

Village of Creston Minutes November 1, 2016

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

Minutes from October 4, 2016 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Kerns made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication – Visitors included: Curt Loyd (maintenance department) and Dave Brown. Mr. Loyd informed the trustees that the hydrants had been flushed and there were no problems. He did say that there is a hydrant hidden by a tree and bushes. He was instructed to cut back the shrubbery or have the property owner do so. He also told the trustees about having a problem getting into the buffalo box at 320 E North St and how it will need to be dug up by Kerns Constr. on Friday. The newly installed valve in the water tower worked great and is happy that he doesn't have to climb a ladder to flush the tower now. There was a discussion about replacing old hydrants that could cost \$10,000 per hydrant with installation.

Atty. Crull had nothing to report.

Kip Countryman was not present and there was no report.

Kevin Bunge stated that inspection of the sanitary sewer on South St. was made. A few manholes were taken off and found water was coming in. He will be asking if Rochelle Municipal Utilities can do the repair work. Otherwise, he will have to find a contractor to correct the problems.

There is no Zoning Administrator.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward had nothing to report. President Byro informed the board that a motion is needed to accept the cost of the street signs because record research for the approval for the cost was not found for the past two years. This is not to say that monies were not allocated in the budget for the signs but no specific cost was found to be approved.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns had nothing to report.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Williams had nothing to report. He would like to see that the village pursues acquiring an extra hydrant for emergency backup.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould had nothing to report.

Old Business – *ICC Petition* – Trustee Ward and Atty. Crull went to a meeting in Chicago. Surface around the railroad tracks, constant warning signals and gates will be covered 50% by ICC and 50% by railroad. Crossing gates will be put in and paid 90% by IDOT, village 5% and railroad 5%. Two feet of surface leading up to the rails will be paid by the railroad at 90% and 10% by the village. A funding agreement is still being written. ICC has no current objections to these numbers. Safe Routes to School is being tied into the railroad work. Main St work has received a railroad safety grant to allow for ADA compliant crossing. Since there no pedestrian crossing at Transit St., it had to be treated as a new crossing. Cost estimates from Union Pacific are to follow. Union Pacific has shown enthusiasm. A ruling order from the presiding judge will be received and projecting construction should take place in 2017 and crossing work should take five days. *Farm Lease* – Teresa presenting Petry Farms went through the presented packet. Discussion took place. Trustee Kerns made a motion to accept the Flex Lease plan as read. Trustee Ward

seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed with 5 yeas and one abstained. *April 4, 2017 Election* – Comment was made again about petition packets are available in the office during regular business hours.

New Business – *Insurance* – the insurance company was not prepared so discussion and motion for insurance will have to take place next month. *FY 2017 Tax Levy* – was introduced to the board for voting at next month's meeting.

Executive Session – No session took place.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Trustee Williams made a motion to pay the bills, adding a mileage reimbursement of \$51.69 to Trustee Ward for the ICC meeting in Chicago and the Tapco street signs invoice of \$5,139.00. A second for the motion was made by Trustee Gould and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Kerns and seconded by Trustee Williams. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.