

## Village of Creston Minutes June 6, 2017

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

Minutes from May 2, 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** – Dave Brown, Curt Loyd, Penny Payton, Jack Kerns, Don Forrest, Doug Kroupa (Creston Booster Club) were in attendance in the audience. President Williams spoke about the letter to the residents, in regards to sump pumps, which was included with the water bill and the 2016 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. Also, he talked about a letter from Comcast in regards to CLTV-HD and a flyer from Illinois Municipal League holding classes for newly elected officials. Mr. Forrest asked for assistance in regards to the ditches in front of his property not draining properly. President Williams will have Mr. Bunge take a look. Clerk Haub spoke about recycling picked up later in the day on recycling days. She was informed by Northern Illinois Disposal Services that if recycling is not put out before the first pickup of the day, after 6:00 a.m., that the recycling has gone in with the garbage during the later pickup. She asked the board to consider putting in a pickup timeframe request with the company when the contract is renewed because the company seems to be starting before 6:00 a.m. due to their loss of a contract. The village office was not informed of any time changes and the residents were habitually expecting later pickups. She took it upon herself as clerk for the village to request that recycling does not get picked up and put in the garbage later but to leave it uncollected for the next recycle date.

Atty. Crull spoke about communications with the attorneys for the subdivision. It was mentioned that mowing had not been done lately. He also informed the board that he is calling every two weeks in regards to the ICC Final Ruling on the railroad work.

Kip Countryman was not present but presented a report, which was reviewed by the board. There are several mowing and property issues and President Williams will contact Mr. Countryman in regards to those concerns.

Kevin Bunge was not present and there was no report to review.

There is no Zoning Administrator.

### **Committee Reports**

President Williams appointed the new committee assignments as follows:

Finance: Chairman Hopkins and Trustee Byro  
Streets & Alleys: Chairman Ward and Trustee Katzman  
Water & Sewer: Chairman Kerns and Trustee Ward  
Health & Safety: Chairman Misch and Trustee Kerns  
Zoning & Planning: Chairman Hopkins and Trustee Misch  
Subdivision: Chairman Byro and Trustee Katzman

\*Committee assignments will start after this meeting.

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward spoke about Mr. Bunge receiving correspondence for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project which ended up being a new proposal to reflect changes made for another town and expected to be changed for Creston's plans. Creston's plans had been set in place, waiting for a final approval, and now all of the proposed changes will cost the village more in engineering and other fees that were not foreseen in previous works.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns will contact Clarke Environmental in regards to mosquito spraying and introduce the new Health & Safety chairperson, Mike Misch.

Water & Sewer – President Williams informed the board about two water leaks in the subdivision that were shut off. The leaks were in undeveloped parts of the subdivision. He is still looking at and working with Mr. Bunge on the prices of replacement hydrants.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Reviewed previous discussion in the water & sewer committee report and spoke about the sink hole at Truman St & Pierce St. that had been blocked off.

**Old Business** – *Village Hall Hand Rails* – Trustee Kerns stated that will cost \$4,800 to install & paint new rails to include an addition going east of existing rails, landscape and concrete the addition would cost another \$2,000 extra. A motion was made by Kerns to replace existing handrail by Kettleson Iron, not costing more than \$3,800. A second to the motion was made by Trustee Ward. A roll call vote passed the move with all yeas. *Golf Cart Violations/Renewals* – President Williams asked the trustees to take charge of golf cart violators and to have extra golf cart ordinances and applications available to give to violators of unregistered carts. He reminded them that they are the ones who passed the ordinance and should be willing to accept the responsibility of upholding the ordinance.

**New Business** – *Appointment of Village Treasurer* – President Williams appointed Penelope Payton as treasurer for the village. *FY2017 Supplemental Appropriation Budget* – discussion in regards to the supplemental appropriation ordinance took place. A motion was made to accept the ordinance, 06062017A, with adjustments as made, by Trustee Hopkins with a second from Trustee Kerns. A roll call vote passed the move with all yeas. *Prevailing Wage Ordinance* – was reviewed. A motion to approve the ordinance, 06062017B, was made by Trustee Byro and seconded by Trustee Hopkins. A roll call vote passed with all yeas. *FY2018 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance* – Treasurer Payton presented the ordinance for review and will be voted on at the next meeting. *Holcomb State Bank Depository* – President Williams appointed Holcomb State Bank to continue to be the village's financial center. *Dodge Truck Replacement* – President Williams would like to start looking at replacing the village's current truck that plows and salts in the winter and is used for maintenance work throughout the village. A Ford F550 Cab and Chassis on a state-bid truck starts at \$29,789 with parts adding to the cost. It is thought that local dealers could possibly bid better offers. He would like to find something in the total range of \$60,000. *Rezoning of Booster Hall* – Mr. Kroupa, chairman of the building committee of Creston Booster Club, asked the board to consider rezoning Booster Hall, which seems to be mistakenly zoned residential. The property class was listed as 0040 and should be 0060. The request was granted with all yeas from the trustee members. *Storm siren* – President Williams said that the siren worked with the monthly test today. The siren will now sound if there is an alert anywhere within Ogle County. The current siren is not audible for the residents of the subdivision and discussion followed in regards to purchasing another siren and where to place it for the best coverage.

**Executive Session** – No session took place.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to pay the bills. Trustee Kerns 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 Hopkins. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.