

Village of Creston Minutes

May 1, 2012

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

Visitors attending the meeting included: John Davidson, Kristi Scherer (Creston Library), Kathy Collins (Creston Booster Club), Fred Cederholm and Dan Graber.

Minutes from April 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

There were no visitor comments.

Dave Tess stated that an agreement was reached with the Davidson annexation agreement. Atty. Hewitt accepted the current language of the document and is waiting for client to come in to sign the agreement and receive payment to move ahead. Steve Rypkema received 1st quarter host fees for landfill and a check received in full reimbursement for missing payments to date. A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from IEPA was received and will be contacting Mr. Rypkema to clarify what changes are being requested. President Byro spoke about the newspaper article concerning receiving garbage from Chicago. The article led to the understanding that Village of Creston agreed to the arrangement which is not the case.

Toby Petrie presented his activity report. President Byro asked Mr. Petrie to address an issue of dumping water incorrectly and an issue of a garbage pile.

Kevin Bunge had nothing else other than what is on the meeting agenda.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward stated that bids were open on Friday, May 4th for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project and that Campos Construction of Rockford was the lowest bid, coming in at \$140,461.75 but have \$129,653 grant money. The difference is due to ADA regulation changes and that the grant was written a few years ago. IDOT states that since the bid is over the price of the grant that engineer costs will have to be paid out of the village's pocket. Almost \$12,000 is being reimbursed from the preliminary engineering that will cover most of the cost of the construction engineering. Motor Fuel Tax funds are eligible for paying for the engineering. Local funds could be used for patching projects that may be needed this summer. Phase II of SRTS is on hold. It will take about 8 months to get an engineer approved. Trustee Ward will have to talk to railroad about SRTS crossing over their property and the railroad can decide to not allow the walkway across the tracks. Talks will take place while waiting for engineer approval.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Bohling informed the board that flushing of the water tower and hydrants took place but the southwest corner hydrants still need to be flushed. Black chunks of rotten steel came out of the water. Bob Garland said that the debris is coming from the well being pumped into the tower. Trustee Bohling is requesting for research of the problem and what type of repair will be necessary. It took 37 minutes for the debris to clear out of the flushed water. He passed around a cell phone picture of what was found. President Byro stated that Trustee Bohling should contact Mike Megurdichian (MGD Water Works) to talk with Mr. Garland. Trustee Bohling stated that three (3) hydrants need to be replaced, 5" - \$2085, 5 ½" - \$2,130 and 6" - \$2176 equaling \$6,391. Prices may include shutoff valves but not installation. Trustee Bohling was instructed to check on the inclusion of the shutoff valves.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns had nothing to report

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould stated that the subdivision is receiving regular mowings and bids for snow plowing will be completed by November.

Old Business – *Creston Booster Club* – A liquor license was handed to Kathy Collins to apply for a one day license for an event on July 28th. 2007 application fee is \$100 and a \$20 license fee. Trustee Kerns made a motion to waive the liquor license fee for their event. Trustee Bohling seconded the motion and a voice vote approved it with all yeas. Ms. Collins also asked about having permission to block off Depot St from the alley to Main St. Permission was already granted but need to have proper barricades and work with Huebers about the closure. Ms. Collins asked about a donation for fireworks and President Byro stated that it is usually handled in August. *Water meters* – Next group will be 29-33. Lonnie Capes of Anderson Plumbing will want to continue to do the next batch but cannot do it with the price he did the last batch with. \$248 per meter was the previous cost and with a 20% increase will keep the cost under \$10,000 which will allow from having to have bids on the project. Trustee Bohling made a motion to continue with Anderson Plumbing with an increase that would not be more than the cost of \$300 per meter. A second to the motion was made by Trustee Kerns and a roll call vote passing with all yeas.

New Business – *Creston Library* – Kristi Scherer approached the board asking for a donation for summer reading programs. Trustee Ward made a motion to approve \$500 tipping fee money to be donated to the library with Trustee Kerns seconding the motion. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. *RMU Control Update* – Upgrade for offsite sewer pumps (lift station) reading will cost \$800 for the unit (including installation) and \$20 once a week onsite reading. Cost for communication (Verizon) will be \$100 per month. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to proceed with the upgrade, Trustee Bohling seconded. A roll call vote passed the motion with 5 yeas and one agrees with the majority due to relationship with RMU.

Trustees agreed with not having a public dumpster for annual village cleanup.

Executive Session

No session took place

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to pay the bills. The second was made by Trustee Gould. A roll call vote was made and the motion was passed with all yeas.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.