

Village of Creston Minutes

December 6, 2016

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

Minutes from November 1, 2016 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Kerns made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Trustee Ward seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication – No visitors attended the meeting.

Atty. Crull informed the board about a new State of Illinois ruling about expense reimbursements and mileage reimbursements for government entities. He will be drawing up an ordinance to be presented at the January meeting. He has not heard anything from the ICC in regards to the final agreement being drawn up for the railroad crossings/gates changes.

Kip Countryman was not present but a report was presented to the board. President Byro spoke briefly on some changes at Casey's regarding their remodel/addition.

Kevin Bunge notified the board that a video tape inspection was made at questionable sewer lines and will be expecting to receive the tape in the next few days to review it.

There is no Zoning Administrator.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report but asked about writing something up in regards to resident requests for changing meters. Discussion followed.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward saw that a pallet of sign posts had been delivered and President Byro said that he knew some, if not all, signs had also arrived at the village maintenance building in the past couple of days. An inventory of the shipment still has to be done.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns made note that the first snow plowing event went smoothly and the job done well.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Williams asked about last month's meeting request to obtain backup hydrants. President Byro passed around an inventory list of hydrants and parts with the costs included. A regular hydrant will cost \$3,275 with parts, a hydrant dated older than 1950 would have \$1,400 additional costs. If a 4" main is existing, another \$100 would be added.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould had nothing to report. Trustee Ward asked if the small park was handed over to the park district and it has been. There was a question in putting the village ice rink in that park.

Old Business – *FY 2017 Tax Levy* – A quick review was done by the board. Trustee Kerns made a motion to accept Tax Levy Ordinance 12062017 and the motion was seconded by Trustee Williams. A roll call vote passed the ordinance with all yeas.

New Business – *Insurance* – the insurance company was not present and there was no paperwork to review. President Byro asked Clerk Haub to speak with the insurance company tomorrow to ask for a 30-day extension until they are ready to present the information to the board because the insurance contract expires at the end of the month. *Hydrant costs* – previously discussed. *2017 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar* – was presented to the board and a motion was made to accept the calendar by Trustee Gould. A second was made by Trustee Ward and the motion passed with all yeas. *Landfill Concerns* – President Byro told the board about the new landfill owners not

wanting to dig up Cell One (the first dump site) to correct leakage issues by placing a liner and refilling the site or moving the garbage from that site to another place. This action was previously agreed to by the previous owners of the landfill. He is asking the board's permission to draw up a resolution to voice concerns in writing to go to the City of Rochelle's board as they are the ones to make the decision. The landfill has been talking to the City of Rochelle and not taking action as previously agreed to will save the city 1.6 million dollars but could, in the long run, be an environmental hazard to the Village of Creston and the surrounding area. President Byro also told the board about a form to be sent out to residents to log any bad smells coming from the landfill. The form will be sent out with the next utility bill, along with the 2017 Residents' Information letter, and a letter in regards to winter meter readings. The landfill smell log will have to be returned to the village after the January utility bill run on January 20th.

Executive Session – No session took place.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. President Byro asked the board to add \$633.00 to the invoices to be paid because of a call received this afternoon from Clarke Environmental looking for payment for Invoice 6359600. He and Clerk Haub looked through payments generated for this month's meeting and through Clarke Environmental's file to see if the invoice was being paid or had been paid. They did not find that it had. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to pay the bills, adding Clarke Environmental's invoice. Trustee Kerns seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Hopkins. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.