

Village of Creston Minutes
Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Trustee Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Trustees Byron, Katzman, Hopkins and Ward were present. Clerk Haub, Trustee Kerns, Trustee Misch were absent. Atty. Eric Arnquist was also present.

Minutes from September 1, 2020 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Ward to accept the minutes and Trustee Katzman offered the second. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication – In regards to insurance, Adam Heal expects no change in cost to our coverage because we did not have any claims, as agreed in the contract. Mr. Heal is still waiting for the carrier that holds our Workman's Comp coverage to see if there will be a change in fees. Ogle County Solid Waste is restricting tire collection but Pres. Williams is unsure of who is restricted (public or private) but a form will have to be filled out if tires are turned in. Visitors included Curt Rheingans (Creston Community Consolidated School) spoke to the board in regards to looking into installing an electronic community sign to be installed at the elementary school. He will be speaking with Creston Park District, Creston Parent Teacher Organization (CPTO), Creston-Dement Public Library and others, looking for input on the need and help with the cost after looking into options. He expects the sign to be installed in Spring/Summer 2021.

Atty. Arnquist (?) informed the board that Atty. Crull was unable to attend the meeting and will be at next month's meeting. Pres. Williams said that there are talks with the subdivision attorney/people and needs utility map for water to fix the mains that are shut off due to leaking.

Building Inspector, Casper Manheim - updated the board on permits and violations issued, including abandoned mattresses and houses.

Village Engineer, Kevin Bunge - believes we are still set to schedule a January 2021 letting for Safe Routes to School. Pres. Williams told Mr. Bunge that Mr. Loyd has not been able to identify water leaking into the sewers due to the dry weather and will continue to monitor when conditions change.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward had nothing to report.

Water & Sewer - Trustee Kerns not present.

Health & Safety – Trustee Misch not present.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Katzman spoke about concerns regarding gaming license issuance for Mooseknuckle. No gaming is currently at the establishment.

Subdivision – Trustee Byro had nothing to report.

Old Business – *William Heal Dedication* - Trustee Byro is the liaison for the project and putting a plaque at village hall and a bench at Booster Park is what has been discussed and are waiting until after the beginning of the year to narrow down a decision. *Safe Routes to School* - previously discussed.

New Business – *Halloween Hours* - Saturday, October 31 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm has been set by the board (mirroring City of Rochelle hours). Concern for handing out treats with COVID-19 health guidelines was discussed.

President Williams informed the board that the transfer switches are installed and worked upon testing, including bringing a generator in and plugged into the transfer. He also discussed a new snowplow blade to replace the one that had been purchased 2 years ago (current style does not work for street department). The current plow is custom made.

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 Katzman seconded the motion. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Byro and seconded by Trustee Katzman, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.