

# **Village of Creston**

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, August 1, 2022 @ 7:30pm. via Zoom**  
**Meeting ID 457 724 6320, Access Code 718573**

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

### **ROLL CALL:**

**Members present:** Mayor John Hall Jr., Cm. Aaron Huth, Cm. Aaron Howell, Cm. Jason Balyer, Cp. Tom Phillips, Cw. Brenda Norris, Cm. Nate Berry, Solicitor Allan Michelson, Pam Hostetler taking the meeting minutes and Chief Bryon Meshew were all in person

**Absent:** Supt. Jason Flory, excused

**Others present in person:** Jonathan Hofstetter

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of July 7, 2022 meeting minutes & July 19, 2022 Special meeting minutes –**

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

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>All in favor</b>	<b>Motion carried</b>
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**A motion was then made by Cp. Tom Phillips and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cm. Aaron Howell to approve the July 19, 2022 Special Council meeting minutes.**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>All in favor</b>	<b>Motion carried</b>
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**Approval of May Finance reports –**

**A motion was then made by Cp. Tom Phillips and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cm. Aaron Huth to approve the May Finance reports.**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>All in favor</b>	<b>Motion carried</b>
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## **Citizens Presentations/Comments/Requests –**

**Jonathon Hofstetter** was present to introduce himself as a candidate running for Wayne County Commissioner.

## **Mayor John Hall Jr. –**

1. A discussion was held regarding having a month summer break from all meetings. Council members liked the idea but Solicitor, Allan Michelson advised that paying bills would be a problem. Discussion was tabled.
2. Mayor Hall reported that the Events committee is discussing moving the Car Show date to earlier in the summer for future shows. A short discussion was held with Village Yard Sale weekend as a possibility. Discussion was tabled.
3. Mayor Hall continued a discussion from a past meeting regarding Village employee cell phones.

**A motion was then made by Cm. Jason Balyer and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cm. Aaron Howell to approve allowing the village department heads the choice of receiving a \$25.00 per month stipend for using their personal phone for village business or receiving a village phone and reference in the Employee Handbook.**

## **Roll Call**

## **All in favor**

## **Motion carried**

4. Mayor Hall advised the Safety committee that they need to look at all aspects of the village.
5. Mayor Hall advised everyone that the Mayor's Court Clerk will break out and report the Mayor's Court numbers for Burbank.

## **Cm. Tom Phillips –**

1. The Insurance committee met with Pat Herron, our health insurance and Aetna representative with the Wayne County Commissioners and a Wichert Insurance representative to discuss health insurance. Wichert Insurance needed additional information from village employees.

## **Cm. Jason Balyer –**

1. The Safety committee met and discussed the ballot language and possible change. Solicitor Allan Michelson advised Jason that the Board of Elections follows the Secretary of State, they have the final say. Allan will contact the Board of Elections.

## **Cm. Nate Berry –**

1. Nate asked if the 2008 Ordinance #08-16 about political signs could be amended to allow signs posted ninety (90) days before election. A discussion was held. Allan Michelson will have the ordinance ready for the August Council meeting.
2. Nate asked about the ARPA money. What are we spending it on? Pam Hostetler advised Nate that she has listened to multiple webinars regarding expending and reporting of ARPA funds. We have until the

end of 2024 to decide use of the funds and end of 2026 to expend and report all funds. Pam advised Council to educate themselves as well by attending webinar training. A discussion was held regarding Nate's concern that he didn't want the same thing to happen with these funds that happened with the last relief funds, with most of the funds, \$66,000.00 going to BOPA. Mayor Hall and Pam Hostetler advised Nate that all the spending was approved by Council and the funds went to also purchase laptops for elected officials and village departments, many items such as touchless bathroom fixtures, partitions, handicap door opening devices, disinfecting sprayer, cleaners, new council chairs, office chairs, etc. that would reduce the spread of Covid.

**NOTE from Fiscal Officer: The village only expended Covid Relief funds on items that the village solicitor would approve in his opinion letter.**

**Cm. Aaron Howell –**

1. Finance met and discussed plan A if Police Levy passes. We will continue to discuss. The next meeting, we will see what the levy money will be used for and discuss plan B.
2. Finance discussed the use of the Community Center and was tabled.
3. Next Finance meeting is August 22, 2022 @ 7pm.
4. Aaron asked about the 1<sup>st</sup>. Responder grant. Mayor Hall reported that we haven't heard anything yet but we haven't been disqualified yet either.

**Cm. Aaron Huth –**

1. Jason has given the Tree committee tree work that needs to be completed. Aaron reported that he has been in touch with Maibach Tree Service to do the work.

**Cw. Brenda Norris –**

1. Brenda reported that we have all the Car Show sponsors and that she will be giving Pam Hostetler the checks and the list for trophies to be ordered.

**Supt. Jason Flory –**

1. **Maintenance Report July 2022**
  - Working on storm drain on McIlvaine Drive
  - Mowing and weed eating village property
  - Started replacing concrete on Kimberly Drive
  - Installed tubes on the light bulbs in Pavilion #1 & #2
  - Open and closed two (2) graves
  - Issued two (2) zoning permits

**Fiscal Officer Pam Hostetler –**

1. Pam presented invoices and vouchers totaling \$52,542.90 for Council's approval.

**A motion was then made by Cm. Aaron Howell and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cm. Jason Balyer to approve invoices and vouchers totaling \$52,542.90.**

**Roll Call**

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

2. Pam announced that she and Jason would like to put a memorial bench for Bill Armentrout in the front lawn of the Municipal Building.

**A motion was then made by Cp. Tom Phillips and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Cm. Aaron Howell to approve putting a memorial bench in the front lawn of the Municipal Building.**

**Roll Call**

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**Chief Bryon Meshew –**

1. Bryon reported a busy month. Lots of training. School supplies event at PD for free and reduced lunch students this Sunday, 2-6pm.
2. Bryon gave an update on the new cruiser.

**Next meeting – September 8, 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.**

**Roll Call**

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted by:

*Pamela J. Hostettler, Fiscal Officer*