

Village of Ashland

Meeting Minutes

01/14/2026

The Village of Ashland Board Meeting was called to order by Pam Gardner, Clerk on January 14, 2026 at 6:00 pm. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Shawn Eskew, David Wilken, Richard Turner, Angela Breedlove. Absent members were Kelly Buker and Jacob Gardner. Village President Nancy Kyrouac was absent.

Motion by David Wilken, seconded by Richard Turner to elect Angela Breedlove to chair the meeting. Roll call was taken with a unanimous yes vote. Motion carried.

Meeting was turned over to Angela Breedlove. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of previous meeting were presented. Motion by Richard Turner, seconded by David Wilken to approve. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Pam Gardner, Clerk let the board members know that there were problems with the water bills this month. The bills were printed a day late due to so many manual reads having to be done because the meters are worn out and the guys got pulled away for a water break. The bills were actually printed and mailed on New Year's Eve day. The post office's hours were until noon on New Year's Eve also, so they were not picked up until Friday, January 2, 2026. This created a bottle neck in Springfield and whatever did not get sorted in Springfield was sent to St. Louis MO. To recap - we mailed on 1/31/25. St. Louis MO received on 1/5/2026 to sort, then came back to Springfield and back to Ashland for customer delivery on 1/09/26 or after. That is at least 10 days which will make water bills late for payment. Since Nancy and two board members are absent, we can revisit at the next meeting. Discussion was also made by David Wilken to change the verbiage of the water bill ordinance.

Cameron Jones from Bentons & Associates was present to discuss the Lift Station Project. They are making good progress. Last month not much happened because they were waiting for equipment deliveries. The contractor's request is \$16,200.00 and Benton & Associates request for \$2,160.00 for a total pay request of \$18,360.00.

Cameron Jones also presented Change Order #1 which is due to removal of diesel tank. Motion to approve the pay requests and change order as presented by David Wilken, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Vanessa Doellman presented the treasurer's report. She reported we received \$173,996.37 from the State of Illinois. Line item 106 insurance went negative due to the cyber insurance last month, recommended moving \$5,000.00 from item 103 building & Maintenance. Richard Turner made a motion to move money from 103 to 106. Seconded by David Wilken. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Bills were presented for payment. Motion to accept by Richard Turner, seconded by David Wilken. Motion carried by roll call vote:

Public Works report was given by Will Harris. Will mentioned that if someone has concerns or issues, please call him at any time. Don't wait until the next time you see me or the board meeting. Stefanie Ballinger will be at the next board meeting regarding the road program. Hoping to use a company that will hit all the bad spots in town.

Police report was given by Chief Marty Fanning.

Motion to adjourn by David Wilken, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted

Pamela Gardner, Clerk