

State of New York
Village of Croghan
Village Board Meeting
End of Fiscal Year/Close Books

May 26,2021

PRESENT

Mayor Julie Robinson
Trustees- Keith Bush
 Linda Nortz
 Lloyd Richardson
 Bruce Widrick
Clerk- Dawn Ashline
Deputy Clerk- Liz Jones
Treasurer- Charlene Moser
Maintenance- Mitch Robinson

GUESTS

CALL TO ORDER

7 PM with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT

TREASURER'S REPORT

Charlene reported that the unemployment insurance has changed from 0.525% up to 2.025% an increase of 1 ½%. Charlene received a letter from the state notifying her that she was late on the payment.

The unpaid sewer and water bills were sent into the county to be relieved onto the owners' taxes but we were told that Governor Cuomo has suspended the ability to do this for unpaid water bills. We are still able to relevy the unpaid sewer bills for a total of \$6,961.92.

\$2,915.24 is still owed by property owners for unpaid water bills.

Charlene will send to unpaid bill owners a new billing statement to try and get these delinquent payments made.

Charlene has sent out notices to the escrow holders on May 24,2021.

There has been a couple of reservation cancellations at the park. Lowville Central School and the Strife family reunion. Refunds have been given where needed.

We have a total of \$620 in reservation fees for the park, \$470 from donations in memory of Michael Lyndaker who recently passed away. Mike was a longtime umpire for softball games held at the park. \$2,525 is in the Park Project fund.

A motion to pay the bills as presented by Trustee Richardson seconded by Trustee Bush.
All in favor-

Trustee's Bush-Aye, Nortz-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Widrick-Aye

General Fund

Abstract #12AB vouchers 226-238
Abstract # 12ABB vouchers 239-241

Water Fund

Abstract # AB vouchers 132-137

Sewer Fund

Abstract # 12AB vouchers 104-108
Abstract # 12ABB vouchers 109-113

A motion to make the necessary transfers by Trustee Nortz seconded by Trustee Bush .
All in favor-

Trustee Bush-Aye, Nortz-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Widrick-Aye

General Fund

\$150 from A1210.1 to A-1210.4
\$98 from A1410.1 to A1410.4
\$271 from A1620.42 to A 1620.41
\$450 from A-1640.11 to A-1640.12
\$402 from A-1640.4 to A-1640.41
\$43. from A-1990.4 to A-1910.4

Water Fund

\$78 from F-1990.4 to F-1910.4
\$72. from F-8330.1 to F-8330.4

Sewer Fund

\$78. from G-1990.4 to G-1910.4
\$383 from G-8130.41 to G8130.44
\$175 from G-1990.4 to G-9060.8

CLERK'S REPORT

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Robinson discussed the current situation with the Verizon Cell tower project. Kevin McArdle, the village's new attorney, has reached out to Verizon regarding the potential to

ove the tower site. Verizon has asked for a tax map with latitude and longitude so they may review the site we are proposing they build the cell tower on.

Trustee Widrick obtained a map from the Lewis County Court house and Mayor Robinson will submit the map to Attorney and McArdle and Verizon.

Mayor Robinson was approached by Charlotte Schweitzer regarding asking the Railroad Society to move their flat train car that sits on tracks by Vinny's Pizzeria, over to the other side of the road by Wishy's. Charlotte feels it would be a draw for people to find the Railroad Museum easier. People could utilize the car to sit on while eating ice cream or just enjoying sitting in the village and potential to use for entertainment. Mayor Robinson penned a letter with Charlotte to the Railroad Society.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mitch stated that Galen Roggie has informed him that the washing machine in his rental on School Street is backing up. He is also having issues with the floor drain backing up in the garage of the rental. He would like the village to repair the pipe where there may be a clog.

It was discussed the washing machine drain should be repaired by Mr. Roggie by tapping into the village sewer line because at this time it is tied into an old sewer pipe used solely for gray water matter for several property owners in that area of the village. This pipe is also the one that Bruce Tabolt came to last meeting to complain about.

There was discussion again regarding the old sewer line that Bruce Tabolt is complaining about. According to NYCOM law the village is not allowed to go on private property to make repairs to a private line. The discussion included on whether this line is private, or village owned. It was stated by Bruce Tabolt that the line was originally put ion by TB Basselin and property owners later tied into it.

There are 2 village owned street drains in front of the post office on Bank Street that are also tied into this old line. It was discussed that the village should disconnect from the old line and rerouted to the drain lines on State Route 812. This would require permission from the state to use their drain lines and permission to lay the pipe down the driveway in back of the post office. If permission is not given and alternative route may be going in front of the post office and sown Bank Street.

It is thought that by eliminating these two drains may take some of the burden off the old line and stop backing up of the line.

Mitch will inquire with the State DOT about attaching the drain lines to theirs on State Route 812.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Trustee Richardson asked how the park project is going. He feels that we need to start seeing some actual physical changes on the playground, so people do not think that we are not going to start. He feels it may stop people from being involved and donating money.

Trustee Nortz turned in more donation money tonight and stated that she feels that if we have approximately \$10,000 saved up, she would like to go to Iroquois Gas and show them that we have saved up \$10,000 and ask them to match it. If they agree to matching, she will start phase 1 of the project.

Trustee Richardson made a motion for Trustee Nortz to proceed with Phase 1 if Iroquois Gas matches the funds saved this was seconded by Trustee Bush.

All in favor-

Trustee's Bush-Aye, Nortz-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Widrick-Aye

OLD BUSINESS

FOR GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJORNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn at 8 PM by Trustee Bush seconded by Widrick

All in favor-

Trustee-Bush-Aye, Nortz-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Widrick-Aye

Respectfully Submitted

Dawn Ashline Clerk