

Village of Ashland
Board Meeting Minutes

3/12/2025

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented. Motion by David Wilken, seconded by Nancy Kyrouac to approve the minutes; Motion carried. Motion carried.

President Mau introduced Mr. & Mrs. Gleason. They came to address the board on the traffic that speeds past their house on East Washington. The back road going to Pleasant Plains has become a high traffic area. They are concerned that someone is going to get hurt. They are asking the board to find a solution. After discussion it was suggested that a stop sign be installed at the corner of East Washington and West Honolulu. They also ask for larger speed limit signs. An ordinance is needed for the stop sign. Attorney Tom Veith will draft an ordinance to be voted on at the April 2025 meeting.

Mr. Masick from Rise Broadband was present to discuss another choice for an internet provider by laying another fiber optic cable. They will use Ameren poles where available. No TV coverage is included. It will be a few months before they get to Ashland.

Treasurer's report was presented by Vanessa Doellman. She would like to move \$500.00 general fund 103 to general fund 101; office supplies. Also waterworks 1102 is negative \$23,379.15. This transaction is from ARPA funds. She would like to move \$30,000.00 from 1103 water repairs and maintenance. The Appropriation meeting is Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 6pm at Village Hall Board Room. Vanessa also announced that the sewer account payment of \$1945.66 has 2 payments left. Richard Turner made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with the changes above; seconded by David Wilken. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Bills were presented for approval. Motion to pay the bills by Richard Turner, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Will Harris, Public Works director presented his report. Will mentioned that the fence at the lake is down or falling down in several places. After discussion, it was decided to remove the fence and not replace it. Will mentioned that the seal went out of the blower at the sewer plant and it locked up. He is asking for approval to purchase a new blower for \$13,819.00 plus freight. Motion by David Wilken to approve the purchase of a blower, not to exceed \$16,500.00. Seconded by Jacob Gardner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Pam Gardner, Clerk ask the board to purchase another license and card reader from CUSI. Total cost will be \$1325.00 upfront and \$360.00 annual fee. David Wilken made a motion to approve the purchase of an additional license and card reader for our water program, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

President Mau presented Ordinance 2025-156 Abandoned Vehicles for approval. Motion to approve abandoned vehicle Ordinance by Nancy Kyrouac, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ordinance 2025-157; amending procedures for Assessment and Collection of penalties set forth in Chapter 1, section 1-12. This will amend the costs and fees for Village Attorney's. Motion by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Nathan Grieme to approve Ordinance 2025-157. Motion approved by roll call vote.

President Mau talked to Benton's regarding a new zoning map. This will cost \$1000.00. She advised Benton's to proceed with a new map.

Cemetery mowing will be here soon. April 5th, 2025 has been designated as Cemetery clean-up. Please mark your calendar and spread the word.

President Mau listed the upcoming events:

March 29 Electronics 9am – 12pm

Easter Egg Hunt is April 19, 2025

April 26, 2025 City Wide Garage Sale

May 3, 2025 City Wide Clean-up

President Mau ask the Board for permission to move the water meters at the Trailer Park. There are 18-20 meters and the cost is \$350.00 per meter. Total cost would be approximately \$6,300.00 to \$7,000.00. We will re-use meters if possible.

Suzi Jorns has purchased a Park Model and would like to put it on Lot 4. Discussion regarding how this is classified is underway.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully Submitted

Pamela Gardner, Clerk