

## **Village of Creston Minutes May 7, 2013**

President Tom Byro called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm with Trustees Garrison, Hopkins, Gould, Kerns, Daugherty and Ward present.

Visitors attending the meeting included: Kip Countryman, Jan Cich and Fred Cederholm.

Oaths were taken from incoming elected officials of trustees, president and clerk.

Minutes from April 2, 2013 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Ward had requested that a change be made with the results of trustee's suppressed vote of Trustee Kerns when voting for the partial rezoning of the Davidson property on Woodlawn Rd. Trustee Hopkins to approve the minutes with a second coming from Trustee Ward. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

### **Visitors & Communication**

President Byro mentioned the recycling event that took place on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Ogle County Farm Bureau office in Oregon

Dave Tess had nothing to report.

Kip Countryman reported that three permits were issued. See attached.

Kevin Bunge had nothing to report until later in the meeting.

Rebecca Von Drasek stated that the planning commission met last month and discussed the previous month's meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

Finance – Trustee Hopkins spoke on the consignment auction coming up and having the old tractor going up for sale. He looked into the lending rate at Holcomb State bank for a streets project (2% for two years and 2.5% for three years).

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward stated that IDOT is taking applications for railway grade crossing safety crossing program. Hold up on a quiet zone is the Transit St crossing. Trustee Ward will fill out an application to get an upgrade for that street. Union Pacific Rail Road stated that Safe Route to School (SRTS) is insisting that the sidewalks cross behind their signals and we don't have walk panels but can purchase for \$1,200 per foot. Response is to stop SRTS project before the tracks and have walkers cross on the street as they do now. IDOT will be contacted with this issue. Seal coat project will have to wait until next year. He said that we will have to start thinking about what to do with S. Main St. between the tracks and South St. Trustee Hopkins asked about the need for gates if walk panels are installed. The only requirement is a bell, no gates. Burlington Northern puts gates in, Union Pacific does not. Trustee Ward asked what Bob Garland's schedule is for replacing street signs that are in inventory. Trustee Garrison asked about putting gravel in the alleyways. He noticed the need in several alleyways. A "go ahead" was made to get gravel and have the alleys improved.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns didn't have anything to report.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Garrison informed the board that the water tower and hydrants will be flushed on May 11<sup>th</sup> (water tower) and May 13<sup>th</sup> (hydrants). 38 more water meters have been installed. President Byro suggested sending out a 2<sup>nd</sup> notice letter about getting the rest of the meters installed. Water flow meter readings vs. heavy rains were discussed.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould reported that mowing in the park area was done but not in the undeveloped areas (park and lots). She mentioned the street lamps have not been fixed. Trustee Kerns is to go out and get them fixed. It was reported that there is erosion in the asphalt on the new part of Kaye Lane.

**Old Business** – *Nothing on agenda.* President Byro stated that he heard from LR Communications and their request for negotiation about putting an antenna on the water tower. The request is put on hold.

**New Business** – *Election results* – previously discussed. *Golf Cart License Renewal* – Renewals are due June 1<sup>st</sup>. Letters will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. *Well Control Bid* – President Byro and Kevin Bunge were present to receive bids. They found bids to be between \$12,500 through \$17,100. Additional documentation was just received from the low bid and is being reviewed. Low bid was presented by Automatic Control Services (Naperville). Trustee Garrison made a motion to accept the bid pending approval from Mr. Bunge and Mike (water operator) based on the \$12,500 bid and to move forward with the work until finished. Trustee Gould seconded the motion and a roll call vote was made and passed the motion with all yeas. *Appointment of New Building Inspector* – Trustee Kerns made a motion to hire Mr. Countryman as the village building inspector and to pay him the allotted amount currently on the fee schedule. Trustee Garrison seconded the motion. All yeas passed the approval.

**Executive Session** – No session took place.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Trustee Ward asked if certified payroll was received from Anderson Plumbing. President Byro will call in the morning since it needs to be received by Friday. 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.

The water quality report will be going out to residents before July 1, 2013

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.