

**Village of Creston Minutes**  
November 1, 2011

President Tom Byro called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Trustees Garrison, Kerns, Hopkins, and Ward present. Trustee Bohling was not present.

Visitors attending the meeting included Fred Cederholm, Dan Graber, Bob Garland, Lynda Gould, John Davidson.

Minutes from October 4, 2011 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve said minutes by Trustee Kerns and was seconded by Trustees Ward. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

President Byro recommended that Lynda Gould take the vacated trustee seat that was left empty by Trustee Mike Brodzik. All yeas accepted the recommendation. Lynda Gould signed the Official Oath as an appointed trustee.

**Visitors & Communication**

Attorney Tess spoke about the Davidson rezoning annexation in which a proposed annexation agreement is best to move forward with. It was agreed upon that this be tabled until December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to get an agreement written up and reviewed. Attorney Tess suggested that the village vacate any agreement with T6 due to the sale of the company. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to vacate any terms that was negotiated with the contract and any authority thereof. Trustee Kerns seconded the motion and all yeas agreed to the motion made.

Toby Petrie informed the board about the Schermerhorn property issue (structural changes without permit). Mr. Petrie agreed to help out with the village's website and will work with and train Clerk Haub with updating and maintaining the internet site.

Kevin Bunge has nothing to report.

**Committee Reports**

Finance – Trustee Hopkins stated that there have been discussions regarding the farm rental property.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward stated he received a call from Ogle County Transportation asking for a list of signs (restrictive signage) for an IDOT sign grant. He made a list and forwarded the information to Ogle county.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Bohling had nothing to report.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns had nothing to report.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

**Old Business** – *Davidson rezoning annexation* – Previously discussed.

**New Business** – *Trustee appointment* - previously discussed. *T6 contract* – previously discussed. *Insurance* – currently the yearly coverage will be \$400 less than the previous year. Agent Greg Query proposed that replacement costs need to be raised on important village assets. Mr. Bunge may have some insight as to what certain covered items would cost to replace. *2011-2012 tax levy ordinance* – Trustee Ward made a motion to introduce the ordinance at a 4.99% increase, with Trustee Hopkins seconding the motion. A vote will be made to accept the ordinance at December's regular meeting.

**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 Kerns. A roll call vote was made and the motion was passed with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Hopkins at 7:34. Discussion followed in regards to a need for two Christmas street lights by Bob Garland. A motion was made by Trustee Kerns to allow \$400 to go towards two new lights with Trustee Gould seconding the motion. A roll call vote was made and the motion passed with all yeas.

Trustee Ward seconded Trustee Hopkins motion to adjourn. All yeas agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.