the property to do it. No easement is needed for Ridge as there is a public right of way there. Kevin will send an email to see if anyone knows them. Kevin wants to know if someone has a personal relationship rather than just having someone knock on the door and ask.

Trustee Williams asked if the sewer grouting crew are coming. Kevin said that March 14 is the target date. How many the crew can get to depends on how much work each one needs. Kevin said he would work with Curtis Loyd to put a plan in place. Trustee Williams suggested going back and checking ones we have already grouted to make sure they are still good. Kevin said they have had the opportunity to look at a few of them and they were still bone dry. Kevin stated he believes they got the worst of them taken care of. Kevin said he is buying a sonic meter that will measure water flow in manholes. He said he can use it for the Village once he gets it. Trustee Kerns said that Mr Loyd and he had to dig up the approach to the Quonset hut as it was higher than the floor, and the sidewalk was higher than the approach. That caused flooding that threatened Hueber's feed. They saw cut about a 2-foot strip and put gravel down. He suggested Kevin look at it and Kevin said he would. Mr. Hueber was concerned if they got a big rain, it would flood everything.

### **Committee Reports**

Finance - Trustee Hopkins was not present.

Streets & Sidewalks - Trustee Ward was not present, but Trustee Katzman asked about the possibility of changing the 2 yield signs at the corner of Cederholm and Grove to stop signs. Trustee Katzman said that cars go way too fast down the street, and he is concerned because in the last couple of years, more children have moved into the neighborhood, and they ride bikes and engage in other outdoor activities. Trustee Williams said that a traffic study would normally need to be done in order to put up stop signs. Trustee Williams suggested that Atty Crull look into it and Atty Crull suggested putting it on the April agenda. It has to be justified and Kevin said it has to meet certain warrants. Kevin said that if yield signs are already present it is typically easy to do.

Water & Sewer - Mr. Loyd brought up that the village is using or losing about 30% more water over 2-3 months than normal. Trustee Kerns asked if it was due to hydrant flushing and Mr Loyd said no, they haven't been flushing hydrants in the last 2-3 months. He thought maybe people leaving their faucets dripping to prevent pipes freezing may be contributing, but it has gotten warmer and the

usage has not decreased. Mr. Loyd has been looking for the issue, but he has not found it yet. Mike Megurdichian has a tool that he can attach to a fire hydrant, and he can use it to listen to the flow. He wanted to wait until the weather got warmer to do it. Mr. Loyd thought about the grain elevator using water, and he has passed several times to see if there is any water present, but he hasn't seen any. He said he checks it about every other day. Trustee Williams asked if they have a meter, and Mr. Loyd said that they have a well. The water meter was at the grain elevator. Trustee Williams asked Trustee Kerns if he had nothing additional to report and he said no.

Health & Safety - Trustee Hibshman stated that he didn't have anything health & safety related, but he announced that they have set the dates for the Street Fair/Outdoor Market. He said he would get the info to Clerk Payton so she can get the website updated.

Zoning & Planning - Trustee Katzman said the only thing he had was the library meeting that was taking place on 3/15/22 regarding their new building. A community invitation was sent out.

Subdivision - Trustee Williams had nothing to report.

**Old Business** – There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business** – Trustee Williams stated that Street Maintenance was on the agenda, but Trustee Ward was not present. Kevin said he didn't want to speak for Trustee Ward, but he said Trustee Ward told him that the sealcoat still looks good and he didn't think that it would need to be done this year. Trustee Williams said the only concern he has is that sealcoating is all that is done. He is concerned about high spots and wanted to know if a grinder could be brought in to level some of them out. Kevin said the problem with that is if you grind it down and don't resurface or put down several layers of sealcoat, it weakens the street. Trustee Kerns stated that he thinks that the hole on Main St that is south of Huebers needs to be repaired. The county will not do that repair, so Trustee Kerns suggested having Queens come out and fix it. Kevin asked that if that repair is done, dig down at least 18" or the problem will come back. Trustee Williams suggested mentioning it to President Byro so he can put it on the agenda for April.

**Treasurer's Report** – Trustee Kerns made a motion to approve the bills. Trustee Hibshman seconded the motion. Trustee Williams asked for further discussion. There was none. Roll call vote was taken. Trustees Kerns, Williams, Hibshman, and Katzman all voted yes. Trustees Hopkins and Ward were not present, nor was President Byro. Bills were approved.

Trustee Williams said he had nothing else. Trustee Kerns made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Katzman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Trustee Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:26:05 pm.