

Village of Creston Minutes

April 5, 2016

President Byro called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm with Trustees Ward, Gould, Williams, Hopkins and Kerns present.

Minutes from March 1, 2016 regular meeting were reviewed. Clerk Haub pointed out that the date of the minutes was incorrect and will change the date to March 1, 2016. Trustee Williams made a motion to accept the minutes with the date correction and Trustee Kerns seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication – Visitors included: Dave Brown (Creston Booster Club), Terry Daugherty, Jack Kerns, Larry Wing, Curtis Loyd, Ed Elshoff and Albert Lundgren. Meriah Ranken, Corey Ranken, Bonnie Boehle, Mick Boehle, Troy Rittschof, Lauren Hintzsche and John Hintzsche were present, representing Ogle County Community Against Great Lakes Basin Railroad Company. Mrs. Ranken gave a presentation for the benefit of the group against the proposed railroad to be laid outside of Creston, along Mulford Rd. and Creston Rd. Discussion followed. Terry Daugherty and Larry Wing approached the board in regards to their concern for the water rates, with discussion following. Dave Brown presented a sample of the veterans' memorial stone to be placed in the common area between the fire department and village hall.

Atty. Tess had nothing to report. President Byro informed the board that the village attorneys are working on a letter to respond to the letter received from Creston Commons.

Kip Countryman was not present and there was no report.

Kevin Bunge gave a report on a leak that was found on North St. and that it was fixed.

Rebecca Von Drasek was not present and did not have a report.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins requested from the board to allow any MFT (motor fuel tax) funds to be wired directly to our account at Holcomb State Bank (HSB) instead of sending the requested funds to our Illinois Funds account and then transferring the monies to HSB, therefore removing the unnecessary wire transfer fee charged by Illinois Funds. A motion was made to allow MFT funds transfers to go directly to Holcomb State Bank by Trustee Kerns, with a second from Trustee Ward. The request was passed with all yeas.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward talked a little more about the problem that arose at North St.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns had nothing to report. President Byro informed the board that Lockard Landscaping will continue to take care of the yard work this season.

Water & Sewer – President Byro appointed Trustee Williams to take over former Trustee Garrison's role as head of the Water & Sewer committee head.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing else to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould had nothing to report.

Old Business – No old business to discuss

Trustee Appointment – President Byro chose to have Mike Misch replace Trustee Garrison on the board. Trustee Gould made a motion to accept Mr. Misch and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion. All yeas accepted Mike Misch as the new trustee. Trustee Misch signed the trustee affidavit.

New Business – *Metered Water Rates* – President Byro presented the board with a metered water rate of .008 per 1,000 gallons of used water. Trustee Ward responded with a report he had about area rates of larger communities, which had lower rates. Discussion followed. Metered water rate decision was tabled for further research by Treasurer Payton for cost analysis of water maintenance. The water/sewer committee will meet to introduce their own findings at a later meeting. *Delinquent Account Debt* – The board received a report of inactive delinquent accounts. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Trustee Gould to write off the delinquent inactive accounts. The accounts will continue to be on record if the account owners ever return to the village. Trustee Hopkins made a second and all yeas passed the motion. *Davidson Sewer Annexation* – John Davidson's property, south of Holcomb State Bank, is needing either a sewer connection or a new septic system. Discussion about recapture, placement and what is needed took place. Mr. Davidson has not yet decided what he wants to do. *MFT Funds Transfer* – previously discussed.

Executive Session – No session took place.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Trustee Gould made a motion to pay the bills. A second for the motion was made by Trustee Hopkins and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Gould. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.