

State of New York
Village of Croghan

Village Board Meeting

September 13, 2023

Mayor Julie Robinson called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 PM with the Pledge to the flag.

Attendance

Mayor	Julie Robinson
Trustees	Dawn Ashline arrived at 6:15
	Keith Bush
	Linda Nortz
	Lloyd Richardson
Clerk	Nancy Martin
Treasurer	Charlene Moser
Deputy Clerk	Liz Jones
Village Maintenance	Mitch Robinson

The meeting was held at the Village Garage

Maintenance Report

Mitch updated the Board on the playground. No change. Kris Moore has been out of town and he's working his way back. Hoping next week he will be in this area, and prep work can be completed. Trustee Nortz will contact local excavation companies to do the prep work for the new equipment so it can be done.

Footers have been completed on the batting cage.

Tim Baker completed the parking lot by the library. Discussion was done regarding striping. It was agreed upon that stripes will be done to include a handicap space.

Chlorine analyzer may need replacing . There is a used one much cheaper that is rebuilt. The company who manufactured it is no longer in business and parts are not available. Mitch will check into the cost and warranty of both items and report back to the Board. Mitch received an email during the meeting and reported that the refurbished one would cost \$1200.00 with a 90 day warranty on parts. A new one would be in excess of \$7000.00. In a motion made by Trustee Bush, seconded by Trustee Ashline, Trustee Richardson yag and Trustee Nortz abstained, the motion was carried and the refurbished one will be purchased.

There were 2 water main breaks in the past week and a half, 4 days apart. One by Monnats service station on Main Street, the other in frog hollow by Oakes house. Claude Curley was contacted and it is believed the drawing of water by Tri State Drilling and shutting off abruptly is sending a shockwave. Mitch notified them the water will no longer be able to be drawn. It has been scheduled for the end of the month to do repair work to the road.

4 new tires have been installed on the dumptruck. Town of Croghan helped put them on.

DEC inspection results. We can no longer use chlorine tablets for wastewater treatment. There were issues with the tabs required in the past. They dissolve very quickly and residual chlorine is low.

New sand needs to be done. \$70,000.00 for media replacement. Quote pending for removal of old sand. Agreement with New Bremen and Croghan to haul the sand from there. November 1st Mitch needs to have a plan of action to DEC.

47\$ a gallon to paint the garage, 15-20 gallons will be needed. It all needs painting. It was decided that Brayden may be able to do the painting on weekends.

Flushing hydrants tomorrow. 2 are covered that are leaking and are old. Mitch is looking for parts. 1 hydrant is \$5000.00 -\$5500.00 and there are approx 38-40 in the village.

Leaf pickup would like to be scheduled Oct 20-22. Still waiting to hear back from the Village of Lowville on using their equipment.

Bids on the replacement of the lift stations have been advertised and requested. Nothing has been received yet.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was read, Trustee Bush 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 Richardson and seconded by Trustee Ashline to make any needed transfers.

Past due taxes, water and sewer bills were discussed. Past due notices will be done a little early this year.

Clerk Report

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2023 meeting by Trustee Nortz and seconded by Trustee Ashline with all in favor.

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

General Fund #4	vouchers 105-122	\$20,997.49
General Fund #4A	vouchers 82-94	\$6938.22
General Fund #4B	vouchers 95-104	\$3092.62
Water Fund #4	vouchers 32-40	\$12,060.45
Water Fund #4A	vouchers 28-31	\$2427.01
Sewer Fund #4	vouchers 12-16	\$1737.56
Sewer Fund #4A	vouchers 22-30	\$6122.60

Mayor's Report

Mayor Robinson discussed the green space beside the library. Would like to flatten out the edge of the parking lot. Trustee Bush will look into what's needed and try to fix it.

The smart board has been hung and set up for use.

Cassandra Buell, Director of Planning for Lewis County invited the Mayor to a meeting to discuss the potential of housing in the Village last month. Mayor Robinson reported to the board the information received from said meeting.

It was also discussed that Complete Streets could pay for sidewalks, and Cassandra Buell will be invited to next month's meeting to discuss it.

Surplus food from Steeple View requested suggestions on unused food. It was discussed but no real suggestions were made that could be reported back to help with the surplus.

Trustee Report

Trustee Ashine reported paperwork is needed by NYSDOT to get speed limit signs. Pass a village ordinance to get a sign and they will approve. Motion made to purchase one digital speed limit sign to try out that will be movable by Trustee Bush and seconded by Trustee Richardson with all in favor. Trustee Ashline will purchase the sign.

Trustee Bush discussed the term length of Trustees. Suggesting that maybe it be turned back to 2 years. No decisions were made.

Trustee Bush discussed maintenance regarding getting someone else certified for water and sewer in case something happens. There are candidates that work for other municipalities that may be interested. It was discussed to be considering the addition of another employee in the next year or so to begin training and getting certified as well.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM by a motion by Trustee Richardson , seconded by Trustee Bush . All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy A Martin

Village Clerk