

Mayor Michael Monnat called the regular meeting of the Village Board to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Trustees Bruce Widrick, Lloyd Richardson, and Linda Nortz. Also present were Treasurer Charlene Moser, Deputy Clerk Liz Jones, Clerk Kay Sabo, and Public Works Maintenance Worker Chris Nortz. Trustee Matt Nortz was excused. Glen Gagnier joined the meeting at 6:55 pm. Rob Company and AJ Vieth from Fourth Coast joined at 7:25 pm.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and after discussion, a **motion** was made by Trustee Widrick, seconded by Trustee Richardson, and carried to approve the report as read. Charlene presented the overdue water report for residents outside the district.

The Treasurer did the preliminary filing for the Constitutional Tax Limit, and announced that we do not have to override the tax cap this year.

Charlene presented two budgets, one with suggested pay raises from the Mayor, and the other without. Public hearing for the adoption of the 2018-2019 budget is set for April 11, 2018.

A **motion was** made by Trustee Widrick seconded by Trustee Linda Nortz and carried that

General Fund Abstract	#10 229 – 240	\$ 4,319.07
Water Fund Abstract	#10 106 – 107	\$ 350.15
Water Fund Payroll Abstract	#10A 108 – 111	\$ 1,751.60
Water Fund Board Payroll Abstract	#10B 112 – 120	\$ 5,705.45
Sewer Fund Abstract	#10 68 – 70	\$ 1,309.08
Sewer Fund Payroll Abstract	#10A 71 -- 73	\$ 2,017.01

be forwarded to the Treasurer for payment. **Motion** passed.

Trustee Linda Nortz offered the following Resolution, seconded by Trustee Widrick and carried by a vote of YES 3 – NO 0. Resolve the Village Treasurer be authorized to transfer:

\$ 241.00 from	A-1440.4	to	A-1355.4
\$ 62.00 from	A-5110.42	to	A-1640.4
\$ 159.00 from	A-7140.41	to	A-7140.411
\$ 30.00 from	A-7140.41	to	A-7140.42
\$ 284.00 from	F-8340.44	to	F-8330.12

Clerk Report:

- The Clerk signed paperwork giving the county permission to print tax bills.
- The ads for the Food Stand and Septic pumping bids have been published in the Journal.
- Support letter to SWAP (Safe Water Infrastructure Action Program) to be sent to Senator Joe Griffo and Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush was signed by the Mayor.
- The Mayor signed Youth Agreement from Town of New Bremen. They will be donating \$4,000.

The minutes of the February 14, and February 20, 2018 meetings were approved on a **motion** by Trustee Linda Nortz, seconded by Trustee Richardson. All were in favor.

Chris Nortz report:

- Chris gave commitment to Bobcat for a new skidsteer and bigger blower totaling \$11,913.54. By committing now, \$1,100 will be deducted from the total cost. The Mayor had sent an email on February 20th to board members asking for approval to commit to Bobcat. Trustee Widrick, Trustee Richardson, and Trustee Linda Nortz all responded with a “Yes”.
- Chris summarized the content of a meeting he attended in Carthage on February 23 concerning the GIS mapping that took place last summer. It is possible to go on their website and create a map of Croghan with detailed information that could be helpful in many ways, including finding location of curb stops, hydrants, etc. for making repairs.
- Family skate night was a great success. Lou Meyers from the Croghan Legion may want to have more family skate nights next year.
- The Ladies Recreation Committee would like to meet with Chris in April to discuss plans for the park.

Mayor Monnat report:

- The Mayor presented a quote from Kevin Widrick to extend the office wall at the garage for \$9,500. After discussion it was decided to seek quotes for only adding a door and not extending the wall.
- The Mayor has requested an application from Lewis County Youth Employment for two part-time workers this summer.
- Chris was asked to get updated quotes for scan water meters.
- Trustee Linda and Mayor Mike met with Attorney Farley. It was recommended that the village turn the assessing of property over to the county. This could be used as a shared service. The clerk will invite Candy Aiken from Real Property to attend another meeting to answer any questions. Also Mr. Farley was asked about the village purchasing the Maple Museum, and he does not recommend it. He also informed us that Bridge Street Park cannot be sold if it is a designated park. There was discussion with the attorney about selling the Library. Glen Gagnier suggested checking the deed because he believed it was stated that the building had to remain as village property. After much discussion it was decided to set a meeting up with the Library Board of Trustees for March 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm to discuss our lease agreement which is due to be renewed.
- Discussion again took place about updating office equipment. Trustee Richardson offered to find out if BRCS students could scan information this summer to free up physical storage space. Joe Virkler will be contacted about new laptop and transferring files from old computer to our present one.

Solar Energy – Fourth Coast

Rob Campany reviewed the Financial Analysis he had emailed to the Mayor. The estimated cost to have Fourth Cost do everything at the Ice Rink, Water and Sewer Plants would be \$285,126.57. If the village could do some of the work, he estimated to cost to be \$239,586.57. He would do the paperwork for the NYSERDA grant, and would also assist and direct us for additional grants to help with the cost. If NYSERDA approves grant, they usually like to have the work to be done in 180 days, although grant extensions are a possibility.

Rob estimated that our break-even point for payoff would be approximately 15 years, and then the village would start making money. Solar panels are lasting about 25 -28 years. If the village decides to move forward with the project the next step is to get the NYSERDA grant locked in, which Rob would do. The village can decide to only do one of the sites instead of all three, and even after the grant is approved we can back out if we change our plans if we don't feel we can get enough funds from other grants to start the project.

The board decided to discuss financial assistance at another time and attempt to meet with State Assemblyman Kenneth Blankenship and Senator Joe Griffo. The Mayor will reach out to Rob and let him know our decision at a later date.

Glen Gagnier, Rob Company and AJ Vieth left the meeting at 8:40 pm.

The meeting continued:

The board reviewed and recommended changes to our Rules and Procedures and Employee Handbook.

Trustee Widrick is checking into logging off timber at the Water Plant.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. on a **motion** by Trustee Richardson, seconded by Trustee Widrick and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Kay Sabo
Village Clerk