

Drug Fund - \$75.00

OCJS – discontinued as of 7/1/09

2. Mayor Armentrout went over the February 2011 Maintenance report.

- Salt and plow streets (used est. 20 tons salt in February)
- Repaired Int. dump truck (hydraulic lines, new safety lights)
- Repaired 71/2 Myers snow plow
- Started building the new asphalt drag
- Cleaned off catch basins
- Patched pot holes
- Open and closed two (2) graves
- Installed strobe lights and painted up skid loader
- Had community service workers clean and paint inside water plant

3. Mayor Armentrout informed everyone that the Police Chief Hiring team interviewed two applicants for the position, Lewis Crawford and Bryon Meshew. Mayor Armentrout announced that the Police Chief hiring team selected Bryon Meshew and are recommending to Council for approval. Mayor Armentrout then asked Bryon Meshew to tell everyone a little bit about himself.

Bryon Meshew stated that he served as Dalton Sergeant for 1 year. Bryon came to Creston November of 2010 under Eric Peters. Eric Peters was then called back to the Sheriff's Department.

A motion was then made by Cp. Patrick Stefano and 2nd. by Cm. Marlin Hostettler to approve hiring Bryon Meshew as Interim part-time Police Chief.

Roll Call

6 for, 0 against

Motion carried

Mayor Armentrout then swore in Bryon Meshew with the Oath of Office.

4. Mayor Armentrout stated that he has Resolution #11-1, a Transfer Resolution so that Pam Hostetler can transfer funds.

Cm. Thomas Barrett asked for 1st. reading by title only of Resolution #11-1.

Mayor Armentrout read that Resolution #11-1 is a Resolution authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer of the Village to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Park and Recreation Fund, Creston Community Center Fund, Police Fund and the Bond Retirement Fund and Declaring the same an emergency.

A motion was then made by Cm. Thomas Barrett and 2nd. by Cp. Patrick Stefano to suspend 2nd. & 3rd. reading of Resolution #11-1.

Roll Call

6 for, 0 against

Motion carried

A motion was then made by Cm. Thomas Barrett and 2nd. by Cp. Patrick Stefano to adopt Resolution #11-1 as an emergency.

Roll Call

6 for, 0 against

Motion carried

- 5. Mayor Armentrout** addressed the condition of Rt. 3. Mayor Armentrout stated that Rt. 3 is ODOT's responsibility. Jason Flory stated that ODOT did come through and patch some spots but the holes they patch have to be more than a ½ inch deep. Jason stated that his crew will be patching as well as soon as the weather breaks. This will hopefully get us through until ODOT resurfaces Rt. 3.

Supt. Jason Flory –

1. Jason stated that they have been working in the shop and fixing roads.

Solicitor Allan Michelson –

1. **Allan** advised everyone that he has been working with the County Prosecutor's office and with Canaan Twp. Trustees to move Parkside allotment into Canaan Twp. To do this Westfield Twp. would have to let go of it. Medina County and Wayne County both have to agree. Cw. Gerry Mills asked Allan if the voting issue had been taken care of with Parkside. Allan will check into that.

Cp. Patrick Stefano-

1. Pat advised everyone that the Park meeting is March 15, 2011 @ 6:30pm. @ the Municipal Building.

Cm. Thomas Barrett-

1. Tom stated that Safety committee is recommending that the Police Dept. be permitted to purchase a breathalyzer, a tint meter and two (2) tie cameras not to exceed \$960.00. A short discussion was held.

A motion was then made by Cm. Marlin Hostettler and 2nd. by Cp. Patrick Stefano to approve the purchase of a breathalyzer, a tint meter and two (2) tie cameras not to exceed \$960.00.

Roll Call

6 for, 0 against

Motion carried

2. Tom stated that Safety committee is recommending that the Police Dept. be permitted to purchase two (2) cell phones for a total of no more than \$160.00 per month.

A motion was then made by Cm. Marlin Hostettler and 2nd. by Cp. Patrick Stefano to approve the purchase of two (2) cell phones for the Police Dept. at no more than \$160.00 per month.

Roll Call

6 for, 0 against

Motion carried

3. Tom stated that Safety committee is recommending that the Police Dept. be permitted to trade in three (3) inadequate guns and forfeiture guns for two (2) new shot guns with no out of pocket cost. A short discussion was held.

A motion was then made by Cm. Keith Studer and 2nd. by Cp. Patrick Stefano to trade in three (3) inadequate guns and forfeiture guns for two (2) new shot guns with no out of pocket cost.

Roll Call

6 for, 0 against

Motion carried

4. Tom stated that Safety committee is recommending that the Police Dept. be permitted to dispose of the F-3 Police cruiser and sell it on Gov Deals. Tom advised everyone that the F-3 Police cruiser has gas fumes that no one can find and fix the problem. The fumes are so bad that it makes the officers sick. The cruiser is not being used. Jason Flory advised everyone that he would advise scraping the cruiser rather than selling it on Gov Deals because he feels that with the current rate that cruisers are selling at, the scrap price would be higher. A short discussion was held.

A motion was then made by Cp. Patrick Stefano and 2nd. by Cm. Keith Studer to approve scraping Police cruiser F-3.

Roll Call

5 for, Cm. Marlin Hostettler against

Motion carried

Cm. Lyle Kalina –

1. A meeting was held for Safe Routes To School and a decision will be made in the next two (2) weeks as to if we will receive the funding.

Cm. Keith Studer-

1. Keith advised everyone that Finance had a meeting and discussed possible elected official Clerk/Treasurer position being changed to a Fiscal Officer position and possible raises for other elected officials. It was decided that we are leaving the election as is with no raises or elected official changes.

Cm. Marlin Hostettler-

1. Marlin thanked Jason Flory for moving all the tables at the Community Center. Marlin stated that sixteen (16) attended line dancing and the Police Dept. used the facility for training. Jason modified a donated rack into a chair rack. Thanks Jason.

Cw. Gerry Mills-

1. Gerry advised everyone that there will be a Rules Committee meeting in the next week or so.

Clerk/Treas. Pam Hostetler –

1. Pam asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$44,374.48

A motion was then made by Cm. Keith Studer and Cm. Thomas Barrett to approve bills totaling \$44,374.48.

Roll Call

6 for, 0 against

Motion carried

Interim Part-time Chief Bryon Meshew-

1. **Bryon** announced that John Cole who is a laid off Sheriff and Stephanie Farley who is a newly trained officer will be auxiliary officers for the Village.
2. **Bryon** stated that Taser training was held last Saturday @ the Community Center. Every road officer is now certified.
3. **Bryon** stated that the In-Service Crash investigation class has been given.
4. **Bryon** advised everyone that he has met with school administration to obtain a clear line of communication.
5. **Bryon** advised everyone that he has met with Wayne County Prosecutor Dan Lutz.

Old Business-

1. Cm. Lyle Kalina stated that there is a curfew Ordinance on the books in 1998. Solicitor Allan Michelson stated that the Ordinance needs repealed/resended. Allan will get it ready for next month. Allan also stated that he is not able to open the Codified Ordinance CD that Council gave him.

Citizens – None

Mayor Armentrout stated that Jami Dabernig has requested a hearing tonight regarding her termination. Mayor Armentrout advised the citizens in attendance that they can leave now if they would like, but are welcomed to stay for the hearing.

Solicitor Allan Michelson advised everyone that ORC 737.19 states that Jami Dabernig can file a repeal, which she did, and it must be heard at the very next Council meeting which is tonight.

Mayor Armentrout asked if the evidence hearing can be heard in executive session.

Solicitor Allan Michelson replied no, it must be heard in an open hearing. Council's decision must be a vote of four (4) or more.

Mayor Armentrout then asked Interim Police Chief Bryon Meshew to present evidence.

Interim Police Chief Bryon Meshew proceeded to present evidence by reading directly from the handout that he gave to all Council, Mayor and Solicitor. This handout is entered as Council meeting minutes for March 7, 2011 and is available upon request.

Interim Police Chief Bryon Meshew also stated that OLEG is for Law Enforcement purposes only and can be used to run by Social Security number or by name. OLEG pulls from LEADS. Bryon Meshew stated that Mark from the OLEG support line helped him with the audit. MDT (Mobile Data Terminal) does access LEADS but has NO correlation between OLEG and MDT. MDT does NOT access OLEG.

Mayor Armentrout then asked Council if they had any questions. Council did not have any questions.

Mayor Armentrout then asked Jami Dabernig if she had any questions or statement.

Jami Dabernig proceeded to state that in 2005 an officer received a ninety (90) day suspension, not termination.

Jami also stated that if you didn't know someone's Social Security number you would run by name, I ran all by Social Security number.

Jami stated that girls at Stop-n-Go and Circle K are being hit on and that they told her they reported it and that the officer was not disciplined.

Jami stated that she was told she wasn't a team player. Jami asked how she can be a team player if she is pushed out of everything by the other officers.

Jami stated that she was singled out in this investigation and that no other officers were investigated. Jami stated that she has photos on her phone of officers in violation of Village policy.

Jami asked how she can be putting between thirty (30) & sixty (60) miles on the cruiser on her shift if she was spending more time on the internet than time serving our community.

Jami stated that Bryon told her three (3) times that she was not going to be terminated.

