

**Village of Creston Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 5, 2013**

President Tom Byro called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm with Trustees Garrison, Gould, Hopkins, Ward, Daugherty and Kerns were present. .

Visitors attending the meeting included: Ed Elshoff, Tom Altepeter, Rebecca VonDrasek, John Davidson, Fred Cederholm and Robert Farris.

Minutes from January 8, 2013 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Kerns to approve the minutes with a second coming from Trustee Ward. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

**Visitors & Communication**

Resident Robert Farris approached the board and stated that the discount for senior citizens isn't fair to the families in town who are struggling to make ends meet.

Attorney Dave Tess had nothing to report.

Toby Petrie was not present and his activity report was presented to the board and was reviewed.

**Committee Reports**

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward had nothing to report.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Garrison had nothing to report.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns had nothing to report.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould had nothing to report

**Old Business – See below (after “New Business”)**

**New Business – Well Controls** – Mike \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (well operator) explained the difference in the well control options we have. He stated that the analog system the village has now was installed in 1991. There was discussion and questions asked.

Kevin Bunge presented the EPA forms to be signed for sewer extension for the Davidson annexation. President Byro stated to the board the need to transfer motor fuel tax funds of \$16,078.25 from the MFT fund account to the village's general fund account. Trustee Ward motioned to have the funds transferred to the general fund. Trustee Hopkins seconded the move. A roll call vote passed the move with all yeas.

President Byro introduced Rebecca VonDrasek to the board as a candidate for the vacancy of the village's zoning administrator. She has worked with the DeKalb County zoning board since 1997 and was with St Charles, IL before that. An agreed wage for her expertise in the zoning area is to be \$50 per hour with a one-year contract. Trustee

Hopkins made a motion to bring Ms VonDrasek on board with a second from Trustee Ward. A roll call vote passed the motion to hire Ms. VonDrasek as stated.

**Old Business – Equipment Sale** – President Byro asked permission from the board to sell the village's Ford tractor. There was discussion and various ways to sell the equipment that is old and outdated. *Water Meter Project* – President Byro stated that he has completed research in regard to completing the entire project by the end of the year and has found that approximately 185 houses need to be completed and the cost would be \$55,000. Discussion followed as to how to pay for the project if it were to be done this year. Trustee Gould made a motion to take the tipping fee money to pay for the project. Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion. Attorney Tess stated that an additional appropriation for capital improvements needs to be moved on first. Trustee Garrison made a motion to have additional appropriations for water meter projects for the amount of \$60,000 based on the need and expediency of the project. Trustee Gould seconded the motion. Trustee Kerns stated that before passing the motion, there is a need of a plan on how to pay the funds back. Trustee Garrison amended his move to pay back the funds over 5 years, \$1,000 per month. A roll call vote of the amended motion passed with all yeas. A motion to authorized Anderson Plumbing to work on the balance of the meter project for \$295 per meter was made by Trustee Garrison, with a second by Trustee Daugherty. Trustee Garrison made a motion to amend his move of authorizing Anderson plumbing to do the work for a completion date of the meter project for October 1, 2013. A roll call vote passed the amended motion with all yeas. Trustee Gould made a motion to take the \$60,000 out of the tipping fee fund for capital improvements for the water meters. Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

Dave Tess stated that he spoke with the subdivision owners' new attorney and his desire to open communication in regards to the status of the subdivision.

Attorney Tess will have information in regards to the City of Rochelle's working boundary agreement.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer's report was presented. Trustee Hopkins made the motion to approve the bills. Trustee Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote passed the payment of the bills with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Gould.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.