

# Village of Creston

## Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 5, 2024 @ 7:30 P.M.  
at The Municipal Building

Prior to the meeting called to order, Mayor Norris sworn in appointed Council Members Joshua Heiney and Randy Minor II.

Mayor Brenda Norris called the Regular Council meeting to order.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mayor Brenda Norris, Council Members: Josh Heiney, Aaron Howell, Randy Minor II, Brad Olenik, Police Chief Bryon Meshew, Solicitor Kris Immel, and Fiscal Officer Jennifer Webb taking the meeting minutes

Member Absent: Jason Balyer, Nate Berry, Jason Flory

Others present: Bill Albright, Tiffany Heiney, Maribeth Burns, Kevin Hare, Dave Hartzler, Karen Gorman, Beck Croft, Linda Sachara, Patty Murphy

Aaron Howell made a motion to excuse Nate Berry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brad Olenik, approved four (4) yeas.

Aaron Howell made a motion to excuse Jason Balyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Randy Minor II, approved four (4) yeas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Amendments to the agenda: none

Brad Olenik made a motion to approve the January 4, 2024 regular council meeting minutes and January 29, 2024 special council minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaron Howell, approved four (4) yeas.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Norris reported the upcoming meetings:

Events – Thursday February 8, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Zoning – Tuesday February 20, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Community Chat Thursday February 29, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Ribbon Cutting at the Iron Pit February 9, 2024

Murray Hall will be undergoing improvements in the bathroom and kitchen. The Village employees and officials will be getting new email addresses.

- a. Kevin Hare and Maribeth Burns from the Wayne County Economic Development gave a presentation on the CRA program (Community Reinvestment Area). The program is designed to issue tax abatements for construction of new or renovated existing building. The program cost would be \$750.00 for the Village to enlisted in their services.

- b. Bill Albright introduces himself and informs that he is running for State Representative, District 77. He gives his detailed background and thanks council for their time.
- c. Resident Karen Gorman would like to have the Annual Linda and Harold Easter Egg Hunt on March 30, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. Aaron Howell made a motion to approve the time/date/location of the Easter Egg Hunt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brad Olenik, approved four (4) yeas. Karen thanks Council for their support.

Committee Reports:

Zoning: No comment.

Finance: Aaron Howell encourages all member to attend the Finance Meetings. He reported that they are looking into grants from OBM, the speed camera's will be on hold until the levy funds come in and then they will assess where the Police Department is financially, Guy Hamby's raise of \$1.00 per the previous agreement from BOPA was approved and they are looking into a co-op for gas and electric charges. The next Finance meeting will be February 22, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Cemetery: No comment.

Fiscal Officer Jennifer Webb: Jennifer sent out an email on February 2 explaining that she noticed that several loan payments were recorded incorrectly by the previous Fiscal Officer. The loans were paid however, the books documented that some loans were underpaid and others overpaid. She had to undo the December bank reconciliation to reallocate to the correct loan payments and she needs the December 2023 bank reconciliation re-approved. Aaron Howell made a motion to re-approve December's bank reconciliation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brad Olenik, approved four (4) yeas

Jennifer presents Council with the invoices/vouchers for January 2024 totaling \$222,444.94 (total for Council/BOPA) Aaron Howell made a motion to approve January's invoice and vouchers totaling \$222,444.94, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brad Olenik, approved four (4) yeas.

Jason Flory (absent) : Employee Dave Hartzler reported that they opened and closed (2) graves, salted and plowed snow, maintenance was done on both mowers, trucks were cleaned, assisted the sewer dept with the lift station on pine street, cleaned out catch basins around town, assisted the water dept with various projects, one zoning permit was issued and 6 zoning violations were sent out. Aaron Howell asks about the stair by Pikes Place and Dave seems to think the owners are repairing them.

Chief Bryon Meshew: Chief reports that January was a busier month, the 2024 Annual Continuing Education hours will be 24 hours and they are looking into building improvements.

Legislation:

RES 01-2024 Wayne County Hazard Mitigation – 1<sup>st</sup> reading  
ORD 2024-01 Burbank Police Contract - 1<sup>st</sup> reading  
ORD 2024-02 Dissolving Board of Public Affairs - 1<sup>st</sup> reading  
ORD 2404-03 Establishing Administrator position - 1<sup>st</sup> reading  
ORD 2024-04 Lot combination Eagle property - 1<sup>st</sup> reading  
ORD 2024-05 Lot combination Jeffries property - 1<sup>st</sup> reading

Old/New Business: Aaron Howell mentioned that the cameras for the Police building may work into the existing budget.

Public comments: none

The next meeting will be on March 4, 2024 at 7:30 P.M.

Aaron Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 P.M., 2<sup>nd</sup> Randy Minor II, approved four (4) yeas.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Jennifer Webb, Fiscal Officer