# Village of Ashland

# Meeting Minutes

 7/12/2023

 Village President Mau called the meeting to order with roll call. All members were present except David Wilken. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Invocation was provided by David McHenry.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Jacob Gardner made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Nancy Kyrouac. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Citizen Recognition-

Alaina and Wes Griffin have a special needs child that has outgrown the swing at the park. Alaina mentioned that a fundraiser was done to raise money for a swing for Beau. She explained that the outpouring support of the community has raised $4,600.00 so far. The Shriners has offered to send a check for $1,000.00 to help with expenses and there were special order Ashland mugs sold and a lemonade stand sales that will be gifted as well. Alaina has enough money to purchase 2 swings and one frame and asked the village if they would be willing to purchase a swing frame for $2,239.00. Alaina is requesting permission to put a swing at both West and James parks. 501c status will be applied for by the Griffin family but the process is very long. To alleviate the delay in purchasing the items needed, monies will be gifted to the Village of Ashland Memorial Fund for the specific purchase of items specified by the Griffin Family.

Cindy Mueske was also present to express concerns of the loss of the recycle dumpster. President Mau explained that it had been abused and the price of dumping was costly. She recommended calling the A-Team for curbside recycling.

President Mau and Tom Veith met with David Hays from Benton & Associates on July 11, 2023 regarding the grant we have received for the lift station. Bentons will still be our grant administrator but it is not automatic that they be our Engineer. The next step is to solicit proposals for Engineer services. We will need to advertise in the area papers. Articles will go out on Monday, 7/17/2023 to the area papers and will be due August 2023. This is the beginning of a lengthy process. It will also be on FB and our webpage. We will need all the documentation that this is done.

Treasurer’s report was presented by Vanessa Doellman. Accounts are holding steading. We continue to receive real estate taxes. Motion by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Richard Turner to approve. Motion carried by roll call vote.

 Bills were presented with the addition of Callendar Construction $448.96 and Turner Tree Services for $2200.00. The new total of bills is $69,616.74. Motion to accept the bills by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Public Works Director, Will Harris gave his monthly report. He mentioned the dump truck is in the shop. The Village rented the township truck and it blew up. As soon as they give us the hours that the truck was used by the Village, we will cut them a check for our use. This is as stated in the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Township. Will will be looking at the cost of a generator for the sewer plant and possibly the water plant and the office. This will alleviate any violations from the EPA if power is off for a long period of time at the sewer plant or water plant.

Chief Marty Fanning presented his monthly report. He mentioned the park vandalism at both James and West Park and the park rules that are in place. He mentioned a need for security cameras at both parks. He has been in contact with Senergy out of Williamsville IL. He is looking at cameras that are hover UFO style and are called omniveo cameras which is actually 5 cameras together. They will be 14 – 15 feet in the air. The Village will be responsible for the electrical. Menard Electric will be supplying the poles and install the poles at no charge. The base bid is $20,494.00 for both cameras. The cameras are infrared with cloud storage. It will be a cell service, explained like an internet hot spot. The app for the cloud is free of charge. After discussion, board members wanted to know about a warranty in writing, question about power loss and if there was a backup battery. Also a question about how much data could be stored before it becomes “not free”. Chief Fanning thought it would be in a loop and will find out for the next meeting. It was agreed that Chief Fanning would find out some more information and bring back to the next meeting; warranty in writing to include infrared and back-up information. At this level of cost, no other bids will be required. It was also recommended that ½ be paid from the General Fund – Building Maintenance and ½ from Police Equipment Purchases account. The installation of electrical will also be split 50-50. This will be on the August 2023 board meeting agenda.

President Mau contacted Midwest Truckers regarding the drug testing we have had in the past and are paying for but have not had any random testing done since Sue Phillips retired. David Wilken ask that we discuss this at the next meeting.

IMRF information has been received. A personnel committee meeting is scheduled for 7/18/2023 at 5:00pm to discuss Drug Testing and Employee Retirement Options. A Zoom meeting with IMRF will be Thursday, 7/20/2023 at 5:00pm. The IMRF cost will be $582.00 per month if we decide to do this. As explained, anyone that works 20 hours per week (full or part time) has to be included in this.

President Mau ask the board if they were interested in a fall city wide clean-up this year. The Health Department has offered to supply one (1) dumpster. We will plan on doing with taller dumpsters.

 President Mau ask All Weather Courts to give us an estimate on the basketball court resurfacing at West Park. They are still waiting for a quote from the asphalt company. Hopefully we will get this back soon.

There will be a Back to School Block Party at James Park Saturday, August 5 2023 10-2p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Nancy Kyrouac, seconded by Jacob Gardner. Motion carried.

 Respectfully submitted

Pamela Gardner, Clerk