

Village of Creston Minutes December 5, 2017

President Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Trustees Ward, Byro, Hopkins, Katzman, Misch present, along with Clerk Haub. Trustee Kerns was absent.

Minutes from November 7, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to accept the minutes as read, with Trustee Ward giving the second to the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication – Penny Payton acting as village treasurer. President Williams presented the board with a letter requesting donation from Village of Progress. He also presented an invoice for Lincoln Highway Coalition and information regarding an IRWA class.

Atty. Crull provided a draft development agreement with the property at 104 E IL Route 38 and gave it to President Williams to have Mr. Countryman review it. The Comcast franchise agreement that was approved in November's meeting is ready to sign. Discussions with the City of Rochelle in regards to the landfill continue, tipping fees continue to lower. With the subdivision, Atty. Tess has met with RC Pottinger in regards to the subdivision items.

Kip Countryman was not present and did not submit a report.

Kevin Bunge stated the Preliminary Environmental Site Assessment (PESA) report for Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) project was received and of 50 sites studied, 14 came back with RECs (recognized environmental conditions). He explained they did a little field work but no soil tests. This was the first step, raising "red flags". This is mostly because of the potential problems because of the railroad and what is shipped on it. The next study, PSI, would cost between \$5,000- \$7,000. He suggested to the board three options: 1. have the study done. 2. excavate the material to a quarry/landfill. 3. reuse the soil on site. These options will be presented to IDOT, which their requirement was to have the study done. In regards to certain manhole covers where information showed there was leaking, his company found that from the chimney lid down there were shifting offsets and suggested chimney seals and to elevate the covers. Each manhole cover with problems would be approximately \$2,000 to repair with rings & seals. The decision for accepting repairs was tabled for January 2018's meeting.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward had nothing to report.

Health & Safety – Trustee Misch had nothing to report.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Kerns was not present. Trustee Ward recognized the hard work done on Sunday, November 14th during the water main repairs and the shut off that occurred. Trustee Ward also informed the board about City of Rochelle and Ogle County Sheriff's Department use emergency alert Nixel. Clerk Haub will be looking into alert systems.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Byro had nothing to report.

Old Business – *FY2018 Tax Levy* – Treasurer Payton explained the tax levy that was tabled from November's meeting and requested board approval. The levy amount is \$17,453.00. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to adopt FY2018 Tax Levy and Trustee Ward made the second. A roll call vote passed the levy with all yeas. *Update on CR England property damage* – President Williams was in touch with an adjuster named Kelly in regards to the damage to signs and hydrant that was hit by one of the company's semi-trucks was estimated at \$8,667.60, replacing the hydrant. A release form was sent to President Williams to be signed.

New Business – *Northside Sealcoat Project* – Trustee Ward spoke about contacting the county and of the timeline for notification in regards to the village's request to join the 2018 road work project, allowing savings to join other communities' street projects. *Present 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar* – Clerk Haub presented the 2018 calendar for Creston's board of trustees' meetings.

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

Executive Session – Session was called by President Williams to discuss personnel. Trustee Byro made a motion to go into executive session with Trustee Katzman seconding the motion. All visitors were asked to leave as the meeting would be over after the session. The board did not move into another office for the session. After executive session took place and Trustee Byro made a motion to come out of session with, Trustee Hopkins seconding, the end of the regular board meeting of trustees ended.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Byro. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.