

Village of Creston Minutes

December 6, 2011

Acting President Greg Hopkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Trustees Garrison, Kerns, Hopkins, Gould, Bohling and Ward were present. President Byro was not present.

Visitors attending the meeting included Eric Chalus (Rochelle News Leader reporter), Ed Elshoff, Jan Cich, Greg Query, Bob Garland and Dan Graber.

Minutes from November 1, 2011 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Bohling to approve the minutes, with the deletion of the first paragraph under **Committee Reports**. The motion was seconded by Trustees Ward. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication

Ed Elshoff inquired about the 2011-2012 snow removal plan. Bob Garland informed the board and visitors about the newly posted signs, spoke about the ordinance, stated that the northeast parking lot at village hall will be available for off-street parking. Discussion continued about resident issues regarding the plan. It was then decided to refer the matter to the Streets & Alleys commission for recommendations.

Dave Tess notified the board about further conversations with the city of Rochelle in regards to the landfill issues and the President Byro will be attending a meeting on Thursday, December 8th. Trustee Garrison asked about the methane smell and Attorney Tess stated that is one of the issues to be discussed.

Toby Petrie reviewed his activity report. Informed the board about the new website being up and running and new e-mail addresses were made for the village president, village clerk and village treasurer. Mr. Petrie asked for contact information from the board members (e-mail addresses or phone numbers), frequently asked questions ideas (and answers), photos and stories.

Kevin Bunge spoke about finishing the estimate for the replacement for the well houses, which was given to Trustee Hopkins.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward had nothing to report.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Bohling asked Mr. Garland to report on replacing control panels for Well #3 and Well #2, which have been shutting down and have caused overflow problems. Trustee Bohling asked Mr. Garland to get two estimates, one to upgrade the panels we currently have and one to replace the panels.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns had nothing to report.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins stated that there is another fencing problem that may require a variance.

Old Business – *Davidson rezoning annexation* – board was asked to table until January. The latest annexation agreement was forwarded to the board for review. *2011-2012 Tax Levy Ordinance* – A motion was made to accept ordinance by Trustee Kerns and seconded by Trustee Bohling. A roll call vote followed with all yeas to pass the ordinance.

New Business – Property Insurance – Mr. Query gave the board an insurance summary for the village property to review. Trustee Ward asked Mr. Query if the well house would be replaced up to code or if it would be replaced as-is. Mr. Query will ask the insurance company if there is a “code upgrade rider” and will follow up. Adjustments are in order for coverage. *Fiscal Year 2011 Annual Audit* – a motion was made to accept the audit by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Garrison. A roll call vote passed the audit with all yeas.

Calendar of Meetings for 2012 was presented to the board. Trustee Bohling made a motion to accept the calendar, with Trustee Gould seconding the motion. The calendar was accepted with all yeas.

Executive Session

No session took place

Treasurer’s Report

The treasurer’s report was reviewed. Trustee Kerns made a motion to pay the bills. The second was made by Trustee Bohling. A roll call vote was made and the motion was passed with all yeas.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.