

July 9, 2025

Mayor Bush called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Attendees:

Mayor Keith Bush

Trustees: Dawn Ashline, April Hayes, Lloyd Richardson, Linda Nortz

Staff: Deputy Clerk Liz Jones; Treasurer Charlene Moser, Mitch Robinson

Public:

Legislator Tom Kalamas

Evan Lyndaker

Dustin Tooker

Betsy Boliver

Mr. Kalamas described an activity initiated by Lewis County Planning to request funding for a feasibility study at the Croghan Island Dam site. The goal of this study would be:

1. Identify structure condition, ownership status.
2. Engineering inspection and risk analysis, and environmental impact studies,
3. Propose two or three restoration alternatives.
4. Identify possible funding avenues for proposed alternatives.
5. Structure's impact on community character.

The board agreed to send a letter of support to be added to Planning's application.

Mr. Kalamas left the meeting.

Mr. Lyndaker and Mr. Tooker presented concerns about the ball field condition and fencing around the field. There was confusion about who's food truck was supposed to be present at the July 4th tournament. The village will reimburse the team for bases that were purchased. The village board recapped that the board of trustees and the ball teams will work together to improve communication between each other. The guests left the meeting.

Mitch shared his concerns about the difficulty of the water/sewer classes that a new employee will need to pass.

The board suggested that a date be set for the village to ride to various sites in the village to become more familiar with facilities and operations.

Treasurer's Report

Charlene reported that there are 40 past due sewer bills for 2025, 8 sewer bills past due 2024, 9 water bills past due 2024.

Alexis Zehr had inquired about renting the food stand, and will provide the \$100monthly rent.

Motion by Trustee Nortz and seconded by Trustee Ashline to approve the treasurer's report. All in favor.

Motion by Trustee Richardson, seconded by Trustee Ashline to approve the necessary transfers. All in favor.

Clerk's Report

Motion by Trustee Nortz, seconded by Trustee Hayes to approve the minutes of the June 11th meeting. All in favor.

Motion by Trustee Ashline, seconded by Trustee Richardson to pay the bills. All in favor.

Zoning: Deputy Clerk Liz read an email from Planning Department, Cassie Buell.

- On July 7th, the Zoning commission held the 2nd Public Hearing on the Preliminary Report. The Preliminary Report was distributed to the village board tonight for their review.
- On August 7th, Zoning Commission will hold regularly scheduled meeting and, if all agree that no further changes are warranted, they will adopt the Final Report via resolution.
- On August 13th, Zoning Commission officers, along with Lewis County Planning & Community Development, will present the Village of Croghan with the adopted Final Report.
- Upon receiving the Final Report from the Zoning Commission, the Village Board of Trustees may accept it via resolution, after which the Zoning commission will be formally dissolved. Note: Even if/when the Board accepts the Final Report from the Zoning commission, the Village is not bound by the enabling laws to adopt the zoning regulations proposed. Should the Village decide to proceed with adopting the presented zoning law as recommended, the typical local law adoption process would begin, including a public hearing, County Planning Board review, SEQR, etc.

Mayor's Report

Resident Water Rates changes were discussed and tabled.

Discussion was held regarding residents' opinions on the proposed Water Project. Brett McVoy will be consulted.

Water Project: Deputy Clerk Liz read Brett McVoy's report to the Board.

Notable changes from last month include:

- B & L conducted a site visit with Mitch to verify the transmission main alignment.
- The Town of New Bremen Board passed a resolution accepting the Map, Plan, and Report and scheduling the public hearing for the Town of New Bremen Water District No. 1 for July 14 at the Town's regular meeting.

Mayor Bush has communicated with Blue Sky Towers. The company is suggesting to increase our agreement from 20 to 40-year lease. More information is forthcoming from Blue Sky.

Trustee Reports

Trustees Richardson has received quotes for asphalt delivered and /or self-haul to pave Fire Hall Street.

Trustee Nortz reported that Lowville children are being bussed over to the pool again this year. Funds are coming from the state. Charlotte will be invited to explain more at our next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION A **Motion** was made by Trustee Ashline, seconded by Trustee Hayes to move into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue.

OPEN SESSION resumed on a **motion** by Trustee Ashline, seconded by Trustee Hayes at 8:05.

Mayor Bush appointed Betsy Tabolt as Village Clerk to fill the clerk vacancy vacated by Clerk Robin Grunert upon her resignation as a village officer on 6/25/2024. This appointment is for the balance of the current official year. Appointment was approved by the board on a motion by Trustee Ashline, seconded by Trustee Northz, with all in favor.

Mayor Bush appointed Lloyd Richardson as Deputy Mayor. This office is to begin immediately.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Hayes with a second by Trustee Ashline to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Jones, Deputy Clerk