

Village of Creston Minutes December 2, 2014

President Byro called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with Trustees Hopkins, Garrison, Gould, Ward, Williams and Kerns present.

Visitors attending the meeting included: Mariela Godina, Penny Payton as Village Treasurer, Greg Query of Query Insurance and Curtis Loyd for the maintenance department.

Minutes from November 5, 2014 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Williams found that he was not included to be in attendance. Trustee Kerns made a motion to accept the minutes with adding Trustee Williams and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication

Mariela Godina informed the board about her special needs child and asked the board to consider changes in her area to facilitate his needs. She may be back with ideas after meeting with an advocate. Clerk Haub suggested that she check with his school about bussing and she will look into that.

Atty. Dave Tess was not present but Atty. Russell Crull attended. He let the board know that the water ordinance is still being worked on and that there has been no communication in the past month in regards to the subdivision but there was a productive workshop from the trustees

Kip Countryman was not present and there was no report to review.

Rebecca Von Drasek was absent. Nothing presented.

Kevin Bunge stated that the North St. project started today and the frost layer is slowing down progress. He suggested we push for bids in the spring for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Phase 2. An unforeseen issue in the work on Prairie St. caused an increase in charges. Pipe was thought to be 4" but ended up 6" and therefore caused the increase in material cost.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward had nothing to report. Mayor Byro noticed the quality of the sidewalks on E. Depot St (due to fallen trees). Mr. Bunge suggested getting a quote when SRTS Phase 2 project is underway.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns had nothing to report. Mayor Byro said the holiday lights are up and that the new bike racks have been installed at the fire station, the library and by the mural.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Garrison had nothing to report. Mayor Byro stated that he received water quality test results from Rochelle Waste Disposal – Rock River Environmental Services division.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould informed the board about complaints of the oversized vehicles parked on the streets in the subdivision. The covenants will be reviewed for that and for parking in driveways (another issue).

Old Business – *FY 2015 Tax Levy* – Trustee Ward made a motion to accept the FY 2015 Tax Levy as drawn and Trustee Garrison seconded. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

New Business – Insurance – Greg Query went over the information regarding the village’s insurance. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to renew the policy for 2015 as drawn with Trustee Gould seconding the motion. A roll call vote passed with all yeas. *FY 2014 Tax Audit* – Treasurer Payton presented the audit for Tom Winebaugh, who could not be present do to a prior commitment. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to accept the audit with Trustee Ward seconding. The motion passed with all yeas.

Executive Session – None.

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 Hopkins. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Gould. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.