

Village of Creston Minutes July 5, 2017

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

Minutes from June 6, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Kerns 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 a letter from Department of Transportation stating that if the state budget isn't passed that all construction will be shut down. Trustee Ward said that motor fuel tax funds (MFT) would also be held. President Williams spoke about the Illinois Municipal League's "You've Been Elected" seminar that he and Trustee Katzman attended in Rochelle. Mr. Curt Rheingans, Creston School's new principal & superintendent, introduced himself to the board. Visitors included: Mr. Rheingans, Curt Loyd (maintenance), Penny Payton (treasurer),

Atty. Crull hasn't heard a response back from the subdivision people since a letter was sent itemizing items that hadn't been fixed or taken care of. He informed the board that nothing has been moving in regards to the landfill and work on that.

Kip Countryman was not present and a report was not submitted.

Kevin Bunge was not present and there was no report to review. President Williams was waiting to hear back about Mr. Don Forrest's property and the flooding he had been experiencing. Trustees Hopkins, Kerns and Ward agreed to let Mr. Forrest do the work on his ditch to satisfy rainfall flooding, with Trustee Hopkins reminding to call JULIE before doing the work.

There is no Zoning Administrator.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward said that Safe Routes to School (SRTS) sent out what Mr. Bunge had to correct on the plans and looked "straight forward" with nothing added that he felt was out of hand. There is one thing that Trustee Ward will have to go back and correct the SRTS person on what was in the plan for a setback of two feet of asphalt before the sidewalk plates does meet ADA requirements. Trustee Byro asked if President Byro heard back from the railroad with repairs that needed to be made but the repairs were made without notifying anyone with the village.

Health & Safety – Trustee Misch was not present. Trustee Kerns touched base with Clarke Environment.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Kerns had nothing to report.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Byro just reviewed what Atty. Crull said. Speaking about the landfill, he went to a meeting with Atty. Tess, Rochelle's new attorney, Mayor Olson of Rochelle, and was asked again what needs to be done and have not heard anything back from the landfill after they were told that it needs to be dug up.

Old Business – FY2018 Appropriations Ordinance – Treasurer Payton suggested entering the cost for the new village truck on the ordinance. President Williams suggested putting \$90,000 on the ordinance. Trustee asked about putting down funds for another storm siren for better coverage over by the subdivision. Trustee Ward suggested \$15,000 and President Williams suggested \$20,000 to be listed for the storm siren. Trustee Byro asked to consider a new printer for the office. Treasurer asked the board to consider leasing the printer. Trustee Payton also asked the board to also consider getting rid of the Frontier land line and go with Comcast for the telephone (fax and phone is \$150 with Frontier). Trustee Payton was asked to look into the prices to change the phone over. Trustee Byro made a motion to accept the amended FY2018 Appropriation Ordinance, adding \$90,000 in funds for the truck, \$20,000 for the storm siren and adding \$2,000 in extra funds for the printer to the line item 'New Equipment' under "General Fund". Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion. A roll call vote passed with all yeas. *Village Hall Hand Rails* – Trustee Kerns stated that will cost \$3,800 to install & paint new rails as they are currently placed. Kettle Iron is planning to get the work done later this month. *Dodge Truck Replacement* – discussion took place and a motion was made by Trustee Byro to purchase the truck from Bonnell and to be by the discretion of the president. Trustee Kerns seconded the motion. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. *Storm Siren* – previously discussed.

New Business – None. Trustee Kerns asked about the potholes in the village, especially the large ones. Discussion followed. Trustee Hopkins was going to ask a contact about their excess cold-patch blacktop. Trustee Ward will contact a source to ask for help on the best placement for the storm siren.

Executive Session – No session took place.

Northern Illinois Disposal will be increasing rates for garbage, \$9.56 to \$9.69, and recycling, \$2.01 to \$2.04 from July 2017 to June 2018. The next increase will be in July 2018 and will start being billed to the residents in August each year.

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.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Katzman. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.