

Village of Creston Minutes December 1, 2015

President Byro called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Trustees Ward, Garrison, Gould, Williams, Hopkins and Kerns present.

Minutes from November 3, 2015 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gould made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Trustee Ward seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication – Visitors included: Greg Query (Query Insurance), Penny Payton (as VOC Treasurer) and Curt Loyd (as VOC Maintenance).

Atty. Crull had nothing to report that won't be covered later.

Kip Countryman was not present to present his report. He had issued four permits in the month of November.

Kevin Bunge had nothing to report.

Rebecca Von Drasek was not present and had nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward informed the board that the 2016 seal coat project is being handled by Ogle County. In regards to Safe Routes to School and Rail Safety, there is a short list of what needs to be taken care of and is waiting on one person in regards to the project. President Byro spoke about the work completed on the railroad crossing on Woodlawn Road.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns had nothing to report but commended Mr. Loyd on the snow removal.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Garrison had nothing to report. Water meter issues (readings) were brought up. The lower valve work for the water tower is being looked into. Lonie from Anderson Heating is researching what type of valve is needed. In regards to insulating the well house, an Energy Seal consultant came and looked at the building, took measurements and noted concerns. It was suggested to replace the windows and noted that insulation spray would destroy the current ceiling. Trustee Kerns suggested ridged foam board to cover the current ceiling and that the windows needed are hard to get but will order them.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Subdivision committee meeting took place before this meeting.

Old Business – *Tax Levy* – introduced to the board last month. A motion was made to adopt the 2016 Tax Levy by Trustee Kerns. Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the 2016 Tax Levy with all yeas.

Hueber LLC Property – President Byro went back to Jon Hueber to discuss what the money for the abandoned stretch of Prairie St., south of Depot St and north of railroad tracks would be used for. Hueber LLC counter-offered \$4,000 for the property, Trustee Gould made a motion to accept the offer of \$4,000 and Trustee Williams seconded the motion. A roll call vote passed the offer with all yeas. Atty. Crull will take care of the legals for the sale.

New Business – *Query Insurance* - Greg Query introduced the 2016 Insurance Coverage for the village. Discussion followed. A motion was made to accept the proposal of \$10,288 annual coverage by Trustee Ward. Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the coverage with all yeas. *2016 Meeting Schedule* was introduced and accepted with all yeas.

Village Auditor will be at next month's meeting to discuss the 2014-2015 annual audit.

Executive Session – No session took place.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Two invoices were received after the report was generated. The additions to the Treasurer's report are \$198 to Albert Lundgren for meter reading and \$2,950 to Kerns Construction for well house insulating and windows. Trustee Gould made a motion to pay the bills. A second for the motion was made by Trustee Williams 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.