

Village of Ashland

Board Meeting

11/11/2020 – 6:pm

Call to order by Village President Kitty Mau. Roll call with the following members present: Nathan Grieme, Judy Reiser, Richard Turner, Dave McHenry, and Brian Rennecker. Frank Wallace arrived at 6:06pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Invocation was given by Dave McHenry.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Judy Reiser, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried.

No Citizens to recognize.

Treasurer's report was presented by Vanessa Doellman. We are half way through the fiscal year. An adjustment is needed in Waterworks due to the water tower being painted and paid for from water tower maintenance. Vanessa recommends moving \$75,500.00 from 1103 (Repairs and maintenance) to water tower maintenance 1135. Due to the refund checks in sewer which was paid out of 1005 miscellaneous sewer, Vanessa recommends moving \$38,000 from contingency fund to 1005 miscellaneous sewer. No other adjustments. All accounts look good. Motion to make the changes Vanessa recommended by Frank Wallace, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by roll call.

Bills were presented for payment with no corrections. Motion by Brian Rennecker to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Judy Reiser. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Tax Levy Ordinance was presented by Treasurer Vanessa Doellman. It is a little higher than last year. Went up to right under 5%. Assessed valuations were higher. Motion to adopt tax levy ordinance as presented by Judy Reiser, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by roll call.

Frank Wallace reported on the Streets & Alley Committee Meeting held on November 4, 2020 with RCM COOP representatives. RCM is exploring options to expand and would like to take ownership of several streets in the village; Winooski Street from Fremont Street to Main Street; Niagara Street from Fremont Street to Mechanic Street; Main Street from Yates Street to Athens Street. They also mentioned that they own part of Niagara Street. They are exploring options at this point. The back-up plan is to move out in the country. Tom Veith mentioned that since they have a quit claim deed we would have to see original deed from RR subject to public rights to trace back ownership. After a lengthy discussion the board members decided they needed more information before moving forward. 1) Abstract, are they going to try to buy more property, 2) are they interested in buying the roads and what is the process, 3) emergency vehicles would need access to these streets. If we go forward, there will need to be a public hearing and public notices. It will take a ¾ vote of village board including President Mau to pass.

Public works – Will Harris gave his report and mentioned that the Dump Truck has electrical issues. Anthony cannot take his CDL test in it. Instrument cluster, turn signals and lots of issues. Possibly a used tandem to replace the Dump Truck. Frank mentioned that the truck needs an inspection, which is mandatory.

President's report – Everyone needs to take the sexual harassment training and get your completed certificate to Pam. This is due by December 31, 2020.

Christmas in the Village and Cookies with Santa are cancelled this year. We will continue to have Christmas trees from area businesses as in the past. Trees need to be in place prior to Dec. 5, 2020 when they will be lit.

New Business – Nathan Grieme ask the consensus of the board if citizens violate state regulations on COVID. Bars are packed. What if anything do we do? At this writing there are 39 cases of COVID in town. IL Dept. of Public Health can order a business to be closed if not following the executive order.

7:33pm – Motion to leave meeting to go into executive session by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Brian Rennecker. Motion carried with 6 ayes.

7:35pm – Regular board meeting resumed. Motion for Christmas bonuses of \$150.00 for full time employees and \$100.00 for part-time employees and a choice of ham or turkey from Jones Boys Market by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried by vote.

Motion to adjourn at 7:36pm by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Brian Rennecker.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Gardner, Clerk