

Village of Creston

Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 3, 2021 @ 7:30pm. via Zoom
Meeting ID 457 724 6320, Access Code 718573

The Village of Creston Council met on Monday, May 3, 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, Cw. Brenda Norris, Solicitor Allan Michelson and Pam Hostetler taking the meeting minutes were all present in person, Supt. Jason Flory, Chief Bryon Meshew were all present via Zoom.

Members absent: Cm. Marlin Hostettler, excused

Others present in person: Marc Pfizenmayer – Rinehart Walters & Danner Insurance agency for Ohio Plan

Others present via Zoom: Justin Cotton, Julie Monroy-Kimble, Sarah Mathews - Rumpke

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Minutes from April 5, 2021 for approval

A motion was then made by Cp. Tom Phillips and 2nd. By Cm. Aaron Howell to approve the April 5, 2021 Council meeting minutes.

Roll Call All in favor Motion carried

Mayor John Hall –

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

A motion was then made by Cw. Brenda Norris and 2nd. By Cp. Tom Phillips to approve the March 2021 Finance reports.

Roll Call All in favor Motion carried

Citizens Presentations/Comments/Requests –

1. Mark Pfizenmayer representing The Ohio Plan was present and went over proposal and answered any questions. Premium \$25,098.00 minus credit of \$707.00 (met all safety criteria) = \$24,391.00

A motion was then made by Cp. Tom Phillips and 2nd. By Cm. Aaron Huth to approve The Ohio Plan Insurance policy for a total premium of \$24,391.00 effective 7/1/21 – 7/1/22.

Roll Call All in favor Motion carried

- Justin Cotton with Norwayne Baseball was present to request that the Village of Creston partner with Norwayne Baseball and Softball to make some needed improvements to the ball fields. We are asking the Village to budget in 2022 for Baseball and Softball for repairs to McIntire Field backstop, fences and resurfacing the field. Current quotes from Austin Deck and Fence, Backstop \$5,600 & Fences \$2,300. Resurfacing with red clay \$9,787.00. A discussion was held.

A motion was then made by Cm. Aaron Howell and 2nd. By Cw. Brenda Norris to approve partnering with Norwayne Baseball and Softball to make improvements to McIntire Field and make a monetary donation for Baseball and Softball for 2022.

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

Mayor John Hall Jr. –

- Creston had their Arbor Day on April 9th with the planting of a tree in the Park. Several Council members were present for the event.
- A discussion was held regarding awarding the Waste Hauling contract with bids from Kimble and Rumpke.

A motion was then made by Cw. Linda Flory and 2nd. By Cw. Brenda Norris to accept and approve Kimble’s alternate bid, 1st. year residents \$12.79 per month, Seniors \$12.29 per month with 2nd. & 3rd. year per change in CPI-U (Consumer Pricing Index Urban) which is usually 2% - 3% increase.

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

- Creston Community Service Club will be having the homecoming this year but just on Saturday, August 14th. only because of all the uncertainties with COVID and with the volunteers all being older residents. There will be live entertainment.
- John stated that he would like to move forward with the Employee Incentive Program. Not much of a response from Council. Pam Hostetler suggested to have an informational session and make something happen and then bring this special program in written form to Council for approval. Mayor Hall agreed and advised Council that he and Pam would put something together.
- Park Committee Chairperson Mike shepherd has resigned. I will be acting chair until someone is found.
- Norwayne High School Park Cleanup Day will be May 15th., 9am. – 12noon. If Council is available, please come out and support them.
- John announced that he will be on vacation along with Cm. Aaron Huth July 2 – July 11. and just John on August 7 – August 14. Cp. Tom Phillips will be acting Mayor.
- John announced that he is accepting a Maintenance position and may be out of town occasionally. Cp. Tom Phillips will be acting Mayor during these times as well.
- Don Noble with Rails to Trails has asked the village to help level out the property behind the Car Wash so that they can maintain the upkeep of the property. Rails to Trails will pay for the time and materials,

A motion was then made by Cm. Aaron Howell and 2nd. By Cm. Aaron Huth to approve the Village of Creston Maintenance crew to level out the property behind the Car Wash so that Rails to Trails can maintain the upkeep of the property and charge Rails to Trails time and materials.

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

10. Justin Cotton asked Council if the Batting Cages are being torn down and if that is true, what can Norwayne Baseball do to keep them? What are the maintenance expectations?

A motion was then made by Cp. Tom Phillips and 2nd. By Cm. Aaron Howell to keep the Batting Cages with an agreement of the maintenance expectations.

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

11. **Cp. Tom Phillips** suggested that it might be a good idea to have a representative from Norwayne Baseball on the Park Committee. Justin Cotton agreed but stated that he isn't a Village of Creston resident but lives in Norwayne School district. A discussion was held with Solicitor Allan Michelson advising Council that the Park Committee can have committee members from surrounding areas, doesn't have to be a Village of Creston resident.

A motion was then made by Cp. Tom Phillips and 2nd. By Cm. Aaron Huth to approve Justin Cotton to fill the Park Committee vacancy.

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

Supt. Jason Flory –

Jason Flory –

1. April Maintenance Report

- Open and closed two (2) graves
- Started mowing and weed eating Village properties
- Installed some more touchless faucets and flush valves in Park restrooms (trouble with flush valves, haven't heard back from Kohler yet)
- Took down basketball hoops and tennis net and fence (we will crack-n-seal Basketball Court this week and Melway will pave the middle of May, materials order is placed and finish date should be middle of June)
- Working on some Storm Sewer projects
- Put down topsoil, seed and straw on some graves
- Cleaned up some tree limbs from the last snow

Jason was asked when the stump cleanup will happen. Jason stated that he is waiting on the weather, maybe this Wednesday.

Cm. Aaron Howell –

1. Finance met April 26th with a Car Show Discussion. Aaron asked if the Village owned a golf cart. Jason Flory advised Aaron to contact John Murray. The Kubota was brought up as an option as well.
2. The next Finance meeting will be Monday, May 24, 2021 @ 7pm.

Cw. Brenda Norris –

1. Brenda reported that Pam Hostetler has been busy getting everything ready for the online payments and the Text-Em-All Broadcasting System so everyone can "JOIN". Text-Em-All is live and online payments went live May 3rd.

Cp. Tom Phillips –

1. Tom reported that the Insurance committee met and recommended we stay with Ohio Plan which we already took care of tonight.

Solicitor Allan Michelson –

1. Allan presented Resolution #21-4, Raise Resolution for Pam Hostetler for Councils consideration.

Mayor Hall requested first reading of Resolution #21-4.

A motion was then made by Cm. Aaron Huth and 2nd. By Cm. Aaron Howell to suspend 2nd. & 3rd. reading of Resolution #21-4.

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

A motion was then made by Cw. Brenda Norris and 2nd. By Cm. Aaron Huth to adopt Resolution #21-4 as an emergency.

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

2. Allan presented Ordinance #21-3, consent ordinance with ODOT for state highways within village limits.

Mayor Hall requested first reading of Ordinance #21-3.

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

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

A motion was then made by Cp. Tom Phillips and 2nd. By Cm. Aaron Howell to adopt Ordinance #21-3 as an emergency.

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

Fiscal Officer Pam Hostetler –

1. Pam announced that she put a newsletter in The Post April 30 – May 3 promoting Text-Em-All Broadcasting System and online bill pay.
2. Reminder that the Village of Creston tax filing deadline is May 17th.
3. Pam asked for a motion to approve invoices and vouchers totaling \$57,154.92.

A motion was then made by Cw. Linda Flory and 2nd. By Cm. Aaron Howell to approve invoices and vouchers totaling \$57,154.92.

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

Chief Bryon Meshew –

1. Bryon reported that everyone should have received the monthly stats.
2. Department members had training last Saturday with a person from 180 and the prosecutor's office on domestic violence.

3. Department received award from Lexipol – policy management with a 98% policy acknowledgement and 98% daily training bulletins.
4. Bryon would like to have a Safety meeting to discuss the School Resource Officer contract for next school year with a 3%-5% increase. Need to decide by June so that we can get to the school for July School Board meeting.
5. Department received 15-16 loads of dirt for the range from the county highway ditch cleanup.

Next Council meeting will be Monday, June 7, 2021 @ 7:30pm.

A motion was then made by Cm. Aaron Huth and 2nd. By Cm. Aaron Howell to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call

All in favor

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted by:

Pamela J. Hostetler, Fiscal Officer