

Village of Creston Board of Trustee Minutes for June 7, 2016

Call to order at 7:01 p.m. Trustees Gould, Misch, Williams and Ward were present. Village President Byro and Village Clerk Haub also present. Trustees Kerns and Hopkins were absent.

Minutes for May 3, 2016 were reviewed and a motion was made to approve the minutes as read with the changes of the Finance Committee paragraph by Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Ward. The motion was passed with all yeas.

Visitors and Communication: Dave Brown updated the board and those present about the veterans' memorial to be placed in the area of the U.S. flag pole and the gazebo.

Village Attorney: Atty. Crull was present for the meeting and briefly spoke about looking into property ordinance violations and working on issues for railroad crossings.

Building Inspector: Kip Countryman was not present. President Byro has spoken to Mr. Countryman about two properties in violation of ordinances. Mr. Countryman has taken pictures and sent letters and will go to court if issues have not been corrected within time given. Mr. Lundgren has started a list of property violations while reading meters. The list will be completed and reviewed in the future. Letters will be sent to the property owners and fines will be issued if not taken care of.

Village Engineer: Kevin Bunge had nothing to report

Zoning Administrator: Rebecca VonDrasek was present but announced to the board of her resignation. She will be taking a position away from the area.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Trustee Hopkins was not present.

Streets & Alleys: Trustee Ward informed the board of little progress, having not heard from ICC and the Safe Routes to School project is on hold for the railroad project to catch up. He is waiting to hear from the county on the patching work to be done in the village. Mr. Loyd asked about the ordering of new street signs and replacing them. Trustee Ward said that it is on his list of items to do.

Water/Sewer: Trustee Williams had nothing to report. Mr. Lundgren stated after reading the meters, the duplex property on north Fremont St. is still reading extremely high even after replacing the original meter, thinking that meter was defective. Mr. Bunge stated that the use is equivalent to running a garden hose full force for a month and is reading at 1/6 of the entire village's monthly use of water. Mr. Loyd spoke about not being able to find a shutoff @ 326 North St. It was determined that it is under 3-6" of concrete and asked for guidance if a shutoff needs to be done. President Byro suggested that he and Mr. Loyd visit the owner of the property about the issue.

Health & Safety: Trustee Kerns was not present. President Byro informed the board that Trustee Kerns has been in contact with the mosquito spray company for about this year's spraying schedule.

Zoning: Trustee Hopkins was not present.

Subdivision: Trustee Gould had nothing to report.

Old Business: *Water Meter Rates* – Trustee Williams spoke about the committee meeting held on May 12th and about the review of the bills the village pays for water/water treatment and sewer charges. It was suggested to charge \$.004 for water and \$.004 for sewer. Sewer use goes to Rochelle to clean and purify waste and the village has never charged residents although Rochelle charges the village for this service. Since two trustees were not present and because of the need to review of the sewer ordinance, the water meter rates decision was tabled for next month. Clerk Haub will mail out trustee packets to those not present tonight for their review for next month's meeting. *FY2016 Supplemental Budget & Appropriations Ordinance Approval* – Trustee Gould made a motion to pass the ordinance and Trustee Ward made the second. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

New Business: *FY2017 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance* – was introduced to the trustees for review and was tabled for next month’s meeting. *Prevailing Wage Ordinance* – Treasurer Payton presented the Prevailing Wage ordinance and explained that the figures used were from 2015 since the State of Illinois has no current budget. Trustee Williams made a motion to accept Prevailing Wage Ordinance 06072016B and Trustee Gould made a second. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. *Great Lakes Basin Railroad* – President Byro is asking the village trustees to oppose the Great Lakes Basin Railroad project because of the negative impacts to the surrounding farmland and potential hazards in the area. Ms. Miriah Ranken presented to the board more about what the village should be concerned with if the railroad would come through the proposed route. President Byro asked for a motion to oppose the Great Lakes Basin Railroad Project through a resolution that states the position of the village. The motion was approved with all yeas. *Tipping Fee Stipends* – President Byro awarded the six local entities \$3,000 from tipping fee monies received from the landfill. The benefactors include: Creston Library, Ogle Lee Fire District, Dement Township, Creston Park District, Creston Booster Club and Creston Community Consolidated School District #161. *Golf Cart Registration Suspensions* – Clerk Haub asked for suspensions on those who still have registrations but have not renewed and have not contacted the village in regards to the position of their golf cart. Discussion of the same previous arguments about golf carts took place. It was suggested to mail out another letter to finalize the statuses of the permits currently not reviewed. Trustee Williams accepted to constable golf cart use in the community.

Executive Session: no session took place

Treasurer’s Report: A motion was made by Trustee Ward to accept paying the bills and approving the treasurer’s report. A second was made by Trustee Williams. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

President Byro stated that the estate of Fred Cederholm has been settled and the village received gifts of \$4,129 for the Citizen Garden Square and \$8,258 for general beautification funding /community service award.

A motion was made to end the meeting at 8:14 by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Gould. All yeas passed the motion.