

# ***Village of Ashland***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

05-08-2024

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

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

Vanessa Doellman was absent but left notes for the treasurer's report. April was the last month of the fiscal year. She is still keeping an eye on the water account. She mentioned a couple of line items to address: 1) General Fund line item 106 Insurance is (\$ 2,549). Her recommendation is to move the funds from general fund line item 105 miscellaneous. 2) Water Works line item 1102 Equipment purchased is (\$ 4,856.28). Her recommendation is to move the funds from water works O&M line item 1105 miscellaneous. Nancy Kyrouac made a motion to approve the treasurer's transfer recommendations to balance the accounts by moving \$2,549.00 from general fund 105 miscellaneous to 106 insurance and \$4,856.28 from waterworks O & M 1105 miscellaneous to 1102 equipment purchased; seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion passed by roll call vote unanimously.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Richard Turner, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Public Works report given by Will Harris.

Police report was given by Chief Marty Fanning.

President Mau mentioned that she has received a contract for Christmas Decorations by Christmas Décor System, Cicero IN for \$1,505.00. Increased by \$80.00 from last year. After discussion, motion by Nancy Kyrouac, seconded by Jacob Gardner to approve the contract from Christmas Décor Systems for the Christmas decorations. Motion carried by roll call vote.

President Mau has been approached by a resident to replace sidewalks and do repairs. Property owner pays for the concrete and the Village employees are required to frame up and pour the concrete. After much discussion it was decided to table this issue until finances are in better shape.

Chief Marty Fanning announced that the quote he received from Meadow was incorrect. The correct quote is \$11,610.00 which is \$1,610.00 more than the original amount. After discussion David Wilken made a motion to increase the amount of the quote, not to exceed \$2,200.00. Second by Richard Turner. Motion carried by roll call vote

President Mau mentioned that solicitors continue to be an issue in the Village. Solicitors are being misinformed by their employers by telling them they only need a state permit, when they actually need a Village permit that costs \$25.00 per person per day. After much discussion, we will continue to accept solicitors with a Village permit. Hours are only 10am – 5pm Monday through Saturday. No Sundays or Holidays.

President Mau announced that she will be meeting with David Hays from Benton & Associates on 5-09-2024 regarding some Park Grant opportunities which are match grants. President Mau announced that the swing at the Lake is up.

The siren at the lift station will need to be moved because it is in the way of the new lift station. President Mau ask for suggestions from the board on who we can ask. It was suggested that B & B from Springfield IL be called. Benton's will decide where to move it once the site drawings are completed.

Quickbooks has to be renewed every year instead of every three years. The cost will be around \$600. Details to follow at the next board meeting.

Old Business –

David Wilken ask about derelict properties. There are quite a few that need to mow their yards.

David Wilken ask for street signs to be added to the list to be paid from ARPA funds. President Mau mentioned that we need a priority list. Several areas need addressed before the street signs can be addressed. There is also a drainage issue on Washington street that needs to be addressed. The county has allotted \$5000.00 towards the drainage issue when we get to this.

President Mau's recommendation is to wait on street signs until all of our finances are under control; water, sewer. Nathan Grieme ask to get a quote to see how much it would cost to replace the street signs in town. Even if it is down on the list several places, it would give us an idea of what kind of money we would be asking for. President Mau will try to have something at the next meeting.

New Business –

Motion to leave regular session and go into Executive Session by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Nancy Kyrouac. Motion carried.

Motion to come back into regular session by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried.

Motion to accept personnel increases by Nancy Kyrouac, seconded by Jacob Gardner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Motion to adjourn at 7:12 pm by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Nancy Kyrouac. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted

Pamela Gardner, Clerk