

Village of Creston Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 9, 2015 @ 7:30pm @ the Muni. Bldg.

The Village of Creston Council met Monday, February 9, 2015 @ 7:30pm @ The Muni. Bldg.

Mayor Armentrout called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Cw. Linda Flory, Cp. Gerry Mills, Cm. Todd Davis, Cp. Marlin Hostettler, Cm. Thomas Barrett, Mayor William Armentrout, Supt. Jason Flory and Clerk/Treas. Pam Hostetler taking the meeting minutes.

Absent: Cm. Keith Studer, excused

Others present: Dan Murray, Bob Morehead sub from the Post, Jeff Hostetler, Kevin Klopfenstein, Stephen Klopfenstein, Chief Bryon Meshew, Chris Ballway and Robert McCutcheon

1. **Mayor Armentrout** announced that Allan Michelson will not be present tonight. He has another Village's regular Council meeting tonight. A short discussion was held.
2. **Mayor Armentrout** asked for approval of the January 5, 2015 meeting minutes.

A motion was then made by Cw. Linda Flory and Cm. Todd Davis to approve the January 5, 2015 meeting minutes.

Roll Call	5 for, 0 against	Motion carried
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3. **Mayor Armentrout** asked for a motion to approve the December Finance reports.

A motion was then made by Cw. Linda Flory and 2nd. by Cm. Tom Barrett to approve the December Finance reports.

Roll Call	5 for, 0 against	Motion carried
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Mayor Armentrout addressed the following:

4. Mayor's Court Monthly report

Total citations issued -23

Total money received - \$1,763.01

Village received - \$991.68

Burbank Village received - \$0.00

Computer Fund - \$162.00

State received - \$490.00

Enforcement & Education - \$1.33

Drug Fund - \$100.00

W C Muni Court/IDAT funds - \$18.00

OCJS – discontinued as of 7/1/09

5. January Maintenance report:

- Cleaning up mowers for Spring
- Helping Water Dept. on water breaks and flow testing
- Clean up trucks and tools from recent water breaks
- Plowing and salting roads multiple times
- Took down all Christmas decorations and put them away
- Worked on Police Station garage doors
- Open and closed (1) one grave
- Replaced battery in the 2010 Case backhoe
- Snow plow maintenance

6. Mayor Armentrout announced that committee member vacancies that have been filled are: Frank Haight on Zoning Board of Appeals, Susan Bertschy on Park and James Fronek on Tax Board of Review. There are still two (2) vacancies, one (1) on Zoning Board of Appeals and one (1) on Planning Commission.

7. Mayor Armentrout read 1st. reading of Raise Resolution #15-3 for Jason Flory 2%, Ed Hamilton 2%, Todd Kamp 2% and Bryon Meshew 2%. We will not be passing this Resolution as an emergency. We will be proceeding with three (3) readings. The Resolution will be corrected of all necessary changes.

8. Mayor Armentrout presented Resolution #15-4, creating Unclaimed Funds Fund. A short discussion was held. Pam Hostetler advised Council that the Solicitor created this Resolution so I am sure it is accurate and needs to be done this way.

Cm. Thomas Barrett asked for 1st. reading of Resolution #15-4, creating Unclaimed Funds Fund.

A motion was then made by Cm. Thomas Barrett and 2nd. by Cw. Linda Flory to suspend the 2nd. & 3rd. reading of Resolution #15-4.

Roll Call **5 for, 0 against** **Motion carried**

A motion was then made by Cm. Thomas Barrett and 2nd. by Cw. Linda Flory to adopt Resolution #15-4 as an emergency.

Roll Call **5 for, 0 against** **Motion carried**

9. **Mayor Armentrout** presented Ordinance #15-4, 2015 Permanent Appropriations.

Cm. Thomas Barrett asked for 1st. reading of Ordinance #15-4, 2015 Permanent Appropriations.

A motion was then made by Cm. Thomas Barrett and 2nd. by Cw. Linda Flory to suspend the 2nd. & 3rd. reading of Ordinance #15-4, 2015 Permanent Appropriations.

Roll Call **5 for, 0 against** **Motion carried**

A motion was then made by Cm. Thomas Barrett and 2nd. by Cw. Linda Flory to adopt Ordinance #15-4, 2015 Permanent Appropriations.

Roll Call **5 for, 0 against** **Motion carried**

Cw. Gerry Mills –

Mayor Armentrout helped Gerry to present Admin. Rules recommendations. **Mayor Armentrout** advised Council that the following recommendations were motioned and

Admin. Rules recommendation is as follows:

A motion was then made by Cm. Marlin Hostettler and 2nd. by Cw. Gerry Mills to approve the change on page 20, 3rd. paragraph of Employee Handbook to read “Employee must pay cost of medical benefits after all accrued time has been exhausted.

A brief discussion was held.

A motion was then made by Cw. Gerry Mills and 2nd. by Cm. Thomas Barrett to approve the change on page 20, 3rd. paragraph of Employee Handbook to read

“Employee must pay cost of medical benefits after all accrued time has been exhausted.

Roll Call

5 for, 0 against

Motion carried

Cw. Linda Flory –

1. Linda Flory asked Todd if he had called other Council members to complain about employees because you didn't call me. Linda asked Todd if he felt that he should still be allowed on Streets, Safety or any other committees if you are retaliating. Todd stated that he was here for the good of the village.

Mayor Armentrout then stated that since we are on the subject let's continue. I don't like to hear things on the street about discussions going on between Council members. Council will not be going into Executive Session tonight. You guys have already discussed the possible Fiscal Officer position. The Fiscal Officer can be appointed. You need to get information together at Finance meeting and then take to Personnel. Pam, me and all other department heads and employees all work very well together as a team. Pam has had clean audits. She knows what she is doing. I know that she is a good employee and would make a good Fiscal Officer. I am constantly asking her for help on the computer. The one reason I think a Fiscal Officer would be good is that you don't want to get someone in here that doesn't know what they are doing. I don't know if Pam was planning on running again but you don't want to get someone in here like me, that doesn't know what they're doing, to do that job. Cm. Thomas Barrett advised everyone that Pam does now what two (2) people did before. It was noted that Nancy took over the Water/Sewer billing portion. Cm. Marlin Hostettler stated that Cw. Gerry Mills said we should put a pay scale in place. Mayor Armentrout stated that back in July you guys said you were going to do that and job descriptions. Mayor Armentrout said that Insurance is on the right track. Let's get questions to Pam so that we can take something to Personnel. As far as employees driving company vehicles home, that should go to Personnel as well. Everything needs to go to your committees first.

Bp. Jeff Hostetler was present to advise Council that the village residents are in an uproar. The people want to vote on the Clerk Treasurer position. Don't take another voting right away from the people.

Cm. Thomas Barrett –

1. Just and FYI that softball wants to come back to the Park on Sundays. I will take it to Park Committee.

Cm. Marlin Hostettler –

1. Everything is looking good.

Cm. Todd Davis –

1. We will be having an Insurance meeting to discuss Property and Health Insurance. We have not scheduled the meeting yet. Pam advised Todd that Coffey Insurance is putting together a pdf file for our Village Insurance policy and she will email it as soon as she receives it. You may look at the Medical Insurance binder that I have.

Clerk/Treasurer Pam Hostetler -

1. Pam asked for a motion to approve payment of invoices and vouchers totaling \$57,326.51.

A motion was then made by Cm. Thomas Barrett and 2nd. by Cm. Marlin Hostettler to approve payment of invoices and vouchers totaling \$57,326.51.

Roll Call

5 for, 0 against

Motion carried

Supt. Jason Flory –

1. We have been plowing and salting. A brief discussion was held.

Chief Bryon Meshew –

1. Bryon stated that he forgot to print off the Police report.
2. Bryon presented Kevin Klopfenstein with an accommodation of Merit award for saving a life on July 2, 2014 at 159. N. Main St. The boy's mother wrote a letter thanking the officer for saving her son's life. Had the officer not performed the life-saving first aid procedure when he did, the boy would have died by the time the squad got to the scene.
3. Brett Haven is at Fireman's academy tonight but I would like to acknowledge that Brett will be receiving the Life Saving Accommodation award for saving two lives in the same evening on January 30, 2015. First was a female at a Navajo Dr. residence for OD on sleeping pills at approx. 6:30pm. The second was a 17 year old male at a Shawnee Dr. residence for OD on an opioid. Heroin is being laced with Fentanyl and people are traveling to Akron to get these drugs. We have had five (5) OD's since January 1, 2015. We are in the process of adopting a Narcan program.

Mayor Armentrout asked for a moment of silence for Kay Russell.

Future meetings:

Streets Wednesday, February 18, 2015 @ 4pm.

Safety Wednesday, February 18, 2015 @ 4:30pm.

Admin./Rules Wednesday, February 18, 2015 @5pm.

A motion was then made by Cw. Linda Flory and 2nd. by Cm. Thomas Barrett to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call

5 for, 0 against

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela J. Hostettler, Clerk/Treas.