

Village of Ashland Meeting Minutes

10/13/2021

The meeting was called to order by President Mau at 6:00 PM with roll call taken and five members present. Judy Reiser and Kim Scholes were absent. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Invocation by David McHenry.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes by Nathan Grieme; seconded by Frank Wallace. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Chad Fricke was present to introduce himself to the board. He and Alicia Rollings, his partner are the new owners of Dena's Bar and Grill. They took over October 1, 2021. They will be moving into the Village within 6 months. Bar hours of operation currently are 2:30PM to 10:00PM. during the week and weekends open until 1:00AM.

Treasurer Vanessa Doellman gave the treasurer's report. She mentioned most real estate dollars are in. She will be keeping an eye on Water Works line item (supplies #1101.) Estimated assessed valuation has gone up about \$400,000 from last year. Motion by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Brian Rennecker to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Bills were presented with the addition of Cass County E911 for \$2,358.34, which came in after the bills were printed. This changes the total to \$39,530.75. Motion to accept the bills with the addition of \$2,358.34 for the dispatch fees 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. Tyler Lathom was absent so no report.

President Mau announced the insurance for WC and Liability with Snedekers had a 3.4% increase. New rates will be \$55,658.00. In previous years we paid 25% down with balance paid in 6 payments starting December through May. Motion to approve the new insurance rates and payment schedule by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Brian Rennecker. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Resolution to purchase surplus items from the State of Illinois Federal Surplus was presented. Signatures were obtained by each present board member. Motion to approve by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Frank Wallace. Motion carried.

Demolition of houses. The property on 201 S. Church will be demolished at the owner's expense and will be done by the end of October 2021. We have received two bids on the property at 209 W. Editor; Rawlings for \$24,750.00 and Professional Excavating for \$18,900.00. Motion by Frank Wallace, seconded by Nathan Grieme to approve the bid from Professional Excavating. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Brian Rennecker, Zoning Officer gave an update on the demolition cars at a couple residences. In the past we have allowed cars to be covered with a tarp as long as the tarps are maintained. President Mau has been in discussion with this homeowner and will follow-up.

Halloween Parade is October 30, 2021. Line-up will start at 3:30PM in front of the Funeral Home on Editor Street. The Ashland Baptist Church will serve hot dogs, chips and a drink at the Fire House. Yates Street will be closed off from Editor to Mechanic to allow safe Trunk or Treat on Yates Street. Halloween trick or treating will be both October 30 and October 31 from 5:00PM – 8:00PM at homes with porch lights on.

President Mau mentioned we had an applicant for the Police Chief position and will be setting up a personnel committee meeting in the next week.

President Mau ask for a motion to go into Executive sessions for the possible transfer of real estate. Motion made by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Brian Rennecker at 6:30PM. Motion carried.

Motion to come back in to regular session as 7:06PM by Brian Rennecker, seconded by Frank Wallace. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 7:07PM by Brian Rennecker, seconded by Frank Wallace, Motion carried by roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Gardner, Clerk