

Mayor Julie Robinson called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge to the flag.

Attendance Mayor Julie Robinson
Trustees Dawn Ashline
Linda Nortz
Lloyd Richardson
Keith Bush arrived at 6:10 pm
Treasurer Charlene Moser
Deputy Clerk Liz Jones
Village Maintenance Mitch Robinson- Excused

Guests: Elliot Crisman – Tri State Drilling
Ralph and Elizabeth Hoch

Mr. Crisman, representing Tri state Drilling, was present to discuss the invoice for the water breaks on Rte. 812. Tri State offered to pay 30% of the bill. The village counter-offered 50%. After conferring with his manager, Mr. Crisman offered to pay 50% of the total bill which amounts to \$ \$7,894.43. **Motion** to approve his offer of 50% of the bill made by Trustee Nortz, seconded by Trustee Bush with all in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoch wants an easement of necessity giving ingress and regress to land that he owns on the village side of the river. This would mean access by the sewer plant. Julie will seek advice from our attorney.

Maintenance Report

N/A

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Trustee Richardson, seconded by Trustee Nortz to approve the Treasurer's report as read with all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve transfer \$26.00 from F-1990.4 to F-9050.8 by Trustee Ashline and seconded by Trustee Richardson with all in favor. Motion carried.

The treasurer presented a draft invoice for the Beaver Falls Water District in the amount of \$37,005.00. There are some numbers that are not complete yet, but the final invoice will be presented to Beaver Falls at a meeting scheduled for Monday, February 5, 2024 at the Town of Croghan offices.

Clerk Report and Deputy Clerk

Motion by Trustee Richardson and seconded by Trustee Bush to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2023 meeting with all in favor. Motion carried.

After review Trustee Nortz **motioned**, seconded by Trustee Bush to pay the bills as presented with all in favor. Motion carried.

General Fund #8	vouchers #182-192	\$3,502.58
General Fund #8A	vouchers #180-181	\$1,544.53
Water Fund #8	vouchers #78-84	\$5,082.59
Water Fund #8A	vouchers #74-77	\$1,805.69
Sewer Fund #8	vouchers #53-57	\$16,937.17

Deputy Clerk Jones reported a form was sent to the County Board of Elections stating that Mayor Robinson, Trustee Keith Bush, and Trustee Dawn Ashline's seats will be up for re-election in November.

The Food Pantry contract with the village has been executed.

The New Bremen Fire Protection contract was reviewed and executed.

Mayor Report

An application for ice monitor has been received. Ice making is weather dependent this year, after a slow start.

Blue Sky Towers is requesting a reply to their offer to buy out their current rental agreement. After discussion, there was a **motion** by Trustee Ashline, seconded by Trustee Nortz with all in favor not to approve the suggested buy out and will continue with the current contract and keep the tower as a rental/ lease agreement. Motion carried.

Mayor Julie Robinson made the following appointments on a **motion** by Trustee Ashline, seconded by Trustee Nortz with all in favor.

Lloyd Richardson – Deputy Mayor
Elizabeth Jones – Deputy Clerk
Charlene Moser – Budget Officer
Charlene Moser – Interim Clerk
Records Management Officer seat is temporarily vacant.

Oath of Office was signed by all those appointed.

There was discussion on whether our water rate should be raised to meet costly future infrastructure repairs and replacement. It was decided to wait for the results of Request for Qualifications Engineering Services for our water system projects.

Trustee Report

A proposal was received from T&D Blacktop & Sealing with prices for Red Pine Lane. Regarding paving Red Pine Lane, the board will discuss further as to whether a plow turn-around is necessary at the end of the street. Mitch is to contact the Town of Croghan for their opinion.

Trustee Ashline reported that a stamped Engineered Foundation Design Calculation is required to obtain a permit from the state to be able to place a sign in the right-of- way of a state highway. Dawn is researching other companies for radar signs as, the price went up from the original company we considered. A mobile sign would still require a permit from the state. Trustee Ashline will be following up with the DOT.

John Lehman was notified of the board's decision to pay hourly for his work as wastewater treatment operator, when needed to take Mitch's place.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM by a **motion** by Trustee Richardson, seconded by Trustee Nortz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Jones, Deputy Clerk