

# ***Village of Ashland***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

6-12-2024

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 Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Vanessa Doellman gave the treasurer's report. May was the first month of the new fiscal year. Due to a timing issue of when the board approved and when the actual bill was received and posted, the Police account has a negative balance. This was approved at the March 2024 meeting but the bill was not received until the new fiscal year. Money was transferred from ARPA Fund to General Fund to cover expense but because we have to put a line item to expense, it came out of this line item account. Vanessa recommends moving \$1,000.00 from 205 miscellaneous police to 202 equipment purchased police. Motion by David Wilken to accept the treasurer's report with the above recommended transfer; seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Bills were presented. President Mau suggested we HOLD the PortaPottie payment until after the Summer Days event and Meado payment until we actually receive the vehicle. Motion to approve the bills with the exceptions above by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Nancy Kyrouac. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Public Works report given by Will Harris.

Police report was given by Chief Marty Fanning.

President Mau announced that the water committee had a meeting on 6-11-2024. Nathan Grieme explained that Clark Cameron from the Illinois Rural Water Association (IRWA) did a rate assessment for the Village. Currently losing \$39,259 a year in water and \$9,960.00 in sewer. IRWA recommended a water rate increase on per 1000 gallon from \$14.75 to \$19.00. The base of \$27.50 would remain the same. The maintenance fee would be raised from \$0.53 to \$2.50. On sewer, the recommendation was to increase the base rate from \$10.75 to \$12.00. The additional 1000- gallon rate would increase from \$4.70 to \$6.00. The maintenance fee of \$0.52 would disappear. This would make the base bill go from \$39.30 to \$42.00. After discussion it was the consensus of the board to instruct Tom Veith to amend by Resolution the Village Fee Schedule. This will be ready at the July 2024 board meeting so the board can vote and the new rates will take effect August 1, 2024.

President Mau presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment Request Form from Benton & Associates for \$13,950.00 for the design engineering of the lift station. Motion to approve by Jacob Gardner, seconded by David Wilken. Motion carried by roll call vote.

President Mau informed the board that she has received 3 bids for tree removal on the curve of Highway Route 123. The bids received were \$2400; 2300; 5300. President Mau said the County will pay \$5000.00 for this.

Ashland Summer Days is June 21 through June 23, 2024.

President Mau checked into the cost of replacing all the street signs in the Village. The cost will be \$29,202.00 for 516 street signs.

Motion to adjourn by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted

Pamela Gardner, Clerk