

September 8, 2021

Mayor Julie Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge to the flag.

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

The meeting was held at the Croghan Volunteer Fire Department.

Guests

John Farney, Daniel Farney, Steve Monnat, Steve Winkly, Tom Kalamus, John Jones, Charlotte Schweitzer

Public Comment

John Farney spoke first. John is concerned that the bill that the village sent his son Daniel for the water main break that happened in March is not his bill. John feels the bill should fall on the village, because the break happened inside the village lines and Daniel lives outside of the village. John also feels that they are willing to pay a portion of the **bill** and the village picking up the balance. Much discussion was had as to the village boundaries and whether Daniel Farney was liable for the break. Village Clerk Dawn Ashline will read the village water law and see if anything is in the law in regard to this matter.

Steve Monnat explained that they have a floor drain at their business, Monnat and Nortz, that has a grease trap, and it is inspected by DEC annually. Steve would like to ask the village if they could put reroute the drain in the floor to the village sewer at their cost. He feels that in the wintertime when they wash off vehicles to work on them it stresses and overflows their grease trap. By putting a separate drain in, this would eliminate the problem.

Mitch will consult with DEC to first be sure that this would be allowed, and we will also check the sewer law for the village and give an answer later.

Steve Winkly, Hydro Geologist from Rural Water Association addressed the village board about developing a free Drinking water source protection plan for the village. His plan would entail looking at the topography of our land and the wells and devising a plan that would define impacts of our drinking water supply for recharging the system and defining any potential threats to the system.

The plan is free because it is through a federal grant. After the plan is completed, the village can file it with the state and potentially use it to apply for future grants with the state. It will take approximately 6-12 months to complete the plan. It is suggested that after the plan is complete the village should revisit it every 5 years and make sure it stays updated.

A motion by trustee Nortz second by trustee Bush to go forward with Steve Winkly developing this drinking water source protection plan. Trustee Widrick in favor. Motion passed.

Steve Winkly stated that his office also offers a free energy audit. Mayor Robinson will email Jake Gardner at nyruralwater.org for more information.

Tom Kalamus and John Jones spoke about the recent LED lighting project they did for the Beaver Falls Lighting District. They heard about the LED light project we are working on through NYPA and wanted to give us information as to the same project we are doing but through National Grid.

When all was said and done the Beaver Falls Light District is realizing a 25% savings on their streetlights and National Grid still owns the lights. When we are completed with our project, we will anticipate an eventual 50% savings and will own the lights (not the poles or brackets). Maintenance of the lights will be through a private company.

Trustee Nortz asked Mr. Kalamus why the Town of Croghan gives more money to the Beaver Falls Beach than they do to the Croghan Recreational area? She would like the Town of Croghan Board to give more money to the Croghan Recreational Park as it is utilized by the town of Croghan citizens. Mr. Kalamus and Jones both stated they would bring it to the Town of Croghan Board during their Budget discussions.

Charlotte Schweitzer gave a report regarding the swimming pool and the lifeguards for this past summer 2021 season. She reported that she had 3 Senior lifeguards at 30 hours per week and 3 junior lifeguards at lesser hours but hopefully the junior lifeguards will become senior lifeguards next year.

Charlotte also stated that they had approximately 2-300 people at times at the beach on the good days with approximately 75-100 people in the pool.

It was discussed at the beginning of the season there would be no swimming lessons to start out but as COVID lifted the lifeguards would have impromptu swimming lessons with some of the pool attendees.

It was discussed that next year we start earlier (April) in getting the pool permit. Also, it will be decided next year whether to give swim lessons and if so what time of day would be best to do this.

Charlotte was questioned on the closing of the pool during the day and what policy did she go by. It is the lifeguards understanding that if no one has been at the pool for a while and the lifeguards have all their maintenance and custodial duties completed they could leave.

If the weather is lightening, they should shut down. If the water is a certain temperature that could be detrimental to the little kids, they could shut down.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was reviewed by the trustees. Trustee Nortz made the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Trustee Bush seconded motion. Trustee Widrick voted Yes motion passed.

Trustee Nortz made motion to allow transfers seconded by trustee Bush. Trustee Widrick voted yes. Motion carried.

General Fund Abstract	#4	71-84	\$3,495.38
General Fund Abstract	#4A	86-88	\$1,947.26
General Fund Abstract	#4AB	98-105	\$3,813.61
General Fund Abstract	#4ABB	89-97	\$6,041.86
Water Fund Abstract	#4	27-36	\$12,097.86
Water Fund Abstract	#4A	37-39	\$2,014.55
Sewer Fund Abstract	#4	29-35	\$2,753.99

Trustee Nortz motioned to accept transfers needed. Seconded by Trustee Bush. All in favor.

General Fund Abstract #4
\$183.00 from A-1640.13 to A-1640.2

Water Fund Abstract #4
\$1.00 from F-8320.11 to F-8320.1
\$825.00 from F-1990.4 to F-8340.2

Clerk Report

A motion by Trustee Nortz seconded by Trustee Bush to approve the amended minutes. Trustee Widrick in favor. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report

Mitch measured the "drop" to have the drains in front of the post office rerouted to the DI on State Route 812 by Monnat and Nortz's. After taking measurements he states the drop is not enough to get the water to drain that way. After much discussion it was decided that Mitch will investigate the cost of a lift station to pump the water down to the DI on State Route 812.

Mitch states that all the cameras are up. The following cameras are placed as so- 4 are placed on the "shop" village garage, 1 on the front pointing towards Convent Street, 1 pointing down Parkside Drive, 1 on the back of the garage and one pointing towards the ball field, there is 1 camera at the far end of the ice rink inside, 1 on the far right, 1 on the far left and 1 in the warming room, 1 in the hallway where the restrooms are and 1 out front that gets the view of the parking lot, 1 is pointing towards 3rd base and 1 points towards the tennis courts and the last one catches the view of the whole pool. These cameras are not hooked up to Wi-Fi. They activate when they sense movement and will videotape.

Mitch states that he turned the water off at the pool and after about a week there was still water in the pool, so he feels the leak in the liner is not major.

Mitch mapped out a 33X33 spot at the playground and states that we need to prep for the new playground equipment that will be coming in. He would like to know what old equipment they can remove and what will be staying. It was decided that the old swing and dome climber (jungle gym) will be eliminated.

There was a water main break on State Route 812 on August 19,2021. It was located approximately in front of the old Thomas Market/Tim's Market. It took about 12-14 hours to get it repaired with many people helping with it. We were required by the state to put the road back the way it was after fixing the break, so Mitch had Jason Carroll repair it since he was already putting the new driveway in at the garage.

Jason Carroll's bill for both jobs will be approximately \$7,000-\$7500. Mitch believes that some of the Chips money can go towards this bill as the repair was on a "village street". He will check with Trustee Richardson regarding this.

There was discussion about the contractors we can call for work needing to be done for the village. After the discussion it was decided that we need to get the rate sheets, copy of insurance, and dig safe certificate from each of the contractors we use. Chad Pate, Cedarcrest and North Country Earthworks. The Trustees will also have to add North Country Earthworks to the Rules and Procedures.

The concrete picnic table and benches have been delivered and can be seen by the library. Mitch will get some clear sealant to treat the concrete.

There is a façade streetscape grant that the village could apply for. Mayor Robinson will check with some businesses on State Route 812 to see if they are interested before we apply for the grant.

Trustee Bush made a motion to hire Eager Beaver Tree Service to remove the tree beside the library. The motion was seconded by Trustee or Nortz, Trustee Widrick voted yes. Motion was carried. Mitch will contact Mike Boliver and set up a time to remove the tree.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Robinson reported that Steve Monnat, chief of the fire department was contacted by Techtonic. They are looking for any records or hazards that have been reported on at the Verizon Cell tower site on the Croghan Reservoir Road. Steve stated to the mayor there has never been any calls made to the site by the fire department.

The keys that Bill Shambo had have been turned back to the village. Bill passed away recently and was a long-time trustee for the village of Croghan.

There was discussion to the pros and cons to keeping Frontier as our phone and internet service opposed to Spectrum. Mayor Robinson will do more research as to the better deal and get back to the trustees with more information.

Mayor Robinson asked if there was any money in the budget to refurbish the old Christmas lights that hang off the light poles. There is \$500 that can be spent on the lights. The motion was made by Trustee Nortz seconded by trustee Bush and voted yes by trustee Widrick for Mayor Robinson to purchase what is needed out of the \$500 fund.

It was decided that on October 25th and 26th the village will borrow the leaf vacuum from the Village of Lowville and Mitch and Pat will vacuum leaves only, from taxpayers' properties that have raked their leaves to the curb. Mayor Robinson will announce this on the Facebook page.

There is \$2,000 left for the village to use of the planning department funds. Mayor Robinson will be purchasing 2 garbage cans from Lowe's or Home Depot.

Mayor Robinson has announced new appointments for the trustees and departments they will oversee. Trustee Richardson- street, Trustee Nortz Park and recreation, Trustee Bush- Water, Trustee Widrick Sewer.

Much discussion was had regarding the LED light project. The project will go forward but there are some more questions that need to be answered and Mayor Robinson and Trustee Nortz will try to get these answers.

Trustee Bush was excused at 10:38.

Trustee Nortz reported that only the Phase one playground equipment has been ordered. The following phases and their approximate costs are as follows, Phase one \$ 31,000, Phase Two \$48,000 and Phase Three \$17,000.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 on a motion by Trustee Nortz and seconded by Trustee Widrick.

Respectfully submitted by Village Clerk Dawn Ashline