

Village of Creston Minutes
Tuesday, March 2, 2021

President Williams called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Trustees Byro, Hopkins, Kerns, Katzman and Ward were present. Trustee Misch was absent. Atty. Russell Crull and Clerk Haub were also present.

Minutes from February 2, 2021 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 – No visitors signed in. President Williams read a letter of resignation from Trustee Misch that was dated 3/2/2021. NICOR will be doing work on South St. and Kaye Ln. They are putting in 75' of 2" steel gas main and 55' of 4" of steel gas main and retire 75' of 6" and 85' of 4". Clerk Haub stated that NICOR contacted her and said they were doing the work. Trustee Kerns asked to waive building permit fees for the duplex he wants to build, including information about the City of Rochelle is waiving all residential fees, asking the village to consider doing the same. Discussion followed and Trustee Ward stated that Rochelle is actually waiving fees for any work done above \$15,000. Trustee Byro made a motion to waive building permit fees for residential construction or remodeling over \$15,000 until the date of February 28, 2022. Trustee Kerns seconded the motion. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

Atty. Crull informed the board that Atty. Tess is working on a boundary agreement and a zoning agreement with City of Rochelle.

Building Inspector, Casper Manheim was not present but called President Williams about letters going out regarding alley obstacles and abandoned vehicles.

Village Engineer, Kevin Bunge had nothing to report other than what will be discussed later in the meeting.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward had nothing to report.

Water & Sewer - Trustee Kerns had nothing to report. Trustee Byro mentioned that Clerk Haub has had several reports of water meters possibly slipping on how much water is going through, causing the readings to be higher than normal. The numbers seem to be reading above 10,000 gallons for single to two people households. Late arriving utility bills was discussed and Trustee Ward notified the board that he had heard the Creston Post Office is no longer allowed to process local mail and it all has to go to Carol Stream. This would explain the change in delivery.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Katzman thought there was to be a meeting for the new library but he didn't think it took place. Atty. Crull stated that the public meeting for the new library is scheduled for March 30, 2021. Trustee Byro stated that Trustee Katzman needs to be informed of the meetings because he is the village's representative for the planning commission.

Health & Safety – Trustee Byro had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Byro had nothing further to report.

Old Business – *no Old Business to present*

Clerk Haub presented the new Golf Cart Registration sticker that will replace the ones currently being used. She expects the work to be done before June 1st, the date 2021's registrations are due.

New Business – *Safe Routes to School - IDOT contract award & village responsibility of other costs* - IDOT has awarded another \$30,000 for their portion, changing the amount awarded from \$156,000 to \$189,000. The lowest bid the village received was \$191,500 plus construction administrative costs. IDOT moved ahead and awarded the extra funds on February 24, 2021 without the village's approval. IDOT should be sending a notice to the village and when it is received, Mr. Bunge needs to be notified.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Trustee Kerns stated that the check payable to AM Kerns Construction may need to be made payable to Dement Township. He would contact the treasurer once he confirms who did the work and who should have billed the village. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to approve the report and to pay the bills for the village, with consideration of the previously mentioned change. Trustee Katzman seconded the motion. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Ward, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.