

Mayor Julie Robinson called the meeting to order at 600PM with the Pledge to the flag.

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

The meeting was held at the Croghan Volunteer Fire Department.

Guests

Andrew Woodward and Michelle Woodward, Kevin Brouillard from Lewis County Planning, Jerry and Carol Scneeberger, Rob Gates, Ed Mothersell, Bruce Tabolt and Becky Knight

Public Comment

Andrew Woodward spoke of his concerns again regarding the Verizon cell tower to be erected on the Croghan Reservoir Road near the reservoir and his home. He stated that he has retained an attorney from New York City and he is ready to shut down the whole project. He stated that he plans on suing the village for mental anguish because he has worried himself sick over the cell tower. He's had some medicine changes and has packed his house with intentions of moving and selling. He stated that he will stop the project and he has evidence that the village did a lot of things wrong such as the village did not give public notice about the project, the village did not put out for bid for the clearing of the land and a public hearing should have been held for any contracts entered into worth more than \$1,000.

Mayor Robinson asked Mr. Woodward to wait on any actions taken. The village attorney has sent a letter to Verizon asking them to consider an alternative site that would be further away from Mr. Woodward's Property. The village is still waiting for an answer from Verizon. Also Attorney Farley has sent a letter to the village stating that he no longer wished to be the Village attorney and has advised the village to retain a new attorney. For the reasons stated, Mayor Robinson asks that no action be taken for at least a week to give the village time to retain another attorney and to receive a response from Verizon. Mr. Woodward agreed that he would give the village time.

Kevin Brovillard from the Lewis County Planning Department was next to speak about a walkability study in the village of Croghan. This walkability study would be done so the village

could apply for a New York State Grant, up to \$5,000 to use on a project that would be determined after the study.

There was discussion regarding the inconsistencies of the sidewalks within the village. Some sidewalks are on one side of the road and some sidewalks are on both sides. Some just end but there is more street to walk down and there are some streets that do not have any sidewalks.

A group made up of representatives from the planning department, village residents and board members will do a walk around of the village on June 2, 2021 at 6:30 PM rain or shine.

Mayor Robinson and Trustee Nortz will contact Jen Perry about coming to the next meeting and talk about the Clean Energy Grant.

Ed Mothersell has asked the village board if it would be ok for him to start up a laundromat in his building. The board stated that the village does not have zoning so he should be good. He was then asked if his septic would be large enough to accommodate the machines. He was asked to do some homework and find out how much more waste water will be going through the system by how many machines he will have and how much water they will use then compare to what is going through system now. Mitch will look up to see what size tank Stump's laundromat has.

Becky Knight voiced concerns about people that live at the Beehive and the Arlington. She states that people are afraid to walk downtown because the people sitting on the porches of these two establishments harass citizens. Unless these people are breaking the law there is not much that can be done. It was advised that if they are breaking the law then the complainant needs to call the police department.

Mayor Robinson stated she will call Joe Zehr, owner of the Beehive and have him made aware of the concern and to also have the vehicle without license plates on that property be removed.

Bruce Tabolt spoke about the ditch on his property needing digging out. He states that the old sewer line has caused his property to have sink holes and he feels that the former sewer line is the village's problem to maintain/repair. He feels the village should fix the line and repair his field from the damage it has caused. The village is unsure as to whose responsibility it is and Mitch, Trustee Widrick and Trustee Bush will go and look at the line to mark it out and determine ownership and options on repairing it if needed.

Liz Jones was excused at 7:30PM

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was read, Trustee Widrick made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Trustee Richardson seconded, adopted-Aye-4 Widrick, Bush, Nortz, Richardson Nay-0. Motion approved

After review-Trustee Richardson made the motion, seconded by Trustee Nortz to pay the bills as presented and carried.

General Fund #12	vouchers 203 to 222 for \$4,728.00
General Fund#12A	vouchers 223 to 225 for \$1,784.82
Water Fund #12	vouchers 120 to 128 for \$3,351.22
Water Fund#12A	vouchers 129 to 131 for \$1,959.75
Sewer Fund #12	vouchers 96 to 103 for \$3,012.46

Motion by Trustee Widrick , seconded by Trustee Bush to approve the necessary budget transfers.

General Fund

- \$298 from A-1210.1 to A -1210.4
- \$19 from A 1410.1 to A -1410.4
- \$304 from A-1640.13 to A -1640.12
- \$333 from A-9030.8 to A-9025.8

Water Fund

- \$15 from F-8310.2 to F- 8310.4
- \$58 from F-8330.1 to F-8330.4
- \$334 from F-9030.8 to F-9025.8

Sewer Fund

- \$36 from G-1990.4 to G-1910.4
- \$510 from G-8130.45 to G-8130.44
- \$333 from G-9030.8 to G-9025.8
- \$25 from G-9030.8 to G-9050.8

Two years of Mitch’s retirement has been sent to the agency he has his IRA through.

Mitch is to contact Dustin Tooker to get the county softball league to pay for games played last season including the 4th of July tournament.

Trustee Widrick asked if Daniel Farney and Brandon Locklear have been billed for the water breaks that were in front of their properties a couple of months ago. It was determined that Daniel Farney would be billed the full amount of repair as the property is outside of the village and Brandon Locklear will be charged for a coupling and 4 feet of copper. Charlene will total the bills and send to the owners.

Trustee Nortz stated that she was asked about charging or allowing campers at the ball field. After referring to the rules and procedures it was determined that the mayor must give permission, which was approved by Mayor Robinson and a charge of not <\$5.00 per night will be charged. Trustee Nortz will notify the individual.

The date was set for the end of fiscal year meeting. It is scheduled for May 26,2021 at 7PM

Clerk Report

A motion by Trustee Bush seconded by Trustee Widrick to approve the revised minutes. All were in favor.

Maintenance Report

Mitch states that he is signed up to take the Sewer licensing test next Friday, May 22, 2021.

Mitch notified the board that the ball field is done. They took out approximately 6 loads of sand from the field and replaced with sand mixed with clay. Trustee Richardson stated that Amos Glenn donated a lot of time with fixing the field and used his equipment without charging the village. Trustee Richardson would like the village to give Amos Glenn a gift certificate in appreciation for all his hard work. It was agreed to give a \$150 gift certificate to NAPA. Mitch will purchase the gift certificate on behalf of the board.

Mitch called the propane company to be taken off auto fill and was told there was no difference in price as was told to him previously and the board discussed at considerable length at several meetings. We will stay on automatic fill up if the price is the same.

Chad Pate will be coming next week May 16-22 at some time to clean out the pool. The pool will be filled and ready to go by the end of the first week in June.

New LED lights for the ice rink will cost \$110-\$160 each if purchased through Tilly Kuhl and Tilly would charge \$60-\$70 per light to put in. The board told Mitch to see if he could get the lights cheaper elsewhere and him and Pat could put the lights in. There are 6 lights total to be replaced.

Mitch states the previous estimate he had for the chlorine analyzer has expired. Mitch will call for a new estimate and will order the analyzer if the quote is the same or just slightly more than the previous quote.

Mitch was excused at 8:48PM

Trustees Report

Trustee Richardson stated that Joe Virkler, Computer teacher at Beaver River Central School, looked at the village computer and suggested that the village upgrade to a new computer as the one that we have now could not accommodate the new updates for some of the programs that we use. A new computer can cost approximately \$800.00 and 4 hours to transfer information from old computer to new.

Trustee Nortz, reported on the Streetlight project. She states that requirements have been met. We now have to send a checklist to National Grid that all items will be compliant. Julie will follow up with Iilia and National Grid.

Trustee Nortz will call Tracey Buckingham to see if she will talk to Brookfield about getting a donation for the playground project. The village is not allowed to ask for donations.

Mayor's Report

Discussed the cell tower project and Woodward's concerns. We will wait for Attorney Farley's response regarding the letter written to Verizon. Mayor Robinson is also waiting to hear from Attorney Farley and recommendations of different attorneys that the village could potentially hire.

Sook-Hi Mahiques has agreed to have her trees moved from the village owned right of way between the street and sidewalk. Trustee Bush has agreed to move them on his own time.

Sewer Bid(s) were opened. Only one was received. Gleason's Bid was accepted by a motion from Trustee Richardson and seconded by Trustee Bush all in favor aye.

Mayor Robinson confirmed with the Lewis County mapping department that county roads in the village are owned by the county measuring 24.75 feet from the center line of the road to the individual property. Anything after that measurement is owned by the property owner. The measurement is different on the State Route 812 aka Main Street.

The logging contract discussion was tabled.

The weed dispensary subject was tabled.

The treasurer has received a couple of donations in memory of recently deceased Michael Lyndaker, a long-time umpire for county and church softball league games. Board members are asked to come up with ideas as to what to do with the donations.

The Croghan Fire Department has asked the village for a 5% increase from what the village pays to the department already. The budget has already been approved for this fiscal year. The board will make a decision when it's time for the new 2022-2023 budget talks.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32PM by a motion by Trustee Richardson, seconded by Trustee Bush.

Respectfully
Dawn Ashline
Clerk