

**Village of Creston Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 5, 2019**

President Williams called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Trustees Byron, Misch, Ward, Kerns and Hopkins was present, along with Clerk Haub. Trustee Katzman was absent

Minutes from October 1, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Kerns made a motion to accept minutes. Trustee Ward offered the second to the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

**Visitors & Communication** – In attendance: Penny Payton (Village Treasurer), Larry Cich, Curt Loyd Jr (Village Maintenance) and Reid Elliot. Dement Township purchased new Christmas decorations for the village's main street displays. Mr. Larry Cich (304 E Cederholm St) approached the board regarding the alley that runs beside his property and asked about getting improvements done to it so he can have access to an outbuilding he put up years ago. There was access but the alley had been closed by the village, making access poor. It was decided to put gravel down up to a point in his lot and next spring, the entire alley will be reinstated for public use.

Atty. Crull had nothing to report than what will be discussed later.

Casper Manheim was not present and no activity report was filed. Clerk Haub requested a monthly activity report so as to know what he is working on.

Kevin Bunge reported that another company came in and worked on 7 manhole covers (23 joints repaired), in place of VisuSewer - who could not get to the work for 3 weeks. RMS Utility Services did the work. He suggested having them televise three sewer segments at \$3-\$4,000. Two of the areas are by the school, starting west of South St. to over the tracks going north on Fremont St. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to have RMS Utility Services televise the hot spots for leaks for no more than \$4,500. A second to the motion came from Trustee Ward. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. Kevin and Union Pacific RR are looking for a 2017 agreement for crossings. Paperwork was lost and requested the village to look for the agreement.

**Committee Reports**

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward had nothing to report.

Health & Safety – Trustee Misch had nothing to report.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Kerns had nothing to report.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report. Atty. Crull discussed cannabis zoning.

Subdivision – Trustee Byro was had nothing to report.

**Old Business** – *Solar Panel Ordinance* - Atty. Crull met with Mr. Manheim and decided that the village's existing ordinances covers what is required for solar panel installations. Atty. Crull will write up an ordinance to leading to the zoning codes already in place. *Farm Lease* - President Williams has an updated lease that will be printed off and given to Erik Petry for signature. *Hazard Mitigation Resolution 110519* - Trustee Byro spoke about the resolution that was already in place but has to be updated every 5 years. This resolution allows the village to obtain federal assistance in case of disaster or for grants. Trustee Ward made a motion to adopt Resolution of Adoption of the Ogle County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan Hazard Mitigation Resolution 110519A. Trustee Byro seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the resolution with all yeas.

**New Business** – *FY 2020 Tax Levy presentment* - Treasurer Payton presented the FY 2020 Tax Levy to the board for review. It will be put up for vote on December's agenda. *Liquor License Adoption* - Atty. Crull suggested to have a business development agreement set up to allow the issue of the Class A license that is requested. A motion was made by Trustee Hopkins to adopt an ordinance to add a second Class A license. Trustee Kerns seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed with all yeas. Atty. Crull will write up the ordinance and the business development agreement to present to the board in December. *E-pay presentment* - Treasurer Payton presented to the board an e-pay option that would work like what RMU uses for utility payments. She is working on this process.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and add the invoice for RMS Utility Services for \$10,143. Trustee Kerns seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Misch. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.