

VILLAGE OF ASHLAND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

10-08-2025

Village President Nancy Kyrouac called the meeting to order with roll call at 6:00 pm. All members were present. President Kyrouac asked for a moment of silence. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried.

Cameron Jones from Benton & Associates presented an Expenditure Summary and Payment Request for \$51,642.50. The board did not approve at this time, stating that no progress has been made. November 5, 2025, will be the next pay progress meeting. This will be on the agenda at the next meeting, which is November 12, 2025, for payment.

Treasurer's report was presented by Vanessa Doellman. There is one account that needs attention. Line item 305 Miscellaneous Streets has a negative balance of \$51.60. Vanessa recommends moving \$5,000.00 from 301 Street Supplies to 305 Miscellaneous Streets. Motion by David Wilken to accept the treasurer's report with the recommendations presented, seconded by Jacob Gardner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Treasurer Doellman also mentioned the Tax Levy Ordinance is coming up. The Finance committee meeting (which includes all the board members) has been scheduled for October 21, 2025, at 6: pm.

Bills were presented for approval. Motion by Jacob Gardner to approve the bills, seconded by Shawn Eskew. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Jacob Gardner commented that the City-Wide Cleanup was not as busy this year as in the past. He recommends using 4 dumpsters instead of 5 for next year.

Police report was given by Chief Fanning. He said the portable radio is ordered and will need licensing for dual band radio.

The Auditor will be at the November meeting to present her Audit Report.

Last month discussion was about the ACH payments accepted for water bill payments. Confirmation was made that the \$2,000.00 initial fee is the only fee. No monthly charge for this once we are set up. It should take about 1-2 weeks to get this going. Motion by Angela Breedlove, seconded by Kelly Buker to accept ACH payments. Motion carried by roll call vote.

President Kyrouac said in the past the Village insurance package had been with Snedeker's in Havana IL and ICRMT. Total package this year is \$65,439.00. Motion by Richard Turner to approve Snedeker Risk Management renewal, seconded by Angela Breedlove. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Attorney Tom Veith presented Ordinance 2025-159; approving the placement of stop signs at the corner of Yates and Buchanan and Yates and Fremont. Motion by Kelly Buker, seconded by Angela Breedlove to

approve the placement of the new stop signs. Motion carried by roll call vote with the exception of David Wilken who voted present.

Chase Jones, Eagle Scout will be making two picnic tables with attaching benches. The tables will fold up for storage. Past Village President Kitty Mau agreed to pay for materials. He will need to supply a list of materials to the Village Board for reimbursement.

Kyle Dodson, 620 W. Topeka St., has requested the Village remove a tree east of his property (between him and Tasha Buker) which is on Village property. After discussion, Richard Turner suggested that we put a cap on tree removal for a year of \$10,000.00. This has been tabled until the next meeting.

The Village is finally in possession of the title of the white car (Dennis Noel's). A resolution to sell the car will be drafted for Board approval at the next meeting. We will advertise on Face Book.

Present Kyrouac attended the IML Conference on September 18 & 19, 2025

Upcoming Events:

Halloween Parade and Party – October 26, 2025 @ 3: pm. New parade route – will start at the firehouse, corner of Mechanic and Yates Streets.

Christmas in the Village will be December 13,2025 at 5: pm.

President Kyrouac requested Executive session to discuss personnel. Motion to go into Executive session by Jacob Gardner, seconded by David Wilken. Motion carried.

Back into regular session with all members present: Motion to adjourn by David Wilken, seconded by Jacob Gardner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Gardner, Clerk