

# ***Village of Ashland***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

7-10-2024

Village President Mau called the meeting to order with roll call at 6:00 pm. All members were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. David McHenry was present for the invocation.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Nathan Grieme made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Jacob Gardner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Stefanie Ballinger presented documents to the board regarding the upcoming road program and to announce that IRC, Inc. was the low bidder for the project at \$84,971.25. This was 32.12% under the engineers' projection which means we won't have to dip into our Utility Tax funds. Lance Smith, from Winchester, will be doing the milling of the intersection at Hardin Street and Washington Street, depending on how the invoice comes in, it may come out of Utility Tax.

Vanessa Doellman gave the treasurer's report. We will continue to deal with the police equipment purchases account balance due to a timing issue on the fiscal year from last year to this year. The account balance is a negative (\$9,305.99). Vanessa suggests we move \$10,000.00 from salaries to 202 equipment purchase. Also, we make an annual payment on our Flood Control Loan, which was paid this month in amount of \$12,495.50. Vanessa suggests to stop the monthly Flood Control transfer of \$1,300.00 from the General Fund because the loan balance is \$5,000.00 plus some interest. Discussion was made to pay off this loan at the August 2024 meeting. Nancy Kyrouac moved to approve the treasurer's report with the move of \$10,000.00 from line item 200 police salaries to 202 police equipment purchase; seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Bills were presented with the addition of Sunrise FS \$1,525.04 for diesel fuel. This makes the new total \$58,204.70 total bills. Motion to approve the bills by Jacob Gardner, seconded by David Wilken. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Public Works report given by Will Harris. The employee driving the white truck ignored the reminders to check the oil which resulted in the engine blowing up. We towed it to Law Automotive for them to tell us the same thing we suspected. They could not keep it so we towed it back. The truck is a 2015 Ford F350 with 60,000 miles on it.

Police report was given by Chief Marty Fanning. We are getting complaints about loose dogs but no one calls them in. They need to call dispatch at 217-452-7718 so Marty can start the paperwork.

Tom Veith, Attorney presented a Resolution for water/sewer rates but the board noticed that the Housing Authority's rates are lower than the rest of the Village. It was decided after discussion to table the resolution until the August 2024 meeting. However, the Letter of Explanation of the water/sewer rate increase was approved to be sent to all residents. Motion to table resolution by David Wilken, seconded by Jacob Gardner.

Motion carried by roll call vote. Current fee schedule is for commercial and residential customers. Both resolutions will be ready for approval at the next board meeting.

Quotes for the 2015 Ford PU are as follows:

- **Maul's Jacksonville**
- \$ 9,382.90
- **O'dells**
- \$ 9,728.00
- **Bills Concord**
- \$9,948.00

It was decided that we would approve up to \$11,000.00 to repair the 2015 Ford F350 White PU. Motion made by David Wilken, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

President Mau informed the board that we needed to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion by Jacob Gardner, seconded by David Wilken to go into executive session.

Motion to come back in to regular session by Jacob Gardner, seconded by David Wilken. Motion carried.

Motion to increase Public Works Director salary to \$35.00 per hour by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Jacob Gardner. This increase was due to the Public Works Director, Will Harris obtained his Class 2 Wastewater License and the Village will no longer need to employ Rich Talkington. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Motion to adjourn at 7:08pm by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Pamela Gardner, Clerk