

**Village of Creston Minutes**  
September 6, 2011

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

Visitors attending the meeting included John Davidson, Hadley Forbes, Fred Cederholm, Ron Davidson and Dan Graber.

Minutes from August 2, 2011 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Hopkins to approve the August 2, 2011 with a change within Streets committee report stating that the meeting WAS held. The motion was seconded by Trustees Ward. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

**Visitors & Communication**

A resignation letter, dated September 6, 2011, was read by President Byro from Trustee Brodzik. President Byro accepted the resignation.

Dave Tess spoke about the how the municipal code needs to be updated. He then spoke about the landfill dispute on the host fee agreements and that a meeting was held between Rochelle's city manager, Creston's and Rochelle's mayors, attorneys and State's Attorney Roe to talk about issues concerning the lack of funds to be paid by the landfill company and how to proceed with the issue. A draft of the concerns was presented to Attorney Tess today at which he did not have time to look at. It was noted that refuse capacity is far less than anticipated for what was expected to be paid out. The Davidson annexation was tabled. Staff is not prepared to make a decision regarding the request to vacate alleys for the properties owned by the Huebers. A motion to table the Huebers' request and the Davidsons' annexation was made by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Bohling. All yeas passed the motion.

Toby Petrie reviewed his activity report and pinpointed that a couple of houses out in Creston Commons have expired building permits (over 180 days) and two others are nearing expiring. Mention was made about the recommendations made at the planning commission meeting about the discrepancies between the written language and the diagram regarding fence height. It was agreed upon that fence height requirement to be changed to reflect four (4) feet as opposed to 3' written and 4' diagram in the code book.

Kevin Bunge addressed the board to say that the street paving (MFT seal coating project) is complete and came in \$3,000 under bid.

**Committee Reports**

Finance – Trustee Brodzik resigned.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward talked about the SRTS concerns regarding parking in front of the elementary school. President Byro spoke about the roadwork needed at Grove St, south of South St. Trustee Ward wanted the board to be aware of the Main St conditions in front of Huebers' elevator and north of village hall. Trustee Ward stated there was a proposed legislation in regards to the change of street signs, changing current federal guidelines currently in place for 2014 and beyond.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Bohling informed the board that the first phase of the installation of water meters is short by ten (10) installations and asked for guidance as to if another ten should be found or to move on to the next installation phase. He was instructed to stay in the same area to find the final ten. Trustee Bohling stated the need to flush the water tower in October. Clerk Haub asked to be notified one week before the project to notify the newspaper and the radio.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns was not present. President Byro stated that there will be mosquito spraying before Booster Days (September 16-18).

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins stated that there were meetings held in regards to Huebers' and Davidsons' requests.

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

**New Business** – *Planning commission* – *Hueber recommendation* – Previously discussed.

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

A mention was made by President Byro about sewer problems at the post office. RMU is to come out with a video camera to view the line for blockage.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.