

Village of Creston

Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 5, 2023 @ 7:30 P.M.
at The Municipal Building

Mayor John Hall Jr. called the Regular Council meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Mayor John Hall Jr., Council Members: Jason Balyer, Nate Berry, Aaron Howell, Aaron Huth, Brenda Norris, Tom Phillips, Police Chief Bryon Meshew, Solicitor Kris Immel, Superintendent Jason Flory and Fiscal Officer Jennifer Webb taking the meeting minutes

Others present: Scott Perkins, Seth Perkins, Matthew Long, Joe Campbell, Becky Croft, Marsha Moniger, Kim Constantino, Linda Sachara,

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hall requested the agenda to be amended to discuss the Variance Application for Perkins Farm & Properties, LLC first. Jason Balyer made a motion to amend the agenda, 2nd Aaron Howell, approved six (6) yeas. Scott Perkins addressed council and provided details surrounding the variance request. A brief discussion was had. Aaron Howell made a motion to approve the variance request No. 01-23, 2nd Nate Berry, approved six (6) yeas.

Aaron Huth made a motion to approve the April 24, 2023 special minutes as written and the May 1, 2023 regular minutes as written, 2nd Aaron Howell, approved six (6) yeas.

Mayor's Report:

1. The Village will be having a Water Day event on July 15, 2023 from 1-4 PM for the kids. A water slide will be rented and there will be other water related items for the event. There was discussion of purchasing a snow cone machine verse renting one.

Tom Phillips: no comment

Jason Balyer:

1. Hackworth Electrical inspected the generator at the Police Station and it was found not to be usable.

Nate Berry: no comment

Aaron Howell:

1. The Finance Committee recommended that the insurance policy with Rinehart be renewed and legislation is drafted for council to vote on.
2. The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of the remaining ARPA funds as followed:
 - a. \$33,500.00 for street lights
 - b. \$50,000.00 for a new police vehicle
 - c. \$100,000.00 + (*balance of funds to a new utility vehicle*)
3. Aaron Howell asks about the Village website and Brenda advises him that it was transferred and is up and running with no interruptions.

Jason Bayler made a motion to approve The Finance Committee's recommendation of the remaining ARPA funds, 2nd Tom Phillips, approved six (6) yeas.

Aaron Huth: no comment

Brenda Norris:

1. Volunteers are needed for the July 15, 2023 Water Day.

Fiscal Officer Jennifer Webb:

1. Council should be approving all the payments, including BOPA. The total for May 2023 is \$144,732.89.
2. May 2023 bank statement was reconciled and showed no adjustments or other adjusting factors.
3. Jennifer needs authorization to have a Village credit card issued in her name.

Tom Phillips made a motion to approve May 2023's warrants and vouchers totaling \$144,732.89, 2nd Aaron Huth, approved six (6) yeas.

Aaron Howell made a motion to approve May's bank reconciliation with no discrepancies or adjustments, 2nd Tom Phillips, approved six (6) yeas.

Jason Balyer made a motion to add Jennifer to the credit card account and have a card issued in her name, 2nd Nate Berry approved six (6) yeas.

Jason Flory:

1. April 2023 Maintenance Report
 - Open and closed three (3) graves
 - Cemetery and village grounds were mowed
 - Chip and seal was completed by Melway
 - Amp replaced on pavilion 1
 - Two (2) zoning violations issued

Mayor Hall adds that Grace Church has members that will donate their time to residents that might need help with mowing/yard maintenance.

Chief Bryon Meshew:

1. The department handled 12 criminal investigations.
2. No information on camera grant.
3. The grant for the bullet proof vest was approved. It is a 75/25 grant. The Village would have to pay the full amount and submit for reimbursement by September 30, 2023. Jennifer advises that there is not enough in the fund to pay it up front and the appropriations would need to be reallocated. She will meet with the Chief to discuss further.
4. The bathrooms at the park were vandalized with spray paint. Jason removed the paint but it will need to be repainted. Mayor Hall asks about restitution. There was a discuss about the process through the court.

Legislation:

1. ORD 2023-13 An ordinance establishing a supplemental appropriation in the General Fund (1000) of \$8,000.00 for program and activities, and declaring an emergency. Jason Bayler moved to suspend the rule, 2nd Aaron Howell, approved six (6) yeas. Jason Bayler moved to pass the ordinance as an emergency, 2nd Aaron Howell, approved six (6) yeas.
2. ORD 2023-14 An ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to renew the Ohio Risk Plan with Rinehart Insurance for a sum of \$23,015.00 - 1st Reading.
3. ORD 2013-15 An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) to administer and collect the income tax – 1st reading.
4. ORD 2023-16 An ordinance repealing ORD 23-01 and 23-07 and establishing an hourly salary range for employees and declaring an emergency. Aaron Howell moved to suspend the rule, 2nd Jason Bayler, approved six (6) yeas. Aaron Howell moved to pass the ordinance as an emergency, 2nd Nate Berry approved six (6) yeas.

Aaron Howell made a motion to retroactively pay Marti McCord back to March 14, 2023 and Jared Shilling back to May 8, 2023, 2nd Nate Berry, approved six (6) yeas.

Old/New Business: There is discussion about purchasing a postage machine for the utilities and Mayor's Court mailings. It would save the Village money and time. Jason Bayler made a motion for the purchase of a postage machine, 2nd Aaron Huth, approved six (6) yeas.

The next council meeting will be Thursday, July 6th at 7:30 P.M. due to the holiday.

Aaron Huth, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 P.M., 2nd Aaron Howell, approved six (6) yeas.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jennifer Webb, Fiscal Officer