

Village of Creston Minutes January 7, 2013

President Byro called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with Trustees Hopkins, Garrison, Gould, Daugherty and Kerns present. Trustee Ward appeared after roll call was taken (7:20 pm)

Visitors attending the meeting included: Curtis Loyd, Dale & Janette Balder, Greg Query.

Minutes from December 3, 2013 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gould made a motion to accept the minutes and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication

No visitors spoke.

Kip Countryman was not present.

Kevin Bunge reported that a preliminary design to Safe Routes to School (SRTS) for phase II was submitted and is expecting some environmental concerns/questions about the design due to the Opera House (Booster Hall). He stated that he will contact IDOT in regards to the work needing to be done at Casey's General Store. There is no need to contact them until the weather turns.

Atty. Dave Tess stated that he received a call back from Mr. Weirstein's attorney in regards to the meeting with the park district. The attorney will contact his client as to what the meeting results were.

Rebecca Von Drasek was not present for the meeting and had no activity report to be presented.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward had nothing to report. President Byro talked about the snow removal and the problem with Beck Rd drifting closed and people trying to use the road and getting stuck. Discussion followed about possibly closing the road (seasonal/incidental), purchasing a new/refurbished utility truck, putting up snow fencing or leaving a few rows of corn stalks up to the west of the road.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns had nothing to report.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Garrison has not heard from Lonnie Capes (Anderson Plumbing). Nothing will be done until spring.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould had nothing to report. President Byro talked about trouble with plowing.

Old Business – There was no old business to discuss.

New Business – *Farm Lease* – Mr. Tom Hill proposed \$380 per acre (\$54,948) which is not quite a 10% decrease (\$5,784 less). Trustee Gould asked about opening bids for leasing the farm land. The contract states that there needs to be a two (2) month notice to open bidding. Each contract expires on February 28th of each year. Trustee Gould would like to see the bid opened this fall. A motion was made by Trustee Kerns to accept the bid for the lease. Trustee Daugherty seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. *Insurance* - Greg Query recapped the insurance quote. The speed trailer as added

to "Equipment" which resulted in a \$203 increase in the bill. Trustee Hopkins asked about insuring the new well control panel. Discussion took place about the subdivision lift station and cyber liability. *EPA Water Operator* – President Byro informed the board about the inspection done by IEPA. The IEPA insists that Mike Megurdichian (the water operator) has to have a contract with the village for liability issues that may arise. They also insist the village take water samples every day and Mr. Loyd has agreed to do that. President Byro will be the backup reader. *Solar Electric* – Dale Balder from Heavenly Winds spoke to the board about his business and the upcoming grant money to install solar panels to pay for the electricity to run the water tower. The grant is a 60/40 award and the cost of the installation would be \$87,000 that would be paid up front. After discussion, the board agreed, with all yeas, to allow the filing of the grant application with a motion from Trustee Ward and a second from Trustee Hopkins.

The annual meeting schedule was presented. Trustee Ward made a motion to accept the schedule and Trustee Garrison seconded. The motion was passed with all yeas.

Executive Session – There was no executive session.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.