

Village of Creston Minutes August 6, 2013

Trustee Hopkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Trustees Kerns, Hopkins, Gould, Daugherty and Ward present. Trustee Garrison and President Byro were absent. Trustee Hopkins stood in for President Byro.

Visitors attending the meeting included: Ed Elshoff, Fred Cederholm, Penny Payton, Mike Rock (Ogle Co State's Attorney) and Mel Messer (Retired Ogle Co Sheriff).

Minutes from July 2, 2013 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Ward had stated that Trustee "Kerns" needs to be changed to Trustee "Ward" in the minutes for "Streets/Alleys/Sidewalks/Railroad". Trustee Gould made a motion to accept the amended minutes and Trustee Kerns seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication

Mike Rock, States Attorney in Ogle County, introduced himself and gave the board insight to what is going on in the States Attorney's office and asked for support in the spring election in 2014.

Ed Elshoff asked about purchasing the unused old village lawn mower and was advised that such sale of equipment must be done along proper lines of getting rid of excess property.

Atty. Dave Tess was not present but Atty. Kathleen Lorenzen was present in his place. Atty. Lorenzen stated that Atty. Tess is working on the water meter ordinance for people not having water meters installed. He is requesting direction on possible penalties for those who don't want meters to be installed in their home. Discussion followed.

Kip Countryman presented and reviewed his activity report. Clerk Haub asked about the patio permit that was supposed to be acquired by a resident after the last meeting but it had not been requested. Mr. Countryman will look into it.

Kevin Bunge stated that the seal coating has been completed for Main St. He spoke about the drain issue behind Casey's General Store and how the manhole was fixed. There is a field tile issue that is still being looked at. There is still an issue with drainage. He also stated that he has responded back to Frontier Communications request for a permit to lay fiber optic cable. He informed the trustees that Frontier's request included laying the cable on top of the sewer line so he gave them suggestions on new locations to put it. Well House 3 still has not had its control panel replaced. He will contact the contractor about it and whether Mike Megurdichian has heard anything about it. As he reviews Safe Routes to School (SRTS) for Main St., he is looking at guidance in determining whether to move forward as the street is now or if he should consider improvements to Main St as the project moves forward. Mr. Bunge talked about a possible \$40,000 (50% total cost) grant "Truck Access Route Program" (TARP) and a possible use for it for Cederholm St. to Route 38 and asked if it is the village's interest to apply for it. IDOT would also oversee the project. One consideration of the grant is if the funds are used and the street was downgraded from "truck route" that the funds would have to be paid back to the state.

Rebecca Von Drasek was not present for the meeting and had no activity report to be presented.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward stated everything was already covered.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns informed the board that mosquito spraying has been done a couple of times. Trustee Daugherty voiced his concern about the dumping of debris up by the water tower and asked if estimates need to be done to get the debris removed.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Garrison was not present.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould had nothing to report.

Old Business – *FY2014 Appropriations* – The amended appropriations from last month's meeting were presented to the board by Treasurer Payton. The board reviewed the new report and a motion was made to pass Appropriations Ordinance for 2013-2014 08062013 by Trustee Ward. Trustee Kerns seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the ordinance with all yeas.

New Business – *Second Water Meter Letter* – is to be mailed out as soon as possible since Treasurer Payton stated that a new report from Anderson Plumbing was received today. *Booster Club – Fireworks Donation* – A request for donation was received by the village and was reviewed. Discussion followed on how much to donate after the request included a 10% increase. Mr. Bunge stated that his business would like to donate the 10% increase and a motion was made by Trustee Kerns to donate the same amount as last year (\$1,650). Trustee Gould seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. *Fund Balance Policy – Resolution 08062013A* as presented and explained to the board about its need by Treasurer Payton. Trustee Kerns made a motion to accept the policy and Trustee Ward seconded the motion. All yeas passed the policy.

Executive Session – No session took place.

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

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Daugherty and seconded by Trustee Gould.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.