

Village of Creston Minutes February 7, 2017

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

Minutes from January 7, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gould asked to have her marked as absent from the January meeting. Trustee Ward asked to change who the papers for the Grant of Accountability and Transparency Act were given to. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Trustee Ward seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication – Diane McNeeley attended the meeting and presented the board with information about League of Women Voters (LWV) dinner coming up that will take place at Northern Illinois University. She also stated that LWV is in support of Village of Creston regarding the Cell One Landfill ruling. Curt Loyd was in attendance.

Atty. Crull informed the board that Atty. Tess met with the attorney of the subdivision but was unaware of what came of the meeting. ICC order has been approved. The farm lease has been given back to Petry Farms for their review and we are waiting for their response/approval.

Kip Countryman was present and informed the board that he will be going to Casey's to follow up on current work on the expansion. He is expecting a Letter of Credit from NiCor for work to be done.

Kevin Bunge was present and gave trustees a flow meter graft of use that RMU is utilizing for billing. The video tape was reviewed for the section of bad pipe but the recording wasn't at a time during rain/saturation. He will be putting together a packet regarding the village to do the recordings ourselves versus having a vendor record/monitor the sewer system.

There is no Zoning Administrator.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report. President Byro stated that a check from City of Rochelle and Ogle County for tipping fees for 4th quarter was received.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward questioned that Safe Routes to School (SRTS) paperwork going to IDOT. There is a letting deadline to meet by June. He was concerned about the abandoned house on Transit St. has a car on the village's right of way. Tar/Seal/Gravel work for the north side of railroad tracks in the village will be held off due to the SRTS and railroad projects taking place in the summer. Street signs replacement will take place in the spring.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns had nothing to report and will help look into purchasing a safety harness for water tower climbing.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Williams informed the board about a water tower leak caused by a drain valve that was left and put a PVC pipe in between the old and newly installed one. A company had a lift truck with a 125' boom at Huebers' and assisted to get to the leak to shut off the water and the leak. Freezing was the cause. Work will be done in the spring to correct the issue, in case it were to happen again. Rochelle Municipal Utilities came to clean the sewer pit, started the generator and found a small fuel leak on the ejector pump. The seal on the fuel pump is bad and will have to rebuilt and retimed but will take a week or so and will get back to Curt Loyd on a better idea of how long and will have a quote on a preventative maintenance agreement. Trustee Williams suggested getting a new pump and installing it when the old one is taken for repair and then we have another pump in case the one in use goes down.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report. There may be a meeting later in the month.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould questioned if others were having problems with Comcast in the subdivision. President Byro will contact the company's representative for the village about the issue that was presented.

Old Business – *2015 Building Code* – Trustees reviewed the building code presented to them. A motion was made to accept the building code (Ordinance 020717) as amended by Trustee Kerns. A second was made by Trustee Williams and a roll call vote passed 2015 Building Code with all yeas.

New Business – *Funds Transfer* – Trustee Hopkins made a motion to transfer funds from landfill revenues to general funds for streets (\$30,000) and fireworks (\$3,900) Trustee Hopkins made a motion to transfer the funds and Trustee Kerns made the second. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. *Economic Development* – President Byro informed the board that Ogle County to build a community committee CORE Planning (computer program LOIS) that will have sites available for sale or available with zoning

information to allow businesses access to what is available in the county. This is similar to DeKalb County's planning program. President Byro plans to continue to attend as time allows or is beneficial to the village. *Letter to Board* – In response to a letter that was presented to the board in regards to a resident's concerns was discussed. The main discussion was about meters for outside use of water for those homes with permanent swimming pools and professionally installed irrigation systems, the need to have a permit for another meter and the costs. Nothing was decided. *Home Inspection Article* – Before the meeting, the trustees received the quarterly newsletter "On Common Ground in Illinois" from Illinois Realtors'. In the newsletter, there is an article in regards to municipals inspecting properties vs constitutional rights. Discussion took place and nothing was decided but found that it may not be in the village's best interest to pursue inspections of sump pump hookups and such that could be changed after the inspection.

Trustee Ward brought up the City of Rochelle's council ruling in approving the Cell One excavation at the landfill to correct the leak in the lining which could affect water and ground if left ignored.

Executive Session – No session took place.

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

There was an inspection by the IEPA and we received a good report on the water system. Any concerns that were raised was taken care of our water operator.

Trustee Ward suggested that there needs to be maintenance/beautification work on the outside of village hall.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Ward. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.