

- Opened and closed three (3) graves
- Cleaned up Cemetery
- Made water tap at 284 Pine St.
- Cleaned up around both water towers
- Sent out one zoning violation
- Repaired storm water basin on Pine St.
- Replaced A/C clutch on F-3 (used one of the K-9 car)
- Installed three (3) new catch basins around town
- Used the jet truck once

Mayor Armentrout addressed the following:

- The annual Car Show was September 6, 2009 at the Park and we had a great turn out. We had 131 registered entries. Mayor Armentrout thanked all those that volunteered their time and those businesses that donated money or door prizes. A big thank you to Sam Patterson for donating all the food.
- We received the EPA inspection report. Everything looked good. No citations. Thank you Marcus and Roger for all your hard work.
- Senior state auditor Richard Cunningham has requested an amendment to the Letter of Arrangement for the Audit fee. Original Letter of Arrangement was approved by Council for \$7,100.00. Due to the fact that that was working off of a price from ten (10) years ago and the fact that the State Auditor's were not happy with the way Knox & Knox did the last two (2) previous audits, the amendment is for an additional \$1,500.00. Knox & Knox missed a number of items in their audits that the state had to go back and investigate and correct so that we can move forward. Cm. Thomas Barrett asked who hired Knox & Knox to do the last two (2) audits. Pam Hostetler stated that Knox & Knox is an approved IPA that helps out with overflow of audits that the state can't handle. Cm. Thomas Barrett stated that the extra work that the State Auditors had to do was because of the two (2) previous audits that Knox & Knox did, but yet the Village of Creston has to pay for it. No one was sure if the state sent Knox & Knox or if the state let the Village hire Knox & Knox. Pam Hostetler stated that she did not have a choice. Richard Cunningham called her and stated that the State Auditors were conducting Creston's audit. Pam stated that she did not have a choice but is very thankful that the state did this audit.

A motion was then made by Cm. Thomas Barrett and 2nd. by Cm. Patrick Stefano to approve amendment to Letter of Arrangement for the Village of Creston Audit for an additional \$1,500.00.

Roll Call

6 for, 0 against

Motion carried

- The Creston Police Department's Computer Crimes Investigative Unit will be receiving the Ohio Attorney General Office Award for excellence in their investigation of Internet crimes especially those related to crimes against

children. This award will be received during the Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference September 25, 2009 at the Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron County, Ohio. The officers receiving the award are: Dennis Felter, Mike Gunias, Adrea Graham, Jason Howell and Jami Dabernig. These officers volunteer their time at catching child predators. To date we have arrested two (12) people and have gotten convictions on all cases. Everyone applauded.

Chief Phil Carr –

- Thank you to Jason Flory and Thomas Barrett for fixing the police cruisers. Cm. Thomas Barrett's doesn't charge us labor either.
- The cruisers are always in need of repair. We need to look at replacing a cruiser. Pam Hostetler will be setting up a meeting for a state purchasing program.
- Cm. Thomas Barrett suggested that Chief Carr get a few quotes for cruisers and submit to Finance.
- With our undercover investigations we have arrested three (3) people. We currently have no outstanding warrants.
- Our officers volunteer a lot of their time to investigations. You should be very proud to have these officers because they are doing a tremendous job. Our auxiliary officers are paid \$8.00 per hour and part time officers are paid \$10.00. If anyone thinks we need to do away with the police department, they should think again.

Mayor Armentrout advised everyone that we are not closing the Police Department. Yes, we will have to make some cuts and all the departments have done an excellent job at curbing spending. The upcoming cuts are because the tax was voted off. The tax as it is right now, 1 % with 100% credit if you work and pay 1% to another municipality. We have currently collected \$150,000.00 compared to over \$300,000.00 when the 1% tax was on with no credit.

Our officers volunteer a lot of time to drug investigation and crime investigation. I don't want to hear complaining about our police department when it is the village residents that voted down the tax and put us in this situation.

Solicitor Allan Michelson –

- The Police department has acquired a truck that was turned over by forfeiture. The Water Department would like to buy the truck from the Police department. Vehicle purchases are exempt from stipulations and Council doesn't need to approve by motion.
- The new flood insurance plan is now in place.
- The land sale is now complete.

