

# **Village of Creston Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 7, 2022 @ 7:30pm. via Zoom  
Meeting ID 457 724 6320, Access Code 718573**

The Village of Creston Council met on Monday, March 7, 2022.

**Mayor John Hall** called the meeting to order.

## **ROLL CALL:**

**Members present:** Cm. Aaron Huth, Cm. Aaron Howell, Cm. Jason Bayler, Cp. Tom Phillips, Cw. Brenda Norris, Cm. Nate Berry, Supt. Jason Flory, Chief Bryon Meshew and Pam Hostetler taking the meeting minutes

**Others present in person:** Marsha Moneger

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

## **Approval of February 7, 2022 meeting minutes –**

**A motion was then made by Cp. Tom Phillips and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cm. Aaron Huth to approve the February 7, 2022 Council meeting minutes.**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>6 in favor, 0 against</b>	<b>Motion carried</b>
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## **Approval of January 2022 & February 2022 Finance reports –**

**A motion was then made by Cm. Aaron Huth and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cm. Aaron Howell to approve January 2022 & February 2022 Finance reports.**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>6 in favor, 0 against</b>	<b>Motion carried</b>
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### **Citizen's presentations/comments/requests –**

1. Marsha Moneger was present to ask for an update on the new street lights for Route 3 from Minute Mart to the school. Mayor John Hall advised Marsha that we first need to figure out how to pay for the project and we are working through that. Marsha asked about annexing the east side of the road into the village. Cm. Aaron Howell advised Marsha that it is almost impossible to annex businesses into village. The owners of the businesses have to agree to annex. Solicitor Allan Michelson agreed with Cm. Aaron Howell's response.

### **Mayor John Hall Jr. –**

1. Mayor Hall reported that Creston Tree City USA will be Friday, April 29, 2022. Jason Flory will take care of purchasing a tree from Nev's Landscaping.
2. Mayor Hall also reported that the annual Village Yard Sale dates will be June 2,3,4. A brief discussion was held regarding putting a new banner across Route 3. Jason Flory will take care of purchasing a banner advertising the yard sale for the 1<sup>st</sup>. weekend in June and pay for it out of General Fund.
3. Mayor Hall reported that Dale Sidle will have the Mosquito spraying contract ready for the April meeting.
4. We haven't heard anything from the Creston Community Service Club regarding leasing the Park for the Homecoming.
5. Mayor Hall reported that the Village will go with Nextiva phone system and will get with department head to discuss details.
6. Mayor Hall reported that he has ordered and received the two Wi-Fi antennas. Keith Haynes will install.
7. Jason Flory announced to Mayor Hall that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be the day before Easter on April 16<sup>th</sup>. at the park. Pam has already reserved Pavilion #1.

### **Cm. Aaron Howell –**

1. Finance met and has a recommendation to approve \$1,500.00 out of General Fund to purchase Christmas light pole lit garland from Northern Lights Display.

**A motion was then made by Cm. Jason Bayler and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cw. Brenda Norris to approve \$1,500.00 out of General Fund to purchase Christmas light pole garland from Northern Lights Display.**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>6 for, 0 against</b>	<b>Motion carried</b>
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2. Finance is recommending to approve moving forward with the flower planter project and the purchase of the flower planters for no more than \$1,064.00 out of General Fund to finish the business district.

**A motion was then made by Cp. Tom Phillips and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cm. Aaron Huth to move forward with the flower planter project and the purchase of the flower planters for no more than \$1,064.00 out of General Fund to finish the business district.**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>6 for, 0 against</b>	<b>Motion carried</b>
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3. Finance is recommending to approve temporary employee for sixty (60) day period @ \$11.00 per hour out of General fund. A brief discussion was held regarding records retention.

**A motion was then made by Cm. Jason Bayler and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cp. Tom Phillips to approve temporary employee for sixty (60) day period @ \$11.00 per hour out of General fund.**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>6 for, 0 against</b>	<b>Motion carried</b>
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4. Mayor Hall suggested a shred day when we do the records retention.
5. Aaron reported that Gary Harris found out that we can purchase police vehicle with ARPA funds.
6. Finance meeting tentatively set for March 28<sup>th</sup>. @ 7pm. We might need to change.

**Solicitor Allan Michelson –**

1. Allan gave an update on the Westfield Twp. lost revenue invoice we received from Westfield Twp. that Pam Hostetler thought was too high. Allan did some research and found that The Township figure was higher and incorrect because it includes bond repayment revenues (the last two columns on the yearly sheets from the Auditor), which are not property taxes. ORC Section 709.19 only requires payments based on the property

taxes, not other sources of revenue. My figures show it should be \$1,6853.11 but I want to recalculate and check my figures before we pay.

2. Allan reported that the Perry house demolition will start very soon. Mayor Hall read the email from Elizabeth and Margo Broehl's office.
3. Allan presented raise Resolution #22-4 for council's consideration.

**Mayor John Hall** called for 1<sup>st</sup>. reading of Resolution #22-4.

**A motion was then made by Cm. Aaron Huth and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cm. Jason Bayler to suspend 2<sup>nd</sup>. & 3<sup>rd</sup>. reading of Resolution #22-4.**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>6 for, 0 against</b>	<b>Motion carried</b>
<b>A motion was then made by Cm. Aaron Howell and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cw. Brenda Norris to adopt Resolution #22-4 as an emergency.</b>		

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>6 for, 0 against</b>	<b>Motion carried</b>
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4. Allan presented Resolution #22-5, transfers for council's consideration.

**Mayor John Hall** called for 1<sup>st</sup>. reading of Resolution #22-5.

**A motion was then made by Cm. Jason Bayler and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cw. Brenda Norris to suspend 2<sup>nd</sup>. & 3<sup>rd</sup>. reading of Resolution #22-5.**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>6 for, 0 against</b>	<b>Motion carried</b>
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**A motion was then made by Cm. Aaron Huth and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cm. Tom Phillips to adopt Resolution #22-5 as an emergency.**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>6 for, 0 against</b>	<b>Motion carried</b>
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5. Allan read 3<sup>rd</sup>. reading of Ordinance #22-2 and asked for motion to adopt.

**A motion was then made by Cm. Jason Bayler and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cw. Brenda Norris to adopt Ordinance #22-2.**

**Roll Call                      4 for, Cm. Aaron Huth & Cp. Tom Phillips against                      Motion carried**  
**6. Allan presented Ordinance #22-4, amending 2022 Police Training fund appropriations for council's consideration.**

**Mayor John Hall called for 1<sup>st</sup>. reading of Ordinance #22-4.**

**A motion was then made by Cm. Aaron Howell and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cp. Tom Phillips to suspend 2<sup>nd</sup>. & 3<sup>rd</sup>. reading of Ordinance #22-4.**

**Roll Call    6 for, 0 against    Motion carried**

**A motion was then made by Cm. Aaron Howell and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cm. Aaron Huth to adopt Ordinance #22-4 as an emergency.**

**Roll Call    6 for, 0 against    Motion carried**

**7. Allan presented Ordinance #22-3, establishing 2022 pay rates for village employees for council's consideration.**

**Mayor John Hall called for 1<sup>st</sup>. reading of Ordinance #22-3**

**A motion was then made by Cm. Aaron Howell and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cp. Tom Phillips to suspend 2<sup>nd</sup>. & 3<sup>rd</sup>. reading of Ordinance #22-3.**

**Roll Call    6 for, 0 against    Motion carried**

**A motion was then made by Cp. Tom Phillips and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cm. Aaron Howell to adopt Ordinance #22-3 as an emergency.**

**Roll Call    6 for, 0 against    Motion carried**

**Fiscal Officer Pam Hostetler –**

1. Pam presented invoices and vouchers totaling \$77,455.34 for Council's approval.

**A motion was then made by Cm. Tom Phillips and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cm. Aaron Howell to approve invoices and vouchers totaling \$77,455.34.**

**Roll Call**                      **6 in favor, 0 against**                      **Motion carried**

2. Pam asked for approval of the 2021 balanced bank reconciliations.

**A motion was then made by Cp. Tom Phillips and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cm. Jason Bayler to approve the 2021 bank reconciliations.**

**Roll Call**                      **6 in favor, 0 against**                      **Motion carried**

3. Pam reported that 2021 is balanced, closed out and all reporting has been sent to the Auditor of State and she has received confirmation.
4. Pam reported that the 2021 Financial reports available for review notice has been posted in the Daily Record and she has received the Proof of Publication.

**Supt. Jason Flory –**

## 1. Maintenance Report February 2022

- Open and closed three (3) graves
- We plowed a lot of snow and cleaned downtown multiple times
- Maintenance on equipment (oil changes, etc.)
- Working on spring clean-up letters for zoning
- Built shelves in storage room at the Municipal Building

2. Jason reported that the Municipal Parking Lot is ruined. Semis are parking there overnight and have torn up the lot. Would like to post Commercial Trucking No Parking signs. Jason did not know who owns the semis. It will take \$30,000 - \$40,000 to asphalt the lot. A discussion was held and there might be a possibility that we could receive the Capital Budget grant funds for this project with lighting. Parking passes might solve the parking problem. A discussion was held regarding Parking Violations. After three (3) violations for the same vehicle, a notice is

sent to the BMV, can't renew plates. We could pass another ordinance to increase the current \$15.00 ticket.

**A motion was then made by Cm. Aaron Howell and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cm. Nate Berry to approve purchasing "Commercial Trucking No Parking" signs out of General fund.**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>6 in favor, 0 against</b>	<b>Motion carried</b>
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**Chief Bryon Meshew –**

1. Bryon reported that we have had a busy beginning of the year. Warrant arrests are up. Training is up because of online training.

Next regular Council meeting will be Monday, April 4, 2022 @ 7:30pm.

**A motion was then made by Cm. Aaron Huth and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cm. Aaron Howell to adjourn the meeting.**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>6 in favor, 0 against</b>	<b>Motion carried</b>
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Respectfully Submitted by:

*Pamela J. Hostettler, Fiscal Officer*