

Village of Creston Minutes May 1, 2018

President Williams called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with Trustees Ward, Hopkins, Katzman, Kerns present, along with Clerk Haub. Trustees Byro and Misch were absent.

Minutes from April 3, 2018 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Kerns made a motion to accept the minutes as read, with Trustee Hopkins giving the second to the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication – President Williams read a letter of concern written by resident, Charley Vardman in regards to the activity and apparent violations of Ordinance 080415. The following visitors to the meeting also expressed their concerns: Evelyn Newell, John DeGuide, Amy & Steve Jensen, Chelsea Erickson and Paul Williams. Trustee Ward confirmed the concerns and referred to parts of the ordinance agreed to but not yet fulfilled since its approval. Norm & Carol Kurz delivered their concerns with health standards in the community, such as air quality, train noise/speeds, and water (lime in heat registers

Atty. Tess had nothing to present

Kip Countryman was not present but did send a report of activity.

Kevin Bunge had a meeting with David Brown in regards to the water drainage at Booster Hall. He is working on the rain water flooding at 313 N Grove St. The signed easements for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) were received. The village received a letter that set a bid letting for SRTS for November 9th.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward stated that the seal coat bids were opened. The lowest bid was \$29,577.39 from Civil Constructors. A motion was made to accept the bid by Trustee Kerns. Trustee Katzman seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. President Williams informed the board about a need to raise the lawn mowing work being done by Lockard Landscaping. Mike Lockard currently mows 3 - 3 ½ acres at the cost of \$100.00 per event, for at least the past 5 years. It was suggested to pay more for the work. For mowing, weed trimming, bush trimming, it was suggested to raise the cost to \$150.00. Trustee Kerns made a motion to offer \$175.00 per mowing. A second was made by Trustee Katzman and a roll call vote passed with all yeas.

Health & Safety – Trustee Misch was not present.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Kerns stated that he still has the manhole cover replacements are on his agenda to be completed. He reminded the attendees that Dement Township will have an electronic recycling on May 12th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There is another event at Rochelle Municipal Utilities on May 19th.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Byro was not present. Tess & Crull did send a letter to the developer in regards to the water line leaks and updated information/concerns.

Old Business – *Telephone Alert System* - Jenny Thompson of City of Rochelle presented the trustees with information regarding Rochelle's use of Nixle. After the presentment, the trustees instructed Clerk Haub to follow through with Nixle's free system for text alerts. *Liquor Licenses* - Melody Stege approached the board stating her intentions for the property that used to be Smoking Harry's and asked to obtain a liquor license. Trustee Ward made a motion to allow the application for a full liquor license with the option for video gaming on the property. Trustee Kerns seconded the motion and all voiced in favor of the motion. *Hazard Mitigation* - was tabled due to Trustee Byro not present.

New Business – NONE

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 Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Ward. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.