

State of New York  
Village of Croghan  
Village Board Meeting

April 13,2022

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

Attendance	Mayor Julie Robinson
Trustees-	Bruce Widrick left at 7:35 PM Keith Bush arrived 7:40 PM Linda Nortz Lloyd Richardson
Treasurer	Charlene Moser
Deputy Clerk	Liz Jones
Clerk	Dawn Ashline
Village Maintenance	Mitch Robinson

The meeting was held at the Village Garage.

#### Guests

Steve Monnat

Leslie Cherry

#### Public Comment

Steve Monnat, representing the Croghan Fire Department, submitted Fire Department reports, Roster, List of Officers, calls made and budget reports.

Leslie Cherry representing the Beaver River Little League, requested to be able to put up a batting cage at the park. All costs for purchase, assembly and maintenance would be solely the Little Leagues responsibility. Little League will carry insurance and be liable for any claims made involving the batting cage. A waiver must be signed and a certificate of liability is needed before the league can assemble the cage.

#### Maintenance Report

Mitch reported that the volleyball net at the park is broke so he took the whole thing down. Asked the board if they want him to purchase another one. Board decided to not do anything unless they get requests to have it back.

Mitch picked up the spare streetlights. The village is waiting to hear from NYSERDA on who will be maintaining the lights. Mitch will need to find a place to store the lights until then.

The new scoreboard is tentatively arriving May 15<sup>th</sup>. Wendell Kuhl will be contacted to put the replacement lights in the scoreboard as softball games may be starting before the new scoreboard is in.

Mitch has reported that the chlorine tablets have jumped in price considerably at Buckingham Hardware so Mitch will be ordering them through Slack Chemical.

Mitch states that on Monday he had problems with the skid steer's lifting mechanism. He called the company, and they came out to fix it. He is now seeing what he thinks is an oil leak but is unsure where it is coming from. He will be calling the company to come and look at it but wanted to remind the board that the warranty runs out on May 19<sup>th</sup> for the skid steer.

Mitch checked with several loggers about the logs at the cell tower site. No discussion after hearing the information.

Mitch brought up that he feels that one of the trustees on the board does not trust his decisions and has gone behind his back to question Mitch's integrity. He stated this because he heard that an unnamed trustee went and talked to Al Shaw about fixing the road at sewer plant which has been discussed at previous meetings, after Mitch had already reported to the board what Al Shaw had told him in a previous discussion.

Trustee Widrick spoke up and stated that he talked to Al Shaw. After back-and-forth discussion the mayor

informed Trustee Widrick that she has consulted NYCOM and they have told her that she could ask him for his resignation if she feels it is fit and just. She stated that he could refuse to. Trustee Widrick left the meeting at 7:30 PM and returned at 7:50PM and presented the clerk with a resignation letter.

Mitch will be having surgery Friday. The board asked that he have a note from the Doctor clearing him for work before he comes back.

#### Clerk Report

The clerk reported that the heads of the Croghan Fire Department Chief-Steve Monnat, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant-Pat Lyng, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant- Rob Shutz and 3rd Assistant- Collin Edick, have signed the oath of office, before the meeting.

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

#### Mayor's Report

Budget Hearing: Mayor Robinson closed the budget hearing at 7:55PM on a motion by Trustee Bush seconded by Trustee Nortz, with all in favor. After discussion, the 2022-2023 proposed budget was approved by the board. Resolve to adopt proposed budget presented on a motion by Trustee Richardson and seconded by Trustee Bush and that the clerk issue the tax warrant to the Village Treasurer in the amount of \$75,000.

Mayor Robinson opened the sealed bids for the 2022 Septic Pumping Season. 1<sup>st</sup> bid from Gleason's Septic and Drain Service, Inc. was .175 cents per gallon, second bid was from Pomerville Septic Services, Inc. was .17 cents. The board awarded the bid to Pomerville Septic Services, Inc. On a motion by Trustee Bush seconded by Trustee Richardson all in favor Bush-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Nortz-Aye, Widrick-absent

No bids were received for the food stand. It was discussed to put out a news release to food trucks if they were interested in parking at the field during game nights/practices and selling food.

The village owned parking lot adjacent to the library was discussed regarding repaving it this year. It was decided that Trustee Richardson will get a price for expanding the lot and repaving it and inquiring if CHIP funds can be used or not.

Two quotes were received regarding the cracks on the library building. After much discussion it was decided that nothing will be done at this time as it is not structural.

Mayor Robinson talked to NYCOM regarding our Property Maintenance Law. The option regarding the law is the following, 1. The village hires a code enforcement officer who becomes a village employee. Or 2. Enter in an intermunicipal agreement with the county, do away with our laws and run under the codes of the county. Mayor Robinson will call the county code enforcement officer and get more information if the village decides to go with the second option.

Clerk Ashline reported that she has printed off the grant applications and sent them to Travis Proulx and the Croghan Island Mill as there was information on them the owners of these historic buildings would only know. The village is applying for a grant to pay for the historic signs in front of the Basselin House and the Croghan Island Mill.

Mayor Robinson asked if the board would like a cleanup day this spring for the village taxpayers. The board felt it was too late in the season to do one at this point but would like to plan one for fall, like last year.

There were no applications for the permanent part time employee position. We will readvertise.

LED light update is, Mayor Robinson will be on a conference call tomorrow April 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 to get more information.

The cell tower will be going up tentatively May 15<sup>th</sup>.

The green space where the village would like to dress up by the old firehall and library will be remeasured since it was decided to expand the parking lot which will lessen the size that was going to be planted with flowers and the old jail house doors.

Mayor Robinson stated Grand Slam can powder coat the jail house doors for \$472. It was decided to use up the history budget and have it done.

The mayor asked if the new benches should be painted or stained. No decision was made.

Mayor Robinson stated that the Town of Watson posts their agenda's publicly so the mayor would like to do the same in hopes it would bring taxpayers/public to the meetings.

Buckingham Hardware has asked the village if we had land that they could start a community garden. They would supply all the needs. After much discussion it was decided to go back to Buckingham Hardware and suggest that they ask the Steepleview Apartment owners if it could be placed out back of the building.

Mayor Robinson is concerned about the corner of Shady/Convent Street and State Route 812. She feels that the traffic is fast through there and that it is dangerous coming off Convent Street when there are big trucks parked in front of H&L Motors. She stated that she has emailed Mark O'Connor, lead engineer at the Lowville NYSDOT. She received no response, so she emailed Donald Mattimore, engineer for NYSDOT, and has not received a response from him either. Clerk Ashline will ask Mr. Mattimore to contact Mayor Robinson over her concerns.

#### Treasurer's Report

The treasures report was read, Trustee Bush made a motion to accept the treasures report, Trustee Richardson seconded, adopted-Aye 3 Bush, Nortz, Richardson Nay-0. Motion approved

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

General Fund #11	vouchers 241-254A for \$12,840.56
General Fund #11	vouchers 256-259 for \$2,288.25
Water Fund # 11	vouchers 95-102, 94C for \$4,361.90
Water Fund # 11A	vouchers 103-104 for \$1,444.87
Water Fund # 11B	voucher 105 for \$500.0
Sewer Fund #11	vouchers 89-99 for \$4,283.31

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 Widrick-Absent

Transfers:

General Fund

\$115 from A-1450.4 to A-1420.4

\$97 from A-1450.4 to A-1640.4

\$2,432 from A-1990.4 to A-1910.4

\$382 from A-5182.4 to A-7140.12

\$207 from A-7140.421 to A-7140.412

\$102 from A=7140.45 to A-9055.8

\$322 from A-7140.45 to A-9050.8

Water Fund

\$258 from F-8330.12 to F-8320.41

\$1 from F-8330.12 to F-8340.1

\$102 from F-8340.44 to F-9055.8

Sewer Fund

\$102 from G-8130.48 to G-9055.

Treasurer Moser presented the board with the 2020/2021 Water/Sewer relevely to 2022 Village Tax for a total relevely of \$12,601.03

Trustee Report

Trustee Nortz reported that Ben Buell has looked over the spot where the Phase One playground equipment will be erected. He has informed Mitch what he will need to start the first phase. Mitch will order the items.

Music at the Mansion is being overseen by Travis Proulx. No other information was given.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM by a motion by Trustee Richardson, seconded by Trustee Nortz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Village Clerk Dawn Ashline