

Village of Creston Minutes

February 7, 2012

President Tom Byro called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Trustees Garrison, Kerns, Hopkins, Gould, and Ward were present. Trustee Bohling was absent.

Visitors attending the meeting included: Kim Stahl, Kim Kirkolis, Fred Cederholm, Bill Hayes, John Davidson and Dennis Hewitt

Minutes from January 3, 2012 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Gould to approve the minutes with the second being made by Trustee Ward. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication

Kim Stahl approached the board in regards to her candidacy for Ogle County Clerk. Kim Kirkolis and Fred Cederholm announced their candidacy for the Ogle County Board District 1 representative. Bill Hayes, Rochelle City Councilman, introduced himself as part of the citing authority for Rochelle Landfill expansion.

Dave Tess had nothing to report.

Toby Petrie reviewed his annual report and the activity report. Mr. Petrie reported on changes of rules/laws in regards to reroofing, waterproofing, repainting and International Energy Codes. Mr. Petrie informed the board that he has trained Clerk Haub on maintaining the village's website.

Kevin Bunge reported Safe Route to School (SRTS) package is still being worked on and expecting to bid in April. Provided updated infrastructure costs to insurance agent Query but have not heard back from him.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward spoke on the SRTS awards and funding cuts. ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) grant program is open and with grants due May 29, 2012 but is limited. Could be used for downtown sidewalks, lighting, landscaping (trees and such) and is an 80/20 grant.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Bohling was absent.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns stated that snow plowing was not done for Creston Commons and the village had to clear the streets.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Old Business – *Davidson rezoning annexation* – Reviewed and discussed each point of annexation agreement and mention was made in making changes to Paragraph 6. *Landfill meeting* – Dave Tess and President Byro met with Rochelle and Ogle County in regards to landfill issues and there is another meeting scheduled for February 22, 2012. Mayor Chet Olson of Rochelle wants to meet every month until issues are resolved. *Property insurance* – Item #3, Increase the well house from \$145,843 to \$510,000, was decided to be struck from the replacement quote. Item #4, Creston Commons lift station was struck because Village of Creston does not have rights to that property. A motion was made to approve line items 1 & 2 (increase lift station from \$119,985 to \$177,000 and decrease water tower from \$422,943 to \$375,000 respectively) by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Hopkins. A roll call vote resulted in all yeas.

New Business – *Farm Rent* – Rental contract with Tom Hill for the farm property was updated and reviewed with a \$75 per acre increase to \$350 per acre (\$10,845 for 2012). A motion was made by Trustee Hopkins and was seconded by Trustee Garrison to accept the increase. A roll call vote resulted in all yeas. *Dement Township* – road commissioner was to speak but changed his mind. *Previous property owner delinquent accounts* – Two accounts were discussed in regards to funds that are due to the village for utility services rendered before properties were sold. Attorney Tess stated that he would send a letter to the previous property owners to notify them of the charges for a small claims court proceeding and a copy of the small claims complaint request.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.