# Village of Ashland

# Meeting Minutes

10-11-2023

Village President Mau called the meeting to order with roll call at 6:00 pm. All members were present. 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 Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by roll call vote.

President Mau was approached by a resident to put a metal dumpster in his yard for free dumping of metal. He would in turn, sell the items once the dumpster is full. After much discussion it was decided to have Tom Veith look into this matter further and report back to the board next month.

Vanessa Doellman presented the treasurer’s report. No changes were needed with all line items in good shape. She did mention the upcoming tax levy which is usually in November. We can call a special meeting and go through each line item or we can request Vanessa to increase 5% and put together for next month. After discussion a motion was made by Nathan Grieme to request Vanessa to increase 5%, seconded by David Wilken. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Bills were presented with no correction. Motion to approve the bills by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Nancy Kyrouac. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works report by Will Harris. Police report by Chief Marty Fanning.

Snedekers presented the village with our insurance renewal with ICRMT. It has increase about 5% from last year. The cost is $52,388.00. Jacob Gardner made a motion to accept the ICRMT Premium from Snedeker’s for the 2024 year, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Last month we accepted Benton’s proposal for Engineering Service for the lift station project. Resolution 2023-6 is to approve the payment to Benton’s. Motion by Nathan Grieme to approve Resolution 2023-6. Seconded by Jacob Gardner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

The 2009 Impala Chevrolet car needs to be sold. Car as obtained due to ordinance violations and non-payment of fines. Chief Fanning is still working on getting the keys. It was agreed to sell the car “as is” for $750.00 to 1000.00. Nancy Kyrouac made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-150 which permits the Village to sell the car. Seconded by Jacob Gardner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Over the years we have had numerous residents ask if they could pay their water bill with a debit or credit card and we have had to let them know we do not have that capability. Clerk Gardner has talked to CUSI, which is our water program provider about getting a card machine for the window traffic. The cost would be $300.00 for the machine and $1000.00 for computer interface. The transaction cost would be passed along to the customer just like it is on the website. The fee to the residents will be $1.95. Details still need to be worked out. David Wilken made a motion to approve the purchase of the credit card machine for village hall, seconded by Kim Scholes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Stop signs have

1. South Alta/West Topeka (south bound) Ordinance 2023-151. Motion to approve by Jacob Gardner, seconded by David Wilken. Motion carried by roll call vote.
2. West Progress/South Alta (4 way stop). Ordinance 2023-152. Motion to approve by Jacob Gardner, seconded by David Wilken. Motion carried by roll call vote.
3. West Richard/ South Hardin and East Richard/ South Niagara. Ordinance 2023-153. Motion to approve by David Wilken, seconded Jacob Gardner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Midwest Truckers Drug & Alcohol program has a annual fee of $415.00 which covers 5 employees at $85.00 ea. We have been put in the pool.

Will Harris, Public Works director has received a contract for the water tower computer. The second bid was not received until Tuesday, which was to late to be on the agenda. So a special board meeting is being called for Friday, October 13, 2023 at 6:pm. We will need a quarum to discuss and get this passed. Scadaware gave us a bid last month for $25,594.72. More bids were requested so Cameron from Bentons suggested another company and their bid came in at $39,761.00.

Kim Scholes is the chairperson of the Parks committee. President Mau requested a committee meeting be called. Committee members are David Wilken and Nancy Kyrouac. Meeting will be November 1, 2023 at 6pm. They will report back to the board any Park recommendations they have.

Halloween Parade is Sunday, 10/29/2023 at 3:pm. The Band will march and we are hoping to have lots of little goblins and golf carts in the parade as well. Trunk or Treat will be set up in the Village parking lot and not on Yates street. The treats and party will be at the Firehouse.

Motion to adjourn by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted

Pamela Gardner, Clerk