

Village of Creston Minutes September 3, 2013

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

Visitors attending the meeting included: Brenda Smith, Fred Cederholm, Dan Graber, Dorothy Lockard, Denise Garrison, Tom Hill (Creston park district), Kareem Tillage (Casey's General Store & resident), Lonnie Capes, Joe & Donna Drought.

Minutes from August 6, 2013 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Kerns made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Trustee Ward seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication

Joe Drought, chief of Rock Valley College police department, introduced himself as a candidate running for Ogle County Sheriff. Tom Hill, Creston park district, spoke to the board about a proposed outdoor bulletin board in which both the village and the park district would pay for and use with the potential of residents being able to post for services/garage sales/missing pets. Kareem Tillage asked about the hole behind Casey's after the work done to the water leak. Brenda Smith had a concern about traffic on North St and Cederholm St and asked if there could be some kind of speed control (speed bumps). Denise Garrison asked about a Main St closure that took place during a Headon's steak fry.

Atty. Dave Tess talked to the board about a meeting with Trustee Gould, Pres. Byro, himself, Weirstein (new owner of Creston Commons) and Mr. Weirstein's attorney, with how to make every effort to keep up Creston Commons. A follow-up conversation took place which included talk of selling lots to other developers or individual sales of the sites. The talk did not end with a decision to do so. The discussion also involved a proposal to have the park district to take over the park areas in the subdivision and lighting issues. No plans or fixes resolved any issues but there is good communication between both parties.

Kevin Bunge spoke on a water flow graph that was presented to the board. Mr. Bunge stated that Mike Megurdichian (the water guy) has been in contact with the contractor about the PLC controller for the water pump. It was suggested to have it moved to another wall to get it away from where the chemicals are stored. This would cost more money for the relocation but would be safer. Safe Routes to School Phase 2 meeting will take place with Trustee Ward and Mr. Bunge and they will discuss and come up with ideas on the development between Main St and the future of the installation of the sidewalk.

Kip Countryman was not present but did have an activity report available.

Rebecca Von Drasek was not present for the meeting and had no activity report to be presented.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward stated everything was already covered.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns said that the final mosquito spraying will take place this week.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Garrison said that Mike Megurdichian from MGD will be available in two weeks to talk about the controller.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould was not present.

Old Business – None to discuss.

New Business – *Casey's General Store* – Kareem Tillage talked about a proposal the company has to sell hard liquor at the Creston location. A motion was made by Trustee Daugherty to amend the Class B liquor license (that Casey's holds) to include hard liquor. A second to the motion came from Trustee Kerns and a roll call vote passed the amendment 090313 with all yeas. *Smoking Harry's* – President Byro stated that Smoking Harry's was approached by a company to install two video poker machines. The machines will be under State of Illinois' supervision. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to adopt the ordinance 090313A to allow video poker to be installed at Smoking Harry's. Trustee Garrison seconded the motion and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. *Village Hours vs. Post Office Hours* – USPS window hours are changing next week to 12:30 – 4:30 and for the business that needs to be done at village hall, the hours for the office needs to reflect the same. Starting Tuesday, September 10, 2013, for a trial run, village hall office hours will change to 12:30 – 5:00 Tuesdays and Thursdays. Wednesday and Saturday hours will remain the same. *Anderson Plumbing* – Lonnie Capes presented a report on the installation of water meters and the information about how many have yet to be installed and where. Some places have issues why installations are a problem. *Emergency Generator* – Rochelle Municipal Utilities called and ran a test on the generator. Switching over did not work. The generator was hit by lightning previously and the controls are corroded. President Byro told RMU to go ahead and order the needed control boards and the cost is \$1,100 for the boards and installation. *Economic Development* – The county board chairman the works on economic development for Ogle County met with 9 other mayors to find out interest in development in the area. *Selling of village maintenance equipment* – no discussion was made due to the person who asked was not present.

Executive Session – Trustee Hopkins made a motion to move into executive session. Trustee Ward seconded the motion and was passed with all yeas. Trustee Ward made a motion to come out of executive session with Trustee Daugherty voicing a second. A motion was made to terminate Robert Garland as the village's maintenance man by Trustee Hopkins. Trustee Daugherty seconded and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. A registered letter will be sent to Bob.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Trustee Daugherty asked about the Theisen bill since it was paid last month and a different amount appeared in the bills this month. The reason was because of prevailing wage and Trustee Ward explained what should be covered under prevailing wage and what would not. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Trustee Hopkins with a second coming from Trustee Kerns. A roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.