

Village of Creston Board of Trustee Minutes for September 6, 2016

Call to order at 7:01 p.m. Trustees Gould, Misch, Kerns, Hopkins, Williams and Ward were present. Village President Byro and Village Clerk Haub also present.

Minutes for August 2, 2016 were reviewed and a motion was made to approve the minutes as read by Trustee Kerns and seconded by Trustee Ward. The motion was passed with all yeas.

Visitors and Communication: In attendance for the night were – Don Forrest, Dave Brown, Albert Lundgren and Ed Elshoff. Clerk Haub presented to the board and public a letter from Ogle County Clerk, Laura Cook, in regards to a class schedule for possible Judges of Election. The county is looking for more citizens to become election judges.

Village Attorney: Atty. Tess was present for the meeting and said that the paperwork for ICC petition has been mailed and the Comcast Franchise agreement is still being worked on. President Byro is to forward his Comcast contact name and phone number to Atty. Tess.

Building Inspector: Kip Countryman was not present. President Byro read over his report and property inspections. Mr. Countryman, President Byro and Atty. Tess met to discuss guidelines of inspections. Atty. Tess explained what is next for the properties still in violation.

Village Engineer: Kevin Bunge had nothing to report.

Zoning Administrator: President Byro and Clerk Haub discussed expanding the media area to DeKalb County and Winnebago County for advertisement of the Village's search for an administrator. Clerk Haub is to forward the advertisement to Mr. Bunge as DeKalb County is also looking for the same.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Alleys: Trustee Ward had nothing to report.

Water/Sewer: Trustee Williams asked for Mr. Bunge's help with sanitary sewer issues on South St., from Main St. to Regulators St./West St.

Health & Safety: Trustee Kerns stated that mosquito control went through town two weeks prior and will spray again before Booster Days. He went to the tree sale but found that the saplings were too expensive for what the village had planned to spend.

Zoning: Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision: Trustee Gould had nothing to report. Trustee Hopkins talked about the scrub trees in the subdivision growing near curbs and pushing out the concrete. Trustee Ward thinks the village would be better to tackle the problem to protect the village's interest.

Old Business: *Casey's General Store variance* – The Zoning Plan Commission's Recommendation and Findings of Facts letter was read by President Byro. Trustee Kerns made a motion to accept the Findings of Fact and Trustee Hopkins seconded. The motion passed with all yeas. A motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission was made by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Ward. The motion passed with all yeas. A motion to accept the variance was made by Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Kerns. Mr. Don Forrest spoke about his concerns with the coolers being close to the sewer and a rotten tree in power/telephone lines on Casey's property. Mr. Bunge informed the board that the plans given to the village were the 2001 plans and was revised. These plans did not include the recent (2015) storm drain installation on the property. A roll call vote took place and was passed with all yeas. *Comcast Franchise agreement* – was previously discussed during Atty. Tess's presentment to the board.

Booster Day Fireworks – was not on the agenda. President Byro awarded Creston Booster Club \$2,000 to go towards fireworks for the 60th anniversary of Booster Days.

New Business: *None*

Sidewalks on the west side of the new duplex on Cederholm St will be replaced by AM Kerns Construction. This item is to be on next month's agenda

Executive Session: no session took place

Treasurer's Report: It was noticed that HD Waterworks bill is incorrect. AM Kerns Construction has items on the invoice and the company will reimburse the village of their costs. A motion was made by Trustee Williams to accept paying the bills and approving the treasurer's report. A second was made by Trustee Gould. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:08 by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Kerns. All yeas passed the motion.