

Village of Creston Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
January 8, 2013

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

Visitors attending the meeting included: John Davidson, Ed Elshoff, Fred Cederholm and Kathy Collins

Minutes from December 4 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Kerns to approve the minutes with a second coming from Trustee Gould. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Minutes from December 11 special meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Gould to approve the minutes with a second being made by Trustee Hopkins. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication

President Byro stated that there was a letter received by the village about a 50/50 matching grant. The village also received information on a \$1,000 college scholarship opened up to family members of the village board from the Illinois Rural Water Association.

Dave Tess did not have anything to present to the board.

Toby Petrie presented his activity report for December and his annual report to the board. He stated that permits were down 50% but by having more commercial permits allowed income to be equaled out for a slow year. President Byro stated that he has been unable to contact Walter Magdziarz for zoning and planning and Mr. Petrie has recommended someone from DeKalb County. President Byro asked for the board's permission to contact Rebecca VonDrasek, assistant planner for DeKalb County, and offer her a position on a part time, hourly pay basis. It was agreed by the board members to allow President Byro to contact her. Trustee Ward suggested having Trustee Hopkins and Fred Cederholm present during the interview.

Kevin Bunge will be looking into options on funding for the installation of all water meters at one time. Mr. Bunge stated that the topography work has started for the next phase for Safe Route to School project.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward stated that the reimbursement check for the speed feedback trailer had been received.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Garrison spoke on the consideration of having the rest of the water meters installed in one phase and the ramifications of those who refuse to have a meter installed. There has been no new news in regards to replacing the control panel for the pump house.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns said that the village's street lights that weren't working have been repaired but there is still an issue with the lamps in the subdivision. Trustee Daugherty announced that the park board had the tennis courts demolished and that there is now water being put down for an ice rink. The ice rink will be open depending on the weather and the rink's conditions.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report. The next meeting is scheduled for January 17th.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould stated that the snow route signs are up and that snow plowing will be completed by Bob Garland, using the village's equipment.

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Old Business – *None.*

New Business – *Farm Lease* – The lease was made available to the trustees to review. Trustee Hopkins pointed out an increase of \$70 per acre, resulting in a \$10,122 increase (\$420 per acre). Trustee Ward made a motion to approve the 2013 lease with Trustee Kerns seconding the motion. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.
MFT Funds Transfer – Mr. Bunge stated that a resolution to move MFT funds to the village's General Fund has been approved by IDOT already. Documentation needs to be signed by the mayor to send back to IDOT to show the transfer has been completed. After some time in looking for the amount that needs to be transferred, the action could not be made. The transfer was put on hold and will take place at the February 5, 2013 regular meeting of the board of trustees.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was presented. President Byro spoke about the installation of the SCATA system on the water usage for the village. Rochelle Municipal Utilities will be watching the flow from Rochelle but will be coming out on Tuesdays and Fridays only. This will be saving the village \$20 per day for the 5 days that RMU will not be driving over, as in the past. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to accept the bills as presented. Trustee Gould seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the move with all yeas.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.