

# **Village of Ashland Meeting Minutes**

2-11-2026

## **Call to Order**

Village President Nancy Kyrouac called to order the regular meeting of the Village of Ashland at 6:00pm on February 11, 2026.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Shawn Eskew, Jacob Gardner, Richard Turner and Angela Breedlove.

## **Minutes**

Members reviewed minutes from the previous meeting (1/14/2026). Motion to approve by Angela Breedlove, seconded by Jacob Gardner. Motion carried by roll call.

Cameron Jones from Benton & Associates, Jacksonville IL spoke regarding the lift station. He said they are back on site installing the valve vault. Progress will begin again this week. Pay request this week is \$86,744.79 to Petersburg Plumbing with a total request is 89,624.79. (\$2,880.00 to Benton's). Richard Turner made a motion to approve the \$89,624.79 payment with second by Jacob Gardner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

NPDES Permit renewal application for the sewer plant was presented by Benton's for a fee of \$3,500.00 payable to Benton's. Motion to approve by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Zoning map needs to be finalized so Benton's can print it. Nancy will review and get back to Cameron Jones.

Chase Jones has a proposal to become an Eagle Scout. He is asking the Village for materials so he can construct the project. The project will be 2 tables with fold-down benches. Angela Breedlove made a motion to approve the cost of materials; not to exceed \$350.00. This will include a plaque on each. Second by Shawn Eskew. Motion carried by roll call vote.

## **Treasurers Report**

Village Treasurer Vanessa Doellman presented the treasurer's report. Line items look okay. The State paid us back \$193,157.69 to go back into our utility tax account. Upcoming annual appropriation will need to be set up after the March board meeting. Motion to accept by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Angela Breedlove. Motion carried by roll call vote.

## **Bills**

Bills were presented for approval. Jaren's is done. Ended up filling with rock and sand and then top filled with dirt. Motion to approve the bills by Angela Breedlove, seconded by Jacob Gardner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

## **Department Reports**

- PUBLIC WORKS – Director Will Harris was present and reviewed the Public Works report with the board. Transponders are failing so we are replacing the meters as we go. Walker Sandblasting did the filters 8 several years ago. They quoted \$185,000.00 to Sandblast it, weld and cut out whatever is bad, prime and paint, replace and fix diffusers. IRWA has an FDA lending loan available for up to \$200,000.00 at 3% interest. Timeframe would like to be in July 2026 but that probably won't happen. Will will report back next month with IRWA loan and get someone here for next meeting to explain.
- POLICE – Marty Fanning presented his monthly report. In August 2026 the board approved the purchase of police radios. He purchased one unit but was having trouble with the unit so purchased a mobile unit and hasn't seem to be having any more issues. The cost is \$8,466.15.

Demo progress – Jaren is wrapping up the work on the Yates street demo project.

Grocery sales tax 1% - January 1 is no longer being taken.

Local tax allocation revenue

February 25, 2026 – personnel committee meeting – 6:pm

Nancy to meet with Nathan Grieme to update the website.

Village President Nancy Kyrouac adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm. Motion to adjourn by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Angela Breedlove. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted: Pamela Gardner, Village Clerk