

Village of Creston Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 6, 2010 @ 7:30pm @ The Muni. Bldg.

The Village of Creston Council met Monday, December 6, 2010 @ 7:30pm @ The Muni. Bldg.

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Cm. Thomas Barrett, Cm. Lyle Kalina, Cm. Patrick Stefano, Cw. Gerry Mills, Cm. Keith Studer, Cm. Marlin Hostettler, Supt. Jason Flory, Mayor William Armentrout, Solicitor Allan Michelson and Clerk/Treas. Pam Hostetler taking the meeting minutes.

Others present: Andy Webb, Bob Morehead reporter from The Post, Walter Perry, Harley Rood, Kaylene Hostettler, Charlotte Stefano, Tom Phillips, Dan Rittenhouse and Frank Haight

Mayor William Armentrout called the meeting to order, and welcomed everyone.

Mayor Armentrout asked for approval of the November 1, 2010 meeting minutes

A motion was then made by Cw. Gerry Mills and 2nd. by Cm. Patrick Stefano to approve the November 1, 2010 meeting minutes.

Roll Call

6 for, 0 against

Motion carried

Mayor Armentrout addressed the following:

- 1. Mayor Armentrout** thanked everyone for their kindness, thoughts and prayers in remembrance of his mother who passed away last week. Bill thanked Village employees and elected officials for the memorial tree to be planted at the Park.

2. Mayor's Monthly report:

Total Incident Reports – 90
Total citations issued – 30
Total money received - \$1,914.50
Village received - \$1,234.50
Computer Fund - \$154.00
State received - \$526.00
Enforcement & Education - \$0.00
Drug Fund - \$0.00
OCJS – discontinued as of 7/1/09

- 3. Mayor Armentrout** went over the November 2010 Maintenance report.

- Picked up leaves
 - Worked on Int. dump truck (replaced brakes, serviced, painted frame, prep for winter)
 - Cleaned up and serviced weed eaters and push mower
 - Repaired water line at car wash
 - Open and closed one (1) grave
 - Patched holes in Crestview Allotment
 - Filled in holes behind Creston Community Center
 - Worked on police cars. (checked brakes)
 - Serviced Sewer Dept. Ford truck
4. Finance discussed raises and decided that since the Village pays 100% of the Health Insurance for the Village employees and the state of the economy, they felt that the 10% rate increase on Health Insurance was enough for now. Finance did recognize that the Village employees are doing an excellent job. Mayor Armentrout asked if there were any comments. A short discussion was held.
 5. Columbia Gas sent a letter stating that with the PUCO Replacement program which has been updating the current system, Columbia Gas will be raising resident's gas bill approximately \$1.43 per month.
 6. I have received the annual Liquor License Permit renewal letter which states that if we have any problems with any of the establishments that currently have a Liquor License, the Village can appeal to not allow their Liquor License renewed. Mayor Armentrout asked if anyone had any comments or concerns regarding this. The Solicitor stated that this is only for complaints and if there would be complaints, the Village would have to do a Resolution.
 7. The Village has a new business owner, owner Ken Czervenich of the car wash.
 8. Chief Eric Peters has completed and passed all of the required exams pertaining to the hiring process.
 9. We have a pending lawsuit self written by Murphy vs. Koster in which police officers were listed as part of eighteen (18) different agencies listed in this lawsuit. The case has been referred to the Solicitor and to the insurance Carrier. The Solicitor stated that he would get with Pam Hostetler after the meeting to get the information needed.

A motion was then made by Cm. Keith Studer and 2nd. by Cm. Thomas Barrett to approve turning over the pending Lawsuit of Murphy vs. Koster to the Village insurance carrier Selective Insurance.

Roll Call

6 for, 0 against

Motion carried

10. Finance has discussed and is recommending to Council to purchase the Ohio Basic Digital Code Description disc for the Police Dept. This would be an annual cost of \$495.00 per year. A short discussion was held.

A motion was then made by Cm. Patrick Stefano and 2nd. by Cm. Lyle Kalina to approve no more than \$1,700.00 out of M & R for purchase of plasma cutter for the Village.

Roll Call

6 for, 0 against

Motion carried

Cm. Keith Studer asked Jason the status of the catch basins. Jason said he has the one and is waiting on decent weather.

Cw. Gerry Mills asked Jason if the garage door openers are installed. Jason said that the openers are coming.

Cw. Gerry Mills asked Jason what the thirteen (13) footers were on the maintenance report. Are they at the Cemetery? Jason said yes.

Cw. Gerry Mills asked Jason if the surveying has been completed. Jason stated that the surveyor's GPS broke, but will have the surveying completed shortly. A short discussion was held.

Cm. Keith Studer -

1. The Community Center committee would like to put on a Santa's Workshop for the children and Finance has discussed and agreed to match donations up to \$300.00 for this event and recommend to Council for approval. Cm. Marlin Hostettler was asked how much in donations they have so far. Marlin stated they were pretty close to the \$300.00. A short discussion was held.

A motion was then made by Cw. Gerry Mills and 2nd. by Cm. Thomas Barrett to approve no more than \$300.00 in matching funds for donations collected for Santa's Workshop.

Roll Call

6 for, 0 against

Motion carried

2. Community Center committee would like to pay an extra \$500.00 a month on the Community Center loan. Finance didn't approve to recommend because Marlin wasn't sure how much it would save the Village in interest. Keith asked Marlin if he found out that information. Marlin stated right around \$4,000 - \$5,000 savings in interest.

A motion was then made by Cm. Marlin Hostettler to approve paying \$500.00 extra each month on the Community Center loan until the end of the current loan which is in 2016.

There was no 2nd. on the above motion and the motion died on the table.

Cm. Lyle Kalina stated that there will have to be a debt reduction at some point.

Cm. Marlin Hostettler stated that there will be refinance charges for the remaining balloon payment to be refinanced.

Cm. Thomas Barrett stated that we should sell the Community Center.

Cm. Marlin Hostettler asked if we want to sell for a \$150,000.00 loss.

Mayor Armentrout stated that the committee is trying to come up with a plan and that's good.

Cm. Marlin Hostettler stated that more people are renting the building and we are having the Santa's Workshop free to the children to come and make a gift for a loved one.

Cm. Keith Studer stated that he would like to see a report after the Workshop.

Cm. Marlin Hostettler said ok.

3. Power in the Muni. Building needs some attention. The meter wires that lead into the building are exposed. Hackworth has given the Village an estimate of \$2,762.00. Because of new codes, a new 100amp. Panel needs installed and the wiring needs rerouted, etc. Hackworth has always treated the Village very well. A short discussion was held.

A motion was then made by Cm. Marlin Hostettler and 2nd. by Cm. Thomas Barrett to approve quote of \$2,762.00 from Hackworth Electric for electrical work at the Muni. Building and to take from General Fund.

Roll Call

6 for, 0 against

Motion carried

Cm. Thomas Barrett –

1. Tests are getting done for the sergeants
2. Police policies are being updated

Cm. Lyle Kalina –

1. Good news, we are ready for 3rd. step of SRTS, Miss Chichello stated that December 14th. will be the field review at 1:00pm.
2. There is a need to update codification for Ordinances and Resolutions.

Cm. Patrick Stefano –

1. A big thank you to Jason Flory for all the hard work during the year. Jason thanked everyone for their support and for approving the tools and equipment needed for his department to get the jobs done.

Cm. Marlin Hostettler-

1. I sure do appreciate the articles in the Trading Post.
2. I think you're making a big mistake not trying to pay down on some of this debt. A short discussion was held.

Cw. Gerry Mills-

Cm. Lyle Kalina stated that Gerry Mills had asked him to present the Admin./Rules recommendations. Admin./Rules will meet December 21, 2010 to finalize the

customers witnessing this. Marlin then went to other Village businesses and bad mouthed about her. Marlin stated that wasn't what happened outside Helen's business. Helen and Marlin continued arguing back and forth until Mayor Armentrout stepped in and stopped the argument. Mayor Armentrout advised Council in the future to be respectful and love each other. We all need to work together and treat others as you would want to be treated. Marlin then stated that he would apologize to Helen if Helen would apologize to him. They both apologized to each other.

Mayor Armentrout asked if there was anything else to discuss.

Mayor Armentrout then told all Council members that the chairpersons from the committees need to do their own presentations not have someone else do it for them.

Cm. Lyle Kalina advised Council members that as chairpersons we need to get the meeting agendas to Pam by Friday before the meetings.

Next Council meeting will be Monday, January 3, 2011 @ 7:30pm. @ Muni. Building.

A motion was then made by Cm. Patrick Stefano and 2nd. by Cm. Thomas Barrett to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call

6 for, 0 against

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela J. Hostettler, Clerk/Treas.