

Village of Creston Minutes December 4, 2012

President Tom Byro called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm with Trustees Garrison, Gould, and Kerns were present. Trustee Hopkins, Ward and Daugherty were absent.

Visitors attending the meeting included: Katherine Collins and Ed Elshoff

Minutes from November 6, 2012 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gould motioned to accept the minutes with Trustee Kerns seconding. The minutes were approved with all yeas. Minutes from November 6, 2012 special meeting, ordinance vacating a municipal alley, were reviewed. Trustee Gould made a motion to accept the minutes with Trustee Garrison making the second. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication

John Davidson turned in the topography map for his annexation.

Dave Tess reported that his charges for vacating the alley was \$535. This does not include the recording fee to the Ogle County Recorder.

Toby Petrie presented his activity report. Foundation for Dement Township building has been laid.

Kevin Bunge reported that Safe Route To School (SRTS) Phase I is almost complete. The contractor came out with the punch list of finishing up and completed all tasks. The information was submitted to the state and another form will be submitted on December 5 to send down state. The original bid was \$140,462 and the final project cost ended up \$161 off from that.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins was not present.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward was not present.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Garrison stated he is waiting on bid for the well pump controls. President Byro explained that the second bid has not yet come in. There have been many ideas as to how to replace the panel and how to simplify the process.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns stated that there are several street lights not working, a few in Creston Commons. It was suggested to have Bob Garland get the numbers off of the utility poles to let Rochelle Municipal Utilities (RMU) know the location of the lamps to be replaced.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins was not present

Subdivision – President Byro talked with Trustee Gould talked about the snow plowing and Pres. Byro stated that the village will take on the plowing and instructed Mr. Garland to keep track of his time used to plow that area. There had been no answer from our calls and letters to Contry Homes in regards to this issue. Attorney Tess stated that plowing and lamp replacements would not constitute the acceptance of the improvements. The work done is to keep the area safe for the residents. Trustee Gould stated that Mr. Garland will be posting snow route signs soon.

Old Business – None

New Business – *Fiscal Year 2013 Tax Levy Ordinance* – Treasurer Payton stated that according the Ogle County Tax Assessor, Jim Harrison, Creston has \$8,663,783 in taxable property. The maximum tax rate is 0.25. Each year the village can increase what is levied by 1.05 but the village chooses to make the raise of 1.049, to allow from

having to hold a Truth in Taxation hearing. Levy request is \$13,692. The monies were place where they would be spent best and \$9,000 was put toward elected official salaries, \$3,000 towards insurance and the remainder towards the annual audit. A vote on the tax levy cannot be made due to the lack of quorum. *Fiscal Year Audit* – Due to lack of quorum, nothing was completed. *Village Insurance* – Greg Query presented his report. Trustee Kerns stated that the spreader should not be on the quote. Due to lack of quorum, nothing was completed. *Safe Routes to School Phase II* – Due to lack of quorum, nothing was completed. *2013 Meeting Schedule* – Due to lack of quorum, nothing was completed.

A special meeting was scheduled for the following Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 7:00 pm to present and vote on the following: Tax Levy, Fiscal Audit, Insurance and Meeting Schedule.

Executive Session – No session took place.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was presented but due to lack of quorum, nothing was voted on.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.