

Village of Creston Minutes April 8, 2015

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

Swearing in the newly elected officials, Trustee Wayne Williams and Trustee Kerns took place.

Minutes from March 3, 2015 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 – There were no visitors. Earth Day Fair is taking place in Rochelle on April 18, 2015.

Atty. Tess had nothing to report at the moment.

Kip Countryman was not present and did not present a report. President Byro spoke about the need for the village to get cleaned up, garbage in yards, unregistered vehicles, etc. Notices will be sent out and copies given to Atty. Tess to start filing complaints to start court proceedings on most problematic properties. Atty. Tess said that anything that needs to be approached in the subdivision by the village will be backed by the owners of the subdivision.

Rebecca Von Drasek was absent. Nothing presented.

Kevin Bunge reminded the trustees that the work on Casey's was not completely done. Work will be done soon, now that better weather has come. In regards to Creston Commons, work on technical issues on punch list of items that need to be fixed/repared. The items on the list need to be completed by July 4, 2015 to show good faith and for further negotiations to take place. On Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Phase II, paperwork has gone back to IDOT and letters signed by potential easement grantors need to be sent downstate. They have been typed up and will be sent to President Byro for signature.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins was not present.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward stated that IDOT sent out a letter in regards to what the new governor has proposed in cuts. Rochelle is actively looking at railroad quiet zone. If Creston would implement quiet zone, he estimates \$225,000 for the project. He advises putting out an optional referendum during the March 2016 primary asking the residents if it is something they would want. Then further work will look into grants, bonds, property tax increase to implement the project.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns had nothing to report.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Garrison had nothing to report. President Byro said that there is a lot of draining going under Rt. 38 from Prairie St. The drainage should be from the correction work done in the fall.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins was not present.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould had nothing else to report.

Old Business – *Water Meter Ordinance* – Atty. Tess will look into the changes that were requested before approval made last month and get the updated ordinance sent.

New Business – *Street Repairs* – Mr. Bunge advised to reserve MFT funds for seal coating and use local funds for patching would be the best scenario. Still waiting for Certificate of Good Standing for work on Main St. *Spring Cleanup* – was previously discussed.

President Byro informed the board about a grant that was received by Tampico from Department of Agriculture for tornado warning sirens. He was wondering if it would be worth looking into if grants are available. Trustee Ward wanted to clarify that the warning sirens are meant to be heard for people outside to take shelter and not for residents already inside their houses. He suggested that residents invest in weather scanners for their homes.

Mike Lockard contacted President Byro about mowing village public properties. He will charge the same price as last year. President Byro asked him to continue as last year.

Executive Session – None.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Trustee Kerns questioned a charge by Rochelle News Leader (RNL) about the Help Wanted advertisement for the water meter reader position. President Byro will contact RNL about the discrepancy. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Trustee Ward with a second coming from Trustee Gould. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Kerns and seconded by Trustee Williams. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.