

Village of Creston Minutes
Wednesday, November 4, 2020
Meeting held one day later due to Presidential Election

Trustee Williams called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Trustees Byro, Hopkins, Kerns and Ward were present. Trustee Misch & Trustee Katzman were absent. Atty. Russell Crull, Treasurer Payton and Clerk Haub were also present.

Minutes from October 6, 2020 regular meeting were reviewed. Attending attorney name needs to be changed. A motion was made by Trustee Ward to accept the minutes as amended and Trustee Hopkins offered the second. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication – Attending the meeting were Curt Loyd (maintenance) and Russell Hodges (Rochelle News Leader). President Williams read a letter that was dropped off in the village box regarding a request from Moose Knuckle to suspend the \$1,000 liquor license renewal fee for their Dec. 2020 to Dec. 2021, due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic. With ever-changing service guidelines, the fee would cause a financial struggle as they aren't able to serve as many customers as they would like. Trustee discussion followed. A motion was made by Trustee Kerns to suspend the renewal fee for Moose Knuckle for this coming term. Trustee Byro seconded a motion and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

Atty. Crull informed the board that he is currently working with the subdivision's attorney and discussion is going well. He asked to have access to the water main map for the subdivision and the locations of where leaks have caused the utility to be shut off. Atty. Tess is working on the landfill litigation.

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

Village Engineer, Kevin Bunge - was unable to attend. See attached email that President Williams went through in Mr. Bunge's absence.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward had nothing to report. Christmas decorations are set to be put up for the upcoming holidays.

Water & Sewer - Trustee Kerns was approached by the new owners of the townhouses on West & Ridge Sts. about billing. Discussion followed and it was decided that billing will go to the owner of the property and not the renters.

Health & Safety – Trustee Misch was not present.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Katzman was not present.

Subdivision – Trustee Byro had nothing further to report.

Old Business – *William Heal Dedication* - President Williams wants to keep this subject on the agenda for future discussion (tabled).

New Business – *FY2021 Tax Levy* - FY2021 Tax Levy Ordinance 12012020 was presented to the board for review. The ordinance was tabled until December 1, 2020 for vote. *Creston School electronic sign donation* - discussion followed regarding donating funds to help pay for the school's proposed sign. Since Booster Days was cancelled, Trustee Kerns made a motion to allocate the \$2,500 to the school that was paid to the Boosters for 2019's fireworks display. Trustee Byro seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. *Snow Plow exchange* - discussion took place in regards to the 3 year old plow blade and it was determined not the style that was needed for the work on village streets. Bonnell quoted a trade-in allowance (\$3,500) and municipal discount (\$580.40) for the current blade. Removing the Bonnell-custom plow and mount, changing to a Western plow and mount would cost \$9,522.40. The total amount due to the village for the change after allowances would be \$5442.00. A motion was made by Trustee Byro to trade in the plow blade, purchase and mount a new plow blade for \$5,442. A second was made by Trustee Kerns and the motion passed with all yeas.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Trustee Ward made a motion to approve the report and to pay the bills for the village as presented. Trustee Kerns seconded the motion. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Hopkins, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.