

Village of Creston Minutes September 4, 2012

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

Visitors attending the meeting included: Fred Cederholm, Ed Elshoff and Wendy Ross.

Minutes from August 7, 2012 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Gould to approve the minutes with a second coming from Trustee Hopkins. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication

Wendy Ross approached the board thanking them for the cleanup of the property on the corner of South and Main Sts, and for the planting of the trees throughout the village.

President Byro stated that he had received the 2011 Annual Report from Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department, the 2011 Annual Report from Ogle County Health Department and Rochelle Waste Disposal's water well analysis for Creston's municipal wells #1 & #2, which will be kept on file with these minutes.

Toby Petrie presented his activity report and discussed how he can only help with recommendations regarding zoning issues or if a clarification is needed.

Kevin Bunge had nothing to report that won't be brought up later in "New Business".

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins reported back on the prices for previous sales of tractor/loaders. President Byro will ask for recommendations on how to sell the village's tractor/loader from Attorney Tess.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward had nothing to report. President Byro spoke about a street sign placement for the Creston-Dement Library.

Water & Sewer – No committee chairperson. President Byro stated that Lonnie with Anderson Plumbing has been working on installing more meters in the second phase of installation within the village.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns reported that 16 trees were planted throughout the village and reported on the cleanup of the property at South and Main Streets.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report until later in the meeting.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould has emailed the owners of Creston Commons about _____ but has not heard anything back from them.

Old Business – *Water Meters* – Previously discussed.

New Business – *Vacate Alleyway* – Mr. Daughtery was to meet with Attorney Tess and had talked with neighbors. All but one neighbor is in agreement to vacate the alley. *USDA Grant* – Mr. Bunge informed the board about a pre-application to restructure Main St to Cederholm that was 2/3rd complete three (3) years ago to apply for a maximum of \$99,000 is still possible if we were to strip back some of the design. President Byro asked the trustees if they

would like to proceed with revisiting this grant and move forward to the pre-application process to be completed. No trustee disagreed with the question and the grant process will proceed. *Planning Commission Report* – minutes were distributed and reviewed. It was decided that the planning commission will continue to meet on the third Thursday of every month until no longer needed. This is to approach the zoning and planning codes to make improvements or changes that are needed with updated construction trends. *Committee Chairman Assignments* – Scott Garrison was nominated to fill the chair of the Water/Sewer committee by President Byro, trustee Kerns seconded the nomination and a voice vote accepted the nomination. Trustee Garrison will fill all of Trustee Bohling's vacancies.

Dave Tess informed the board that he needs the legal description of the properties that are joined to the proposed alleyway to be vacated. He also informed the board that there has been no advancement with the City of Rochelle boundary agreement.

Executive Session – No session took place.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. There was a motion to pay the bill for the trees with tipping fee monies made by Trustee Hopkins. Trustee Garrison seconded the move and a roll call vote approved the motion with all yeas. Trustee Kerns made a motion to pay the bills. The second was made by Trustee Hopkins. A roll call vote was made and the report was passed with all yeas.

President Byro stated that he will appoint a new trustee to the board at October's regular meeting of the board of trustees on October 2, 2012.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Garrison. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.