President Williams called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with Trustees Ward, Byro, Hopkins, Katzman, Misch and Kerns present, along with Clerk Haub.

Minutes from October 3, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Ward informed Clerk Haub under ‘Streets & Sidewalks’ “UPS” needs to be changed to “UP’s”. Trustee Kerns made a motion to accept the amended minutes, with Trustee Ward giving the second to the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.


Atty. Tess said that there was an updated liquor license and business development ordinances sent to Clerk Haub. Clerk Haub wasn’t expecting one and did not look at the email before the meeting. She will review for accuracy and will have them ready for December’s meeting.

Kip Countryman was not present but submitted a report on permits that were issued.

Kevin Bunge stated that the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) is filled out to the best of his office’s ability and needs to have the treasurer complete the questionnaire. IDOT is requesting a Preliminary Environmental Site Assessment (PESA) for Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) project and has offered a bid from a consultant for no more than $2,700. Trustee Byro made a motion to accept the offer of the study at no more than $2,700 and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. Water hydrant replacements were discussed and it was determined that hydrants with no valves and not close to the mains would run $10,000-$12,000 each. Five hydrants are in need of being replaced. No action was taken.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward asked if the order of signs came in. In regards to the storm siren, the pole is up and the amp draw test was run. The siren should be wired up by next week.

Health & Safety – Trustee Misch had nothing to report.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Kerns reported about the water main break on October 21st/22nd. Discussion followed.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Byro thinks the work by Comcast is completed.

Old Business – Comcast update – Previously discussed.

New Business – Village Insurance – Adam Heal of Crum-Halsted Agency (previously Query Insurance), presented the village’s Insurance Summary for review. After discussion, a motion was made to pay the quote of $11,511.00 by Trustee Hopkins. Trustee Kerns seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed with all yeas. FY2018 Tax Levy – Treasurer Payton presented the tax levy to the board for review before the vote in December. Intergovernmental Agreement for Winter Maintenance Assistance – Trustee Kerns presented the agreement to the board. It had not been formally updated for quite some time. It was suggested to send a copy to Mr. Heal at Crum Halsted. Trustee Ward made a motion to accept the agreement with a second by Trustee Hopkins. The agreement passed with all yeas. The agreement was given to Dement Township Supervisor Payton to present to the township board for vote. Ogle County GIS (Beacon) cost increase – the proposed cost increase per year is $161.00 for the service ($253 to $414) and is based on the number of lots within village limits. Village Hall HVAC update – Upon maintenance of the current furnace, it was suggested by Anderson Plumbing to replace the furnace and central air units. The company quoted $5,450.00 and a motion was made to accept the quote by Trustee Kerns. A second was made by Trustee Katzman. A roll call vote passed with all yeas.

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 Byro 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 8:20 p.m.