

Village of Creston Minutes April 1, 2014

President Byro called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with Trustees Hopkins, Garrison, Gould, Ward, Daugherty and Kerns present.

Visitors attending the meeting included: Dale & Jeanette Balder (Heavenly Winds) & Curtis Loyd (maintenance dept.).

Minutes from March 4, 2014 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Kerns made a motion to accept the minutes and Trustee Ward seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication

President Byro received a letter from IL Dept. of Public Health stating that they recognize and commend the village's community water system for maintaining perfect compliance in 2013 regarding fluoridation. He also received a letter from Ogle Co. Solid Waste Management Dept. about the government tire collection.

Atty. Dave Tess informed the board that Creston Commons people contacted him and wants to meet. This event was instigated by President Byro's inquiries about communication between both parties.

Kip Countryman reviewed his report.

Rebecca Von Drasek was absent. Nothing presented

Kevin Bunge reported about Transit St. conditions and recommended that 50' on the north side and 30' on the south should be fixed and should cost between \$15,000 & \$18,000. He also recommended to fix the area as it should be for later improvements. Trustee Garrison made a motion for allowing the repairs to be done in the amount of \$15,000-\$18,000. Trustee Gould seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the move. Mr. Bunge stated that IDOT's acting engineer for the Casey's drainage replacement was getting "filled in" on our request. The engineer asked for a 14 pg. check list to be completed but the list is more for major plans and not in comparison to our needs. Mr. Bunge is in communications with IDOT in regards to what the project really and not what they make it out to be.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward talked about the estimate for sealing the streets south of the tracks, with nothing to be done to S. Grove St. south of South St. He estimates \$10,000 for patching and \$35,600 for seal coating. MFT funds should be \$42,000 by the end of April. Trustee Garrison made a motion for Kevin Bunge to prepare a bid package for the project. Trustee Kerns seconded the motion. A roll call vote was in favor of the motion. Trustee Ward informed the board that street sign replacement was being worked on.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns wanted to remind people to watch for children and activity while driving, since the weather has started to turn for the better.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Garrison had nothing to report. President Byro stated that in regards to the water meter installations, there are two empty houses, a duplex, two vault installations and a procrastinator left. He also informed the board about his and Clerk Haub's meeting with Rochelle Municipal Utilities in regards to billing options. The locator purchase has been put on hold. Mr. Loyd had help from RMU in tweaking the current locator and they have been able to find water connections that have been "lost" for years.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould had nothing to report.

New Business – *Street Resurfacing* – Already brought up. *Water Dept. Equipment* – Already brought up. *Annual Financial Report* – President Byro asked the board to review for vote next month.

Old Business – *Solar Panel Grant* – President Byro stated that he and the board had concerns and have decided to put on hold for a year to allow more information to be gathered about maintenance, location to put it, savings, etc. Discussion followed.

Executive Session – There was no executive session.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Trustee Kerns with a second coming from Trustee Hopkins. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Ward.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.