

Village of Creston Minutes May 2, 2017

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

Minutes from April 4, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gould made a motion to accept the minutes, with Trustee Hopkins giving the second to the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication – Dave Brown, Curt Loyd, Penny Payton, Jack Kerns, Judy Williams, Lori Tepinski (Rochelle News Leader) & Steve Katzman attended in the audience.

Atty. Crull informed the board that there has been good communication going on between the village and the attorney/owners of the subdivision. There is nothing to report in regards to communication.

Kip Countryman was not present and no report was submitted.

Kevin Bunge stated that his company ordered a flow meter and that we are still waiting for IDOT on the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project.

There is no Zoning Administrator.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward had nothing to report. He did receive a call from Rochelle Fire about the storm siren not working from their monthly test. The controller, which sets off the siren for storms, is what went bad. It will cost either \$1,500 to rebuild the current siren controller or a new siren would cost \$2,300- \$2,500. Discussion followed. The current siren was last rebuilt at least 20 years ago. A motion to purchase a new siren for a new storm siren at the amount between \$2,300 and \$2,500 was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Kerns. The roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. Trustee Williams was concerned about tracks sinking lower than normal when a train goes through town. The site of the concern is on the north tracks off of Woodlawn Rd. It was suggested that he call the railroad company. The phone number is on the switch controller house close to that intersection.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns and Curt Loyd looked into purchasing harnesses for water tower climbing. It was suggested to purchase a harness and lanyard at \$500.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Williams informed the board about the hydrant flushing. Curt Loyd received a hydrant dealer card and will look into pricing for replacements for the bad hydrants in town. There were no new issues with any other hydrants. A resident was asked to disconnect his illegal sump pump sewer connection.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report. President Byro said that Dave Brown has asked to step down as Planning Committee Commissioner. There are two seats that need to be filled. It is posted on the village's website and Facebook page.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould had nothing to report. Negotiations are taking place for resolution ideas.

Old Business – *Village Hall Hand Rails* – Trustee Kerns has not had time to look into replacement. A display case, 3' x 5' with lights, was purchased by the park district.

SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICERS – President Byro announced the need to swear in new officers elected during the 2017 Consolidated Election that took place on April 4, 2017. Trustee Ward asked to recognize the services of Lynda Gould as trustee.

Village Clerk – **Deanne R Haub, President Donald Wayne Williams, Trustee Mike Misch, Trustee Steve Katzman, Trustee Ward.** President Williams appointed Tom Byro to fulfill the vacant trustee seat. The seat will be up for election in two years. Mr. Byro was sworn in by Clerk Haub.

New Business – *Renew Mowing Contract* – Lockard Landscaping was continued as contractor for mowing village property at \$100 per event. *Reappoint of Employees* – President Williams retained Village Attorney – Tess & Crull, Village Engineer – Kevin Bunge & his company CES, Village Building Inspector – Kip Countryman. *Water Ordinance Amendment* – Clerk Haub informed the board about a past resident, with a history of failure to pay utility bills had purchased another property. She made a suggestion for an amendment in the water ordinance to include a deposit from home owners with a previous bad history. Discussion followed and the trustees decided to not make a change to the ordinance. *Golf Cart Renewals* – renewals will be mailed out to current permit holders by next week.

In June, along with the water quality report and May's utility bill mailing, there will be a letter from the village president to the residents about illegal sump pump connections to the sewer

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 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 Byro and seconded by Trustee Ward. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.