

March 11, 2026

Mayor Bush called the meeting to order at 6:04pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Attendees:

Mayor

Keith Bush

Trustees

Dawn Ashline

April Hayes

Mitch Robinson

Kylea Goff

Staff

Betsy Boliver, Clerk

Liz Jones, Deputy Clerk

Charlene Moser, Treasurer

Brandon DeLong, Village Maint (Absent)

Travis Waldron, Village Maint (Absent)

Also in attendance: Traci Boliver, Legislator Tom Kalamas, Jane Kalamas, and Paul Shephard

Floor/Discussion:

Traci Boliver spoke on behalf of the Croghan Recreation Committee, giving the Board an update on the funds available and expenses they generally help the Croghan Recreation Park with. The Board discussed various needs for the Rec Park and are hoping to connect more and work together on projects with the Committee.

Legislator Tom Kalamas briefed the Board on two resolutions the County recently passed that caps electric bills. He has met with two National Grid representatives to discuss the rising costs of electricity.

Paul Shepard gave his monthly update from RACOG. The next meeting will be held in Castorland on May 28th. He covered all upcoming meetings, training, and grants offered. If the Village is ever interested in applying for a grant, he said RACOG will assist in applying for and writing grants. The Village is still waiting on a progress report for the new website and .gov emails.

Maintenance Report:

Brandon was unable to attend the meeting, so he submitted a maintenance report that was distributed to all Board members. A copy of this report is included at the end of these minute proceedings.

Treasurer's Report:

Charlene discussed budget transfers. **Motion** by Trustee Ashline and seconded by Trustee Robinson to make the necessary transfers. All in favor.

Charlene reported 31 outstanding water invoices and 24 outstanding sewer invoices. She distributed copies of the proposed 2025-26 budget for the Board's review and discussed any changes she made from last year. Discussion was had on various upcoming projects throughout the Village for the next fiscal year. A budget hearing for the proposed budget has been scheduled for the next Board meeting on April 8, 2026, at 6:00pm.

The Board reviewed current water rates, and an increase for the upcoming year was suggested. Currently the rates are: \$125 plus \$0.72/1,000 gallons for inside users and outside users pay \$156 plus \$0.90/1,000 gallons. It is proposed to increase inside users to \$225 plus \$1.00/1,000 gallons and outside users to \$281 plus \$1.25/1,000 gallons with an option to pay bi-annually with a \$5.00 fee per installment. A public hearing for the increased water rates has also been scheduled for the next Board meeting on April 8, 2026.

The treasurer's report was included in the Board's packet. **Motion** by Trustee Ashline and seconded by Trustee Goff to accept the treasurer's report. All in favor.

Clerk's Report:

Motion by Trustee Ashline and a second by Trustee Hayes to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2026 meeting. All in favor.

Motion by Trustee Ashline and a second by Trustee Robinson to pay the bills. All in favor.

Betsy informed the Board of the 2026 assessment notification received from the Town of Croghan Assessor following their recent reval. They estimated a decrease in taxes of \$6,350.

In order to join the New York State and Local Retirement System, a Standard Work Day Resolution for Employees needed to be passed. A **motion** was made by Trustee Hayes and seconded by Trustee Robinson adopting the Standard Work Day Resolution for Employees. A copy of this resolution is included at the end of these minute proceedings.

Mayor's Report:

A memo from Barton & Loguidice was included in the meeting packet. The memo provides updates regarding the water project, and a copy is included at the end of these minute proceedings.

Due to significant snowfall, Brandon recently contacted the Croghan Fire Department to assist with access along the water main line. They agreed to help; however, during the process, their UTV broke down. Mayor Bush reported that the Fire Department has requested the Village contribute toward the repair costs. A **motion** was made by Trustee Hayes and seconded by Trustee Robinson to provide \$200 to the Croghan Fire Department for the UTV repair.

The Proposed Zoning Law was tabled for a couple months.

The Board discussed the Recreation Park and agreed it would be beneficial to invite Charlotte Schweitzer to the next Board meeting to review and finalize details for the upcoming swim season.

It was noted that some students may be interested in volunteer opportunities and could assist with upcoming Village maintenance.

Mayor Bush proposed downsizing the dump truck to eliminate the CDL requirement, with plans to sell the current truck and retain the pickup.

A **motion** was made by Trustee Ashline and seconded by Trustee Hayes for the Board to enter Executive Session at 8:42pm to discuss personnel issues.

A **motion** was made by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Hayes to exit Executive Session at 8:53pm with no action taken.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Robinson reported that he spoke with Jasin Carroll, who might be able to supply the sand for the ongoing sand bed replacement project. Trustee Robinson will continue to follow up.

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm was made by Trustee Ashline and seconded by Trustee Robinson. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Tabolt Boliver