# Village of Ashland

# Meeting Minutes

08/11/2021

The meeting was called to order by President Mau at 6:00 PM with roll call taken and four members present. Brian Rennecker and Frank Wallace were absent. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. David McHenry gave the invocation.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes with the addition of 2 zeros for 6 o’clock Motion seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by roll call vote.

President Mau presented Resolution 2021-142 for approval so we can sell the Bad Boy mower. We had it advertised but received no bids. A motion was made by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Judy Reiser to accept Resolution 2021-142. Motion carried. Will Harris, Public Works Director will place an advertisement on “market place” and ask $2,500.00 or best offer.

Lori Milosevich from Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden, Certified Public Accountants gave a report from the completion of the current audit of the Village books. Books and records were in great shape. No recommendations for improvements. Comptroller report has been filed and GATA will be filed in the next week. A motion was made by Richard Turner to accept the audit report, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Treasurer Vanessa Doellman gave the treasurer’s report. She mentioned that real estate tax money is coming in and no adjustments are needed at this time. President Mau announced we received notification from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) that we will be receiving $161,909.55. Vanessa Doellman suggested that we put this in a new savings account. This money can be used to invest in building, maintaining, or upgrading water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. We should receive half of the money in 30 days and the balance in 12 months. Motion to accept the treasurer’s report by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Judy Reiser. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Bills were presented with no changes. Motion to accept the bills by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Police report was presented by Jim Birdsell, Police Chief. Public Works report was presented by Will Harris, Superintendent. Ashland Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Tyler Lathom was not present but his report was reviewed by the board members.

Proclamation 2021-2 was presented and adopted by the Village in regards to guns. Motion by Richard Turner, seconded by Judy Reiser. Motion carried.

TIFF Committee report was presented by Nathan Grieme regarding the downtown rehabilitation plan. More revisions have been suggested by one of the committee members so another meeting will be needed before it is presented to the Board at the September meeting.

Reminder that the Tractor Pull will be Saturday, 8/14/2021. Starts at 10:00 AM. They will have a food truck and soda and water for sale.

Discussion has been made regarding the possibility of the Village holding a Halloween Parade. President Mau will check with Chandlerville to make sure of their dates before we move forward.

Christmas in the Village and Cookies with Santa will be December 11, 2021 at 5:00 PM starting with the lighting of the trees. Area Church Choirs members will be present to sing Christmas Carols. We will be combining all of the events on one single night.

Old Business – Last month Brian Rennecker mentioned two residences that needed attention. Tom Veith has ordered Minutes of Demolition, which is a title search. It may take a little bit of time to get these back. We will do the expedited version. Village needs to think about how we demolish, set up contractor and decide on funds ahead of time. Once we post signs and place notice in the papers we have 120 days to complete demolition. Once demolished we place a lien on the lot which is subject to real estate taxes. We will also need to post the notice in the Jacksonville Journal Courier once a day for three consecutive days and publish once in Cass Star Gazette.

Motion to adjourn at 6:50 PM by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Pamela Gardner, Clerk