

State of New York
Village of Croghan
Village Board Meeting

July 13,2022

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
	Keith Bush arrived 6:20
	Linda Nortz
	Lloyd Richardson
Treasurer	Charlene Moser
Deputy Clerk	Liz Jones
Clerk	Nancy Martin absent
Village Maintenance	Mitch Robinson

The meeting was held at the Village Garage.

Guests

Steve Monnat
Laurie Halladay
Ron Trottier
Ian Gilbert
Lisa Virkler

Public Comment

Steve Monnat, who is in support of the playground project, brought to the attention of the board the concern of tearing down the wooden

structure on the playground. He feels that the village could save money by just doing regular maintenance on it. He asked the village board to consider keeping it and not spending so much money on new equipment. He also stated there is nostalgia and history around the playground and the board should not bow down to any risk management just because they “think” it’s unsafe. He would also like the village to be more transparent with the plans. If the village needs any kind of help with the project, he states he would help and could find people to help. He thanks the board for all they do.

Laurie Halladay spoke about the NYS Railroad Society and what their plans are with the railroad. She talked about the Lewis County Legislature’s plan to take over the rails through eminent domain and how it would be detrimental to the society’s plans.

Ron Trottier went into more detail about his experience and knowledge of the railroad and the impact to the county tourism if the Rail Society moves forward with their plans for the railroad.

Ian Gilbert a Lewis County legislator, representing the Town of New Bremen, spoke on behalf of the County legislature and the plans for the railroad and the lawsuit that was started for eminent domain status.

Lisa Virkler, Lewis County Legislature representing the Town of Croghan also spoke about the plans for tourism the county has discussed about regarding usage of the railroad.

Both sides told their part in Rails to Trails thoughts and ideas and wished for the Village of Croghan Board to hear both sides and perhaps work in conjunction, with both entities to give support.

Maintenance Report

Mitch has reported that the chlorine tablets are raising in price at Slack Chemical. Buckingham Hardware will not be stocking chlorine any longer.

Phase One of the playground rehabilitation has been completed. Reported that the playground area could use one more half load of chips in a couple of weeks after the chips that are down have a chance to settle a little.

White's stated they would give us \$33,000 trade in for the skid steer if we purchase a new skid steer through them. See trustee report for more information regarding the skid steer.

Mitch has called the DEC regarding replacing the media at the wastewater treatment plant. He has not received any information yet.

The new lifeguard chair is at the pool and Charlotte Schweitzer head lifeguard loves it and would like another one next year. Trustee Nortz will get a copy of the receipt to give to Tracy for reimbursement.

The scoreboard is up and working, we are just waiting for the new memorial sign to come in so they can put that up under neath it. Trustee Ashline has commissioned Jim Boliver to make the sign as he did the original one.

Two water meters need to be shut off because of non-payment. Mitch will complete the shut offs unless the water user makes payment arrangements by the end of July.

There are about 17-18 water meters to be purchased and replaced and then all water meters will have been replaced in the village. There are 4 meters that were put on backwards and Mitch will correct those meters.

The control panel for the water plant has been tabled again as there was still concern over the law regarding the advertising for bids. When Clerk Martin comes to the next meeting, we hope to have it cleared up on how to proceed.

Clerk Report

Deputy Clerk reported receiving \$50 from the street fair committee with a thank you card for allowing them to use the ice rink at the last minute for the most recent street fair.

A motion by Trustee Nortz and seconded by Trustee Richardson was made to pass the minutes with corrections. All were in favor. Nortz-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Bush-Aye, Ashline-Aye

Mayor's Report

The mayor reported the roof of the Cows R Us building is collapsed, owned by Cole Lyndaker. She asked the board if we should report it to the county code enforcement. It was decided that she would notify Mr. Lyndaker that it was collapsed and that he needs to have it repaired. If repairs are not done in a reasonable amount of time, it will be reported the county building code department.

Mayor Robinson will complete the intermunicipal agreement with Lewis County. Lewis county building codes will now be responsible in having village residents adhere to the building codes.

Mayor Robinson would like the headstones at the Basselin Cemetery in the middle of the village cleaned. She has gotten a quote from Shayleigh Proulx that it will cost \$30-\$40 per stone. There are 4 stones to be cleaned. The board authorized the cleaning of the stones.

There was a discussion regarding having a mural painted on the side of the library. The cost would be approx.\$4,000-\$6,000. The one check donation given to the village made out to Mayor Robinson will be returned to the donator, as the discussion of having a mural at all has not been finalized. Treasurer Moser states that the village should not be accepting third party checks and she will return to the giver. The mural discussion has been tabled for the time being.

The food pantry lease was up at the beginning of the year and had not been renewed. The village board decided not to raise the rent for 2022, since it was our fault for not having taken care of this business sooner. The board will revisit the raising of the rent in November/December meeting so that it will go into effect in January of the new year. Mayor Robinson will sign the agreement for this year and present to the food pantry.

Mayor Robinson received a complaint that Joe Lyndaker's log trucks were using the sewer plant driveway and making a lot of noise by using their jake brakes and turning up a lot of dust. Mitch will talk to Joe about this and if it continues the board will consider closing the gate so no one can use the driveway.

The LED project is still not completed. Mayor Robinson states that we will not pay the bill until the job is completed.

Mayor Robinson reported that the cell tower is up but not running yet. It has been heard that it will start running in August 2022.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurers report was read, Trustee Bush made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Trustee Richardson seconded, adopted-Aye 4 Ashline, Bush, Nortz, Richardson. Motion approved

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

General Fund #2	vouchers 31-45	\$5466.98
General Fund #2A	vouchers 14-30	\$7426.82
Water Fund #2	vouchers 4-11	\$2836.72
Sewer Fund #2	vouchers 7-11	\$3396.44
Sewer Fund #2A	vouchers 4-6	\$1656.01

A motion by Trustee Richardson seconded by Trustee Nortz was made to authorize any transfers if needed. All in favor. Trustee Bush-Aye, Trustee Richardson-Aye, Trustee Nortz- Aye, Trustee Ashline-Aye

Treasurer Moser states that her old Staples card no longer works as Staple's has changed their system. Trustee Richardson has a Staple's representative that he will have contact Treasurer Moser to get signed up with a new municipal card.

Trustee Report

Music at the Mansion has been changed to Music on the Mound. Trustee Nortz has asked for help from the board to announce the bands on the Sunday's they are scheduled. Trustee Ashline volunteered for Sunday July 24th.

Trustee Nortz states she is no longer going to be lead in the playground project. She will assist Trustee Bush. Trustee Bush will get the information from Trustee Nortz regarding the next Phase to the playground project.

Trustee Bush has measured the sidewalks in the village and states that it will cost approximately \$35,000 just for cement if the village redoes all the sidewalks in the village. The board is planning on using the ARPA money for this project. The board still needs to discuss which sidewalks that will need to be done and whether we will require village taxpayers to be a part of the project.

It was decided that Trustee Bush will advertise the skid steer on auctions international and the rolling chairs in the village board room.

Trustee Bush brought up the fact that the board has not looked at the 5-year plan at all. Treasurer Moser states that she has a copy of the former plan, and the board will start looking the plan over at the next meeting.

Trustee Richardson asked how much bigger we wanted to go with the parking lot beside the library. It was decided to go at least 4 feet more towards the old firehall.

Treasurer Moser has a concern about the pole padding that has fallen and partially off the pole near first base. She feels it is a safety concern. Trustee Richardson will advise Mitch to get it repaired.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM by a motion by Trustee Richardson, seconded by Trustee Bush. All in favor. Motion carried.