

Village of Creston Minutes October 6, 2015

President Byro called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm with Trustees Ward, Garrison, Gould, Hopkins, Williams and Kerns present.

Minutes from September 1, 2015 regular meeting were reviewed. It was requested to change the wording for the motion to "accept the Treasurer's Report" to "accept the bills to be paid". Trustee Gould made a motion to accept the amended minutes and Trustee Ward seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication – Visitors included: Laura Cook, David Brown, Curtis Cook, Larry Blumeyer and Curtis Loyd. Laura Cook introduced herself as a candidate for Ogle County Clerk/Recorder in the April 2016 election. Curtis Cook & Trustee Ward spoke about looking into the possibility of joining other public works departments within the county to be a part of the county seal coat projects. Dave Brown spoke for Creston Booster Club in thanking the village for the donation for fireworks. He spoke about next year's 60th anniversary of Booster Days and the need for event ideas and volunteers. President Byro presented a plaque from Illinois Department of Public Health that was awarded to the village.

Atty. Tess had nothing to report.

Kip Countryman was not present to give his report.

Kevin Bunge had nothing to report that wouldn't be covered later in the meeting.

Rebecca Von Drasek had nothing to report that wouldn't be covered later in the meeting.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward spoke about issues presented with the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project over the railroad tracks.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns had nothing to report.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Garrison had nothing to report. President Byro brought awareness to a storm water line problem north of North St. at Cederholm St. He plans to mark the area before Halloween to ensure that children walking in the area do not fall in the sink area. The copper from the subdivision water line was sent into a manufacturer for inspection of fault.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould had nothing else to report.

New Business – *Farm Bid Opening*: Atty. Tess opened the three bids that were presented to the village for farm rent. Larry Blumeyer bid \$254.22 per acre, Thomas Hill bid \$276.63 per acre and Petrie Farms bid \$351 per acre. A motion was made to accept Petrie Farms bid by Trustee Kerns. Trustee Williams seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. *Sale of Village Property to Hueber LLC*: Jacobson & Associates produced an appraisal of the property of Prairie St. north of Depot St. and south of the railroad tracks. There was a discussion whether to sell the property to Hueber LLC. Public Works and Mr. Bunge do not show that there is any utility work buried and do not have any future needs for the property for public works.

Executive Session – Trustee Hopkins made a motion to open an executive session to talk about the sale of the property to Hueber LLC. Trustee Ward seconded the motion. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to come out of executive session and Trustee Ward seconded the motion.

New Business, continued – *Sale of Village Property to Hueber LLC, continued*: A motion was made to sell the property of Prairie St, north of Depot St. and south of the railroad tracks by Trustee Gould. A second was made by

Trustee Hopkins and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. It was determined to give a copy of the appraisal to Hueber LLC and for the company to make an offer to the village. *Trick or Treat hours:* The village set Trick or Treat hours for Halloween, October 31st from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. *Hydrant Flushing:* will take place on October 22nd and October 23rd. Water tower flushing will take place on October 18th, weather permitting.

Old Business – *Water Rates:* Due to the first full usage reading of water meters and notifying the residents of their usage, the preliminary price per gallon of .008 up to 8,999 gallons of water used and .011 per gallon 9,000+ was introduced. This is a proposed cost and can be changed by the board by the time true water meter billing takes place. *Creston Commons:* The punch list of items to be completed has been worked on. Some issues still need attention. Mr. Bunge asked to have a committee meeting to work out details of issues and completions. The date of the meeting will be announced later in the month.

The village received a quote of \$2,800 for the cost of extra parts for the lift station discussed at a previous meeting.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to pay the bills. 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 Gould and seconded by Trustee Williams. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.