

State of New York
Village of Croghan
Village Board Meeting

July 12, 2023

Mayor Julie Robinson called the regular meeting to order at 5:57 PM with the Pledge to the flag.

Attendance

Mayor	Julie Robinson
Trustees	Dawn Ashline
	Keith Bush excused
	Linda Nortz :
	Lloyd Richardson: 7pm-715pm
Clerk	Nancy Martin
Treasurer	Charlene Moser left early
Deputy Clerk	Liz Jones
Village Maintenance	Mitch Robinson

The meeting was held at the Village Garage
Treasurer Moser will leave early so the Treasurer's Report was done first at tonight's meeting.

Guest: Jeanne Duffany was at the meeting to discuss the Library lease. Per North Country Library System, a grant application requires the Library to have an active lease for a period of 10 years. Current lease is a two year lease. It was decided to update the lease , void the current lease and the Mayor was authorized to sign. There was not a quorum at the time so motions were done at 7pm when Trustee Richardson was in and will be noted below. Jeanne left the meeting at 6:11pm.

Guest Tom Kalamas, Croghan Town Board representing Legislative District 2 was present to observe the meeting. He advised the Board that transparency is his goal at every level of Municipal Government. A lot of information was shared to be discussed at later dates and Mr Kalamas states he hopes to be present quarterly to attend meetings and help with any current issues that may be happening.

Maintenance Report

Update of the Control Panel for the water plant is that no more response has been heard. Mitch will try again to contact for a status.

Mitch updated the board on the removal of trees in the village and the park. All trees have been removed and Chris Moore will be contacted to prep the ground for the new playground equipment at no cost except for materials that may be needed. After prep work is done the Lions will be notified by Deputy Clerk Jones as they have agreed to help with installing the new equipment.

A quote was obtained for information only regarding the fence around the ball field by Grand Slam Safety Fence, to remove all fencing and replace at a cost of \$23,000.00. Lifespan for the fence will be lifetime for the Village.

Mitch advised the Board the purchase of new tires for the pickup will be needed before the winter season. Trustee Richardson will check for prices.

Claude Curley spoke with Mitch regarding the lead testing needed. Questions asked by Mitch were unable to be answered. Written records are needed to see if lead water lines were replaced when the Main Street project was done. Several options for researching will be checked into.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was read, Trustee Ashline made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as stated and seconded by Trustee Nortz with all in favor.

In a motion by Trustee Ashline and seconded by Trustee Richardson to make any needed transfers.

A check was received from Pratt Northam in the amount of \$5350.00 towards wages for the lifeguards.

Treasurer Moser also reported on water and sewer invoices and village taxes. 20 taxpayers in the Town of Croghan and 17 in the Town of New Bremen are unpaid. Seven water invoices, all from outside the village from last year, were unpaid and relieved. Six sewer invoices from 2022 were relieved and 43 from 2023 went out in April.

It was reported water income total was \$59,562.54 and the aim is 60k.

Clerk Report

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2023 meeting by Trustee Ashline and seconded by Trustee Richardson with all in favor.

After review, Trustee Ashline seconded by Trustee Nortz to present the bills to the Treasurer to pay as presented and carried.

General Fund #2	vouchers 14-25	\$3832.35
General Fund #2A	vouchers 26-30	\$1470.17
General Fund #2B	vouchers 31-42	\$7380.09
Water Fund #2	vouchers 10-17	\$2402.84
Sewer Fund #2	vouchers 4-7	\$817.68
Sewer Fund #2A	vouchers 8-11	\$2048.98

Mayor's Report

Mayor Robinson advised the board of an issue with a resident on the north end of Main Street with drainage issues. It was determined the issues were not a village

issue, but a landowner issue and the Village will not do anything regarding fixing said issue.

Speed signs were discussed again and we will try to look into the signs they have in Lowville attached to speed limit signs. Mr Kalamas was able to give some guidance on the subject.

The playground was discussed and the shape it is currently in due to tree removal. Chris Moore will be contacted to start prep work at his earliest convenience.

The Library Lease was discussed when Trustee Richardson was present. It was decided to void the recently signed Lease Agreement, and redo the lease for a 10 year term but to change the wording of item Rent in Section 4 to say **“The landlord agrees to charge a yearly rent of \$2200.00. Potential for lease increase as agreed by both parties. The Village further agrees to consider grant contributions that may be made available.**

In a motion by Trustee Ashline and seconded by Trustee Nortz with all in favor to proceed with lease extension.

Trustee Report

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM by a motion by Trustee Nortz , seconded by Trustee Ashline . All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Nancy A Martin
Village Clerk