

Village of Creston

Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 1, 2021 @ 7:30pm. via Zoom
Meeting ID 457 724 6320, Access Code 718573

The Village of Creston Council met on Monday, March 1, 2021 @ 7:30pm.

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Mayor John Hall Jr., Cp. Tom Phillips, Cw. Linda Flory, Cm. Aaron Howell, Cm. Aaron Huth, Cm. Marlin Hostettler and Pam Hostetler taking the meeting minutes were all present in person, Cw. Brenda Norris, Supt. Jason Flory, Chief Bryon Meshew and Solicitor Allan Michelson were all present via Zoom.

Others present: Kaylene Hostettler, Lori Rader with First Energy Advisors and Marti McCord

Pledge of Allegiance

1. **Minutes from February 1, 2021 for approval**

A motion was then made by Cw. Linda Flory and 2nd. By Cp. Tom Phillips to approve the February 1 2021 Council meeting minutes.

Roll Call **All in favor** **Motion carried**

Mayor John Hall –

1. John asked for approval of the January 2021 Finance reports

A motion was then made by Cp. Tom Phillips and 2nd. By Cw. Linda Flory to approve the January 2021 Finance reports.

Roll Call **All in favor** **Motion carried**

Citizens Presentations/Comments/Requests –

1. Lori Rader with First Energy Advisors was present because the village electric aggregation is about to expire with First Energy who is now Energy Harbor. Lori with Suvon, LLC dba First Energy Advisors, an energy-consulting firm gave a presentation and provided it in paper form which is part of these meeting minutes. New rate would be 4.89 cents kWh and would end May 2025 with a grant for the now 390 participants @ \$5.00/customer/year or \$1,950/year. Supplier is locked. Residents do nothing to opt in but have twenty-one (21) days to opt out by mail or phone call. Any participant can cancel at any time with no cancellation fee. Solicitor Allan Michelson reviewed the contract, etc. during the presentation and said everything looks ok.

A motion was then made by Cm. Marlin Hostettler and 2nd. By Cw. Linda Flory to go an electric aggregation with Suvon, LLC dba First Energy Advisors.

Roll Call All in favor Motion carried

Solicitor Allan Michelson presented Ordinance #21-2 for Council's consideration.

Mayor Hall called for first reading of Ordinance #21-2.

A motion was then made by Cw. Linda Flory and 2nd. By Cm. Aaron Huth to suspend the 2nd. & 3rd. reading of Ordinance #21-2.

Roll Call All in favor Motion carried

A motion was then made by Cm. Aaron Howell and 2nd. By Cm. Aaron Huth to adopt Ordinance #21-2 as an emergency.

Roll Call All in favor Motion carried

Lori Rader asked for a logo to sent to her so it can be put on the letter that will be going out to the residents. Cw. Brenda Norris announced that she created one for the website. Thank you, Brenda!!

2. **Mayor Hall** presented a recommendation from Personnel to hire part time officer Arin Ubienski @ \$14.00 per hour effective March 7, 2021.

A motion was then made by Cp. Tom Phillips and 2nd. By Cw. Linda Flory to hire part time officer Arin Ubienski @ \$14.00 per hour effective March 7, 2021.

Roll Call All in favor Motion carried

3. **Mayor Hall** presented a unanimous vote recommendation from Personnel to approve creating a new full time job position with conjoined job description "Water/Sewer/Mayor's Court Clerk" @ \$11.00 - \$13.00 per hour ½ out of Water/Sewer Fund and ½ out of General Fund and would be working at the Police Station. A lengthy discussion was held with the following points made:
 - Mayor Hall advised Council that since we are already cross training Marti McCord, the Mayor's Court Clerk to learn Water/Sewer billing, she would be a good fit to apply for the position.
 - Cm. Marlin Hostettler stated that when Nancy Bergolc retired, we made two (2) part time positions to save money and make sure that the Municipal Building was always open.
 - Mayor Hall advised everyone that Pam can take lunch, do banking, post office, etc. the change would be put on the website.
 - Kaylene Hostettler stated what if she needs to talk with Pam, she will not look at the website to find what the hours are, she will jump in her car and go. John replied that small businesses are not always open exact hours every day.

Jason Flory –

1. February Maintenance Report

- Open and closed three (3) graves
- Plowed and salted roads many times
- Working on the new shop, cleaning, organizing stuff
- Washing and maintaining snow equipment
- Started putting a new floor on the equipment trailer

2. Jason reported that they have moved into the new building. There are still some things to do yet but they will have to wait. I need to do police cruisers maintenance and mowing equipment ready to go. Jason invited everyone to come take a look at the new building. Jason stated that he is pretty proud of it.

Cm. Aaron Huth -

1. Aaron and Mayor Hall reported that on February 6, 2021 we received a call from Melanie Perry at 118 Burbank St. that there was a huge tree lawn tree limb hanging over her house and the trunk of the tree was split down the middle. Melanie would not stay in the house for fear of the limb crashing into her house. AJ Tree Service took the main part of the tree down and will take down remainder soon and clean up.
2. Aaron reported that we were going to reapply for the tree grant this year but Doug from Poggemeyer Design Group advised us that we do not have a section of Creston that is classified as low-income district so we do not qualify. Aaron will ask Doug how a district gets classified as low income
3. Aaron advised everyone that the next Tree meeting will be Tuesday, March 16, 2021 @ 5:30pm.

Cm. Aaron Howell –

1. Creston Community Center listing is getting attention but no showing yet.
2. The next Finance meeting will be Monday, March 22, 2021 @ 7pm.

Cw. Brenda Norris –

1. Brenda reported that she has successfully migrated the website to a new host that is more secure and faster.
2. Brenda advised everyone that there is a Park meeting tomorrow and a Digital meeting Monday, March 8, 2021 @ 6pm.

Solicitor Allan Michelson –

1. Allan presented Resolution #21-1, Transfer Resolution for Councils consideration.

Mayor Hall requested first reading of Resolution #21-1.

A motion was then made by Cm. Aaron Huth and 2nd. By Cp. Tom Phillips to suspend 2nd. & 3rd. reading of Resolution #21-1.

Roll Call

All in favor

Motion carried

