

Village of Ashland Meeting Minutes

07-09-2025

Village President Mau called the meeting to order with roll call at 6:00 pm. All members were present except Jacob Gardner. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Nancy Kyrouac, seconded by Richard Turner. Special Meeting Minutes from 6-25-2025 will be presented at the August 2025 board meeting.

Vanessa Doellman presented the treasurer's report. Real Estate taxes have been coming in. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by David Wilken, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Bills were presented for payment. David Wilken questioned if the bill for Harbor Freight charges was a duplicate. After reviewing, a motion was made by Richard Turner to pay the bills, seconded by Nancy Kyrouac. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Public Works report was given by Will Harris.

Police report was given by Chief Marty Fanning.

Will Harris, Public Works Director said the current Public Works truck, 2013 Dodge, is getting old and probably in the next year we will need to be replaced. The 2013 Dodge has some age on it. Will mentioned that he has replaced the sway bar and currently there is an exhaust leak. If the 2019 Chevy Silverado is transferred from the Police to Public Works, this would alleviate the additional equipment cost in the future for a second police vehicle. Removal of the lights and electronics could be done by Will Harris. Richard Turner made a motion to transfer to 2019 Chevy Silverado to the Public Works department, seconded by Nancy Kyrouac. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Marty Fanning, Police Chief mentioned that the County approved a radio upgrade to Starcom. County police in Beardstown is going to Starcom. EMS and Fire are staying on what they currently have. The problem is, if we get a new radio it needs to be dual- band. They are very expensive. In- car radio is \$8,466.00 per unit. Also, County is installing "in car repeaters". These would boost the signal in areas that are difficult to reach (example Site M). Chief Fanning doesn't have any need for this. Kenwood dual-band portable radio is \$7,080.00 per unit fully kitted out. If we don't do this then the only person Marty can talk to is dispatch. David Wilken would like to table until the next meeting to give members a chance to discuss with the County.

The County is switching over to an e-citation. The cost to us is a Zebra printer for \$960.00 and a box of paper. Next month Marty will have more information.

Presidents Report –

Benton & Associates, our Engineering Firm, said they will start the Lift Station in August 2025. Kenneth McCart, Water Operator will be terminated on August 15, 2025 since Will Harris passed his water test. Kenneth and Will met to transfer information. Nancy Kyrouac and President Mau have met to discuss the change of command. During the recent tornado scare, a resident complained they could not hear the siren. President Mau mentioned this may be something to check out with the Shane Hall, Fire Chief to see if they missed turning on that siren or if it isn't working. It may be that a new siren is needed.

President Mau requested Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion by Angela Breedlove, seconded by Nancy Kyrouac to go into Executive Session.

Return from Executive Session.

No action needed at this time.

President Mau introduced the new members of the Board of Trustees: Kelly Buker will be replacing Nancy Kyrouac and Shawn Eskew will be replacing Nathan Grieme. Nancy Kyrouac will be replacing President Kitty Mau. All new members will be sworn in at Village Hall on July 31, 2025. Welcome aboard.

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

Respectfully submitted

Pamela Gardner, Clerk