

## **Village of Creston Minutes August 1, 2017**

President Williams called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with Trustees Ward, Byro, Hopkins, Misch, Katzman and Kerns present, along with Clerk Haub.

Minutes from July 5, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to accept the minutes, with Trustee Ward giving the second to the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

**Visitors & Communication** – President Williams had no outside communications for public notice. He introduced the new village truck to the board, which was delivered to the village that afternoon. The cost to the village was \$85,205.00. Joan Sage, Comcast Representative, speaking about the franchise agreement, a 10 year contract, and low income family benefits to services Comcast offers.

Atty. Crull stated that there was nothing changed in regards to the landfill. Mr. Countryman has sighted the owners of the subdivision in regards to the upkeep of the area. He will take care of an address discrepancy at the county recorder's office. Discussion followed about the subdivision water mains. Trustee Kerns asked about the follow-up with the copper test ran. It was found that there was not a defect in the copper but found that the corrosion problem was a soil issue. This issue may be what is going on with the current water main problems in the subdivision. President Williams asked about cathode bagging to prevent the electrolysis possibility.

Kip Countryman was not present but a report was submitted.

Kevin Bunge will review the ditch work for Mr. Forrest. Trustee Ward asked about Safe Routes to School (SRTS) in regards to revised plan status with Mr. Bunge's office.

There is no Zoning Administrator. Clerk Haub is to place an advertisement in the Rockford paper. A motion was made by Trustee Byro to spend \$500.00 on advertising for a zoning administrator, Trustee Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

### **Committee Reports**

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward informed the board about problem with the font size of the street signs and is talking with Tapco in regards to the error in the order. Atty. Crull did get the order approved sent to him for the ICC petition for Transit St.

Health & Safety – Trustee Misch had nothing to report. Trustee Kerns informed the trustees about the need for tree trimming on the corner of Main St & South St. Visibility for the Hueber truck drivers has been impaired with overgrowth. A few other trees will be looked at for removal.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Kerns had nothing to report. President Williams asked Mr. Bunge about prices on fire hydrants and said that he gave information to the board previously. Pres. Williams had another person to contact and Trustee Kerns voiced his concern about going with someone else other than the person/company the village has always used. Discussion followed.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report. Still have two seats to fill on the zoning board.

Subdivision – Trustee Byro drove around and thought the area was looking in poor repair. Atty. Russ heard from the subdivision attorney today in regards to the sightings. After approval of bills, there was discussion involving the activity up in the subdivision in regards to vandalism, lights knocked off, trespassing. Mr. Loyd replaced the manhole cover twice the previous week. Several suggestions were discussed as to remedy the situation.

**Old Business** – *Storm Siren* – Trustee Ward has not had time to look into a new siren. Ogle County Emergency Management coordinator was to reach out to the siren expert at Byron nuclear plant and get back to Trustee Ward but has not yet heard back. *New Truck for Village* – President Williams stated that if someone hasn't been able to look at the new truck yet, to do so after the meeting, if they want. Trustee Ward made a motion to have the village emblem put on the new truck and the pickup truck for no more than \$250.00 for both trucks. A second was made by Trustee Kerns and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

**New Business** – *Comcast agreement* – Atty. Crull suggested to the trustees to review the current agreement. Paper supplies prevented copying the agreement for each trustee. They will receive the agreement via email. *Bids for used village truck* – It was agreed to have an advertisement in the Rochelle News-Leader for the village accepting closed bids for the old truck, plow and spreader that was currently replaced.

**Executive Session** – No session took place.

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

Handrails for the walk up to village hall have been installed. The mailbox for payment drop-off was moved and was requested to purchase a new drop box.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Byro and seconded by Trustee Hopkins. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.