

March 9,2022

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

Attendance	Mayor Julie Robinson
Trustees	Bruce Widrick Keith Bush Linda Nortz Lloyd Richardson tardy 6:50PM
Treasurer	Charlene Mosier
Deputy Clerk	Liz Jones
Clerk	Dawn Ashline
Village Maintenance	Mitch Robinson

Guests

None

Public Comment

None

Maintenance Report

Mitch reported to the board that after talking to Al Shaw, Superintendent of Highways for the Town of Croghan, the grading and pitch of the Croghan Reservoir Road can't be changed. It would have to be graded for miles which is not cost effective so that the entry into the water plant is not such an issue when Mitch plows. Since the town won't be changing the road will the board consider putting in a gate to make it easier to plow in the winter. Mitch will get an estimate from Alpine fence.

Verizon has started to build the road into the cell tower site. Mitch would like to know if the board wants anything done with the logs that are being cut and laid aside? The board told Mitch to get an opinion from a logger to see if the village can sell the logs or find a use for them. It was discussed if the village can't make anything from the logs that they could potentially be given away. The clerk will find out the rules/laws on giving away government property.

Mitch has given the board an estimate of \$8,000-\$10,000 to put a lift station in by the post office, so the village owned drains on Bank Street can be diverted to the State-owned DI's on State Route 812. It was decided at the July 14th 2021 meeting by motion of Trustee Nortz and seconded by Trustee Bush, all in favor, to proceed in rerouting the two village owned drains located in front of the post office to the state-owned DI on state route 812. Mitch will proceed in the most economical way possible not to exceed \$5,000. If it exceeds \$5,000 the board will

revisit the subject. It was decided to table the subject and revisit later in hopes prices will come down.

Mitch has gotten three prices on purchasing a bigger skid steer. Bobcat \$70,000 John Deere \$65,000 and Kubota \$63,000. These are not state bidding prices. It was discussed on whether to trade in and upgrade or keep what we have and instead get a higher lift dump bucket and a new snow blower. Trustee Bush will investigate pricing for the two items.

Last month Mitch received a price from Kesler regarding purchasing a new control panel at the water plant. Mitch will submit to the clerk the specs for the control panel so the clerk can advertise for bids since the item will be over \$20,000 per the village's rules and procedures.

Mitch notified the board that the Town of Croghan has notified Mitch of the awful condition of Bridge Street. From the bridge to about 30 feet towards state route 812. The town has offered to repair the bad pavement and charge us. Trustee Richardson states we still have \$64,000 in the CHIP fund. Mitch will find out how much it would cost us before going ahead with the deal.

Mitch asked when the board would like to start putting up the new playground equipment. Trustee Nortz felt it's too soon that we should start putting out the information to the public in April as we will be needing volunteers to help with the erection of equipment.

Mitch is planning on going on vacation March 30th thru April 4th. The board will need someone to come and read the meters at the water and sewer plant. Trustee Richardson Deputy Mayor and Maintenance worker supervisor will also be out of town. Trustee Bush has volunteered to do the readings and call Chris Nortz in for snow removal if needed.

Mitch has a conference for Rural water training May 23rd-25th at Turning Stone. The village will pay for \$300 training, mileage to and from Turning Stone to Croghan and a hotel room for 2 nights.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund #10	vouchers 221-234	\$4,136.04
General Fund #10A	vouchers 235-240	\$2,552.84
Water Fund #10	vouchers 88-91	\$2,712.63
Water Fund #10A	vouchers 92-94	\$1,628.28
Sewer Fund #10	vouchers 76-79	\$1,590.26
Sewer Fund #10A	vouchers 80-88	\$6,041.86

Motion by Trustee Richardson , seconded by Trustee Nortz to approve the necessary budget transfers.

- \$769 from A-1640.13 to A-1640.4
- \$1 from A-5110.43 to A-5142.1
- \$938 from A-5410.4 to A-7140.12
- \$620 from A-5410.4 to A-7140.2

Clerk Report

Deputy Clerk Jones notified the board that she had placed the ad for bidding on the food stand for the summer season and no bids have been received.

Deputy Clerk Jones updated the board on the village insurance policy. The policy costs the village \$14,431.46.

A motion by Trustee Bush seconded by Trustee Richardson to approve the minutes after corrections. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Robinson has emailed the NYPA regarding the LED project. We are still waiting for the final punch list to be completed before paying for the completed project.

The Property Maintenance Law revisions have been tabled for now.

It was questioned on who is responsible in enforcing our local laws. Trustee Bush will consult with the Lewis County Sheriff's Department regarding our local laws and specifically our property maintenance law.

The village is planning on purchasing historical plaques for the Croghan Island Mill and the Basselin House because they both are in the NYS and National Historical Registry's. Travis Proulx, owner of the Basselin House has forwarded information on a potential grant that the village can apply for to pay for these plaques. Clerk Ashline will investigate this grant.

Mayor Robinson has conferred with Erika Smith and Linda Kuhl to see if they would be interested, if approved to landscape the green space by the library where they tree was removed. Mayor Robinson would like to have the old historical jail doors used in this greenspace as a trellis structure. The board is contributing \$500 towards this project.

Mayor Robinson suggested to the board to think about having another cleanup day for the village taxpayers such as a limb and stick pick up day.

Mayor Robinson brought up to the board the Lewis County Regional Water Study and asked if the board is interested in being a part of the study. The board has decided to not be a part of this project.

Mayor Robinson reported that Jake Kennedy failed to inform Mitch that he would not be tending to the ice rink during the mid-winter break and the Mayor fielded complaints about usage of the ice rink.

Trustees Report

Trustee Richardson reported that the new scoreboard will be shipped on May 11, 2022.

Trustee Richardson also spoke to Jaime Gates in regard to updating the memorial sign under the scoreboard and has indicated that she will do it.

Trustee Bush showed the board the National Grid bill that the Long Pond Sno Sled Club pays to have the groomer in Harrisville plugged into their electricity. There is a concern regarding the National Grid bill at the village garage. It has taken a sharp increase and we are trying to see why it would have jumped so high. Trustee Bush states the Long Pond Sno Sled Club is planning on issuing the village a check for the use of the electric for the groomer at the village garage for the same amount that they pay in Harrisville.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Moser reported that the Constitutional Tax Limit Report needed to be updated from last year and that has been completed. This fiscal year's report will be sent in once this year's budget has been completed and adopted.

Past due account for water and sewer have been sent out. Some accounts have been paid up.

Treasurer Moser is waiting on the water quality report, and she will then include it in the water bills for 2022-23.

The board reviewed the tentative budget with treasurer Moser.

The Croghan Fire Department has requested a raise from the village. The board decided to not put it in next fiscal year's budget.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20PM by a motion by Trustee Nortz, seconded by Trustee Richardson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Village Clerk Dawn Ashline