

# **Village of Ashland Meeting Minutes**

09-10-2025

Village President Nancy Kyrouac called the meeting to order with roll call at 6:00 pm. All members were present except Kelly Buker and Angela Breedlove and David Wilken. 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. Roll call vote taken as follows: Shawn Eskew, yes; Jacob Gardner, yes; Richard Turner, yes; Nancy Kyrouac, yes. Motion carried.

Vanessa Doellman presented the treasurer's report. She reported that all accounts were in good shape and mentioned that the balance of the real estate taxes would be coming in soon. They get deposited into the TIF Fund and General Fund. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Richard Turner, seconded by Jacob Gardner. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Shawn Eskew, yes; Jacob Gardner, yes; Richard Turner, yes; Nancy Kyrouac, yes. Motion carried.

Bills were presented for payment with the exception of two Ameren IL bills (water and general fund), Cass Rural Water's bill and North Morgan Water bills were not received prior to the board meeting. Tom Veith, Attorney suggested we do not pay these bills until next month since they were not submitted in a timely manner. Late fees will be added but Attorney Veith said we should refuse to pay. Motion by Richard Turner to approve the bills, seconded by Shawn Eskew. Motion carried by roll call vote: Shawn Eskew – yes; David Wilken – absent; Jacob Gardner – yes; Richard Turner – yes; Nancy Kyrouac – yes, Kelly Buker – absent; Angela Breedlove - absent. Motion carried

Public Works report was given by Will Harris.

Police report was given by Chief Marty Fanning.

Chief Fanning discussed the police radio issue again and has decided to order a dual band portable radio and will keep the same mobile unit. Cost is \$4500.00 with licensing.

Our ADP Time clock stopped working. To avoid exorbitant charges, we would like to use the ADP mobile ap. This would allow the employees to clock in and out using their personal cell phone. They would have to be in the parking lot at Village Hall or the parking lot at the sewer plant. There is no additional charge for this service. The timeclock will be returned and \$72.03 monthly charge will stop. Motion to approve the ADP mobile ap for a timeclock by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Shawn Eskew. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Shawn Eskew – yes; Jacob Gardner – yes; Richard Turner – yes; Nancy Kyrouac - yes; Angela Breedlove – Absent; Kelly Buker – Absent; David Wilken – Absent.

Grocery Tax will be repealed effective January 2026. This tax has been on and off since COVID. In order to establish a 1% sales tax again, we will need to create an Ordinance tonight; vote and sign and turn in by

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Vanessa Doellman said the tax would go into our general fund if we decided to have it. This has been tabled for future discussion.

It has been suggested to put flashing lights up at the school to replace the lights that have stopped working. Total cost is under \$600.00. Jacob Gardner made a motion to approve the flashing lights at the school; seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried by roll call vote. Shawn Eskew – yes; Jacob Gardner – yes; Richard Turner – yes; Nancy Kyroutac – yes; David Wilken – absent; Kelly Buker – absent; Angela Breedlove – absent.

We are looking into customer's ability to set up water bills as an automated debit or ACH.

ACH payments will cost a \$2,000.00 one-time fee to enroll which will cover software and service. Technical support maintenance will be added to the monthly invoice but they were unsure of the price. There is no further costs associated with this. After discussion, it was decided to table until the next meeting when we should have the annual fee.

Per Tom Veith;

- Minutes of demolition have been ordered from the Title Company for the buildings at 112 & 112 ½ N Yates. Buildings are dilapidated.
- Order of demolition has been received.
- We would send notice to owner in Hawaii.
- Publish in Journal Courier 3 days in a row
- Court process is: send notice, record notice and owner has 30 days to remediate property.
- Notices are ready to be sent out.
- Will need an asbestos inspection.
- Once 30 days has passed the Village has to solicit for demolition.
- The Village has 120 days from date

Request for a stop sign from a concerned citizen for Fremont and Buchanan. Buchanan has no stop signs and Fremont has no stop sign until the school crossing. It is suggested to place a 3 way stop at Buchanan and Yates, where currently there is only a yield sign. It is suggested to place a 4 way stop at Fremont and Yates to stop the east/west traffic. Need to do an ordinance. This is tabled until the October 8,2025 meeting.

Dates to remember -

City Clean up – Sept 27, 2025 – 8:am – 12:pm

Halloween Parade – Oct. 26, 2025 – 3:pm

Trunk or Treat – prize for the best vehicle

Trick or Treat is on October 30 & October 31, 2025 per Village Ordinance. Times are 5:pm – 8:pm

President Kyrouac announced the lift station update; we are still waiting for delivery. Hoping for October 1, 2025.

IML Conference. President Kyrouac will attend September 17 & 18, 2025.

October 6, 2025 – Flu clinic at James Park 1:pm to 6:pm. Be sure to bring your insurance card.

October 6 – 9, 2025 – Tire recycling.

Old Business –

Windows and roof repairs – still working on it.

Motion to adjourn 7:22pm

Respectfully Submitted

Pamela Gardner, Clerk