

## **Village of Creston Minutes February 3, 2015**

President Byro called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with Trustees Ward, Garrison, Hopkins, Williams and Kerns present. Trustee Gould was absent.

Visitors attending the meeting included: None.

Minutes from January 6, 2015 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Kerns made a motion to accept the minutes and Trustee Ward seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

**Visitors & Communication** – None. President Byro announced that Trustee Gould had her baby on Saturday night.

Atty. Russell Crull was present for Atty. Tess. Everything will be discussed later in the meeting.

Kip Countryman was not present but his report was reviewed.

Rebecca Von Drasek was absent. Nothing presented

Kevin Bunge stated that he is still talking with Laura at IDOT about Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project. He still needs to meet with the mayor and land owners regarding the temporary easements for SRTS Phase II, after significant snowmelt. Waiting for some paperwork in regards to work done on sewer/drainage work that has been completed. He had Denny at his office look over the water ordinance and has a few comments to send and wants to look at it himself. It is mainly language updates within the document that needs to be fixed/corrected/adjusted regarding terminology. Mr. Bunge asked about the special needs request from December. No one has heard anything in regards to any needs. It was suggested to put up road signs in the neighborhood and surrounding area in regards to a handicap caution area.

### **Committee Reports**

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward recognized Curt Loyd for doing a good job on keeping the streets open during the blizzard. It was decided to save the school plowing for later since school was called off. Davidsons had to be called in to take care of the school lot for the amount of snow.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns pointed out how bad the railroad tracks are on Main St. do to the snow.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Garrison didn't have anything to discuss. Some discussion took place on ideas on how to insulate the water well buildings. Mayor Byro informed Clerk Haub that replacement water meter costs have gone up from \$115 to \$130.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould was not present. President Byro says that there are still some items to be worked out regarding things that need to be done. Atty. Tess is scheduled to meet with the subdivision owner's attorney next week.

**Old Business** – *Water Meter Ordinance* - Draft was reviewed. Two changes were requested. First, #42-95 needs to be reworded to allow for service needs when it comes to charges for shut off. Second, something either needs to be changed or added for removal or abandonment service to be disconnected at the water main.

**New Business** – *Meter Reader position* – Rochelle Municipal Utilities cannot help with reading our meters. President Byro asked for approval to put a Help Wanted advertisement in the newspaper to hire someone to read the meters.  
*Farm Lease* – current tenant will maintain the land and Trustee Hopkins stated that rent prices have decreased. The 325 acre plot will be rented out for \$46,995 (down from \$54,948 in 2014). Trustee Ward made a motion to accept the offer for rent and Trustee Kerns seconded the motion. A roll call vote passed the motion 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 Kerns with a second coming from Trustee Garrison. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hopkins. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.