

Village of Creston Minutes Tuesday, September 3, 2019

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

Minutes from August 6, 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 – Present at the meeting was Kayla Harris, Larry Harris, Tonya Sarver, Ken Stoll representing Booster Club, Reid Elliot, Curt Loyd, Dave Brown, Jack Kerns. Tonya Sarver, representing herself and her parents (the Harris'), approached the board regarding the pending purchase of the former Smoking Harry's and asked about the village's consideration of issuing a liquor license and gambling licenses after the purchase of the property. President Williams offered that he will consider the action.

Atty. Tess informed the board that Atty. Crull is waiting for NICOR's response in regards to the changes the village requested for the contract in negotiation. Atty. Crull is also working on the solar panel ordinance and the farm lease.

Casper Manheim introduced himself as the village's building inspector and gave a verbal report of inspections and letters to the residents he completed.

Kevin Bunge has been pressuring Laura at IDOT in regards to the bid letting to take place in November for Safe Routes to School work to take place next year.

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.

Subdivision – Trustee Byro was absent. Atty. Tess had no update to report.

Old Business – *Solar Panel Ordinance* - President Williams asked the board if they had reviewed the sample ordinances that was electronically distributed on August 7, 2019, after last month's meeting. The majority of the trustees were negative in their reply, therefore making President Williams table the discussion until next month. *NICOR Agreement* - Atty. Crull is waiting for a response to the village's change requests.

New Business – *Farm Lease* - President Williams asked the trustees if they want to put the farm leasing out for bid. Discussion followed. Trustee Kerns made a motion to accept a 2 year lease with a 3rd year option at the price quoted in the offer from Petry Farms. The third year could be given the option renew the agreement with Petry or to go out for bids if the village chooses to do so. Trustee Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. *Creston Booster Days Fireworks Donation* - discussion took place and Trustee Kerns made a motion to donate \$2,500 to Creston Booster Club for fireworks. A second was made by Trustee Ward. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Trustee Kerns made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas from the trustees.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Katzman. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.