

## ***Village of Ashland***

### ***Meeting Minutes***

8-14-2024

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

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.

Lori Milosevich, Auditor from Estes, Bridgewater and Ogden was present to go over the audit report and findings. Net position is 1.7 million. Good audit. Estes Bridgewater will close at the end of the year. They have been in business for 105 years. Lori Milosevich will be opening her own audit business. Her business will open January 1, 2025. She indicated she will, hopefully, be able to continue as our auditor.

Vanessa Doellman gave the treasurer's report. All line items are doing fine. Vanessa commented that the second half of the property tax is due Sept. 6, 2024 so those funds will be coming in. Waterworks O&M is still being watched. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Nathan Grieme, seconded by David Wilken. Motion carried by roll call vote.

The bills were presented for payment with no changes. Motion by Richard Turner, seconded by Jacob Gardner to approve the bills. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Police report was given by Chief Marty Fanning. We are getting complaints about loose dogs but no one calls them in to the police department. Residents are advised to call Cass Count Dispatch at 217-452-7718. Information will be given to Marty so he can prepare paperwork.

Public Works report given by Will Harris. Will reported that the engine has been ordered for the white pickup. Once it comes in they will let us know and we will get it over to Maul's in Jacksonville. Will mentioned that three (3) fire hydrants need replaced. Three (3) don't have valves. After discussion a motion was made by David Wilken to purchase six (6) – 6" hydrants and three (3) line stops and parts not to exceed \$45,000.00. Seconded by Jacob Gardner. These will be paid for with ARPA funds. Four (4) adaptors at \$80.00 each and 4" and 6" valves as spare line stops are included.

Tom Veith, Village Attorney, presented Resolution 2024-2 which will increase water/sewer rates for the Village. Motion to accept the resolution by Nancy Kyrouac, 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. Motion by Jacob Gardner, seconded by David Wilken to go into executive session.

Motion to go out of regular session by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried.

Motion to go back in to regular session by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Nancy Kyrouac. Motion carried.

Motion by Nancy Kyrouac to offer Brandon Daff the full-time maintenance position at \$20.00 per hour.  
Seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Motion by Richard Turner, seconded by Nathan Grieme to reimburse Will Harris \$600.00 for tuition he paid for a waste water class in Peoria, IL. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Motion to adjourn by Nancy Kyrouac, seconded by Jacob Gardner. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Pamela Gardner, Clerk

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion to go into Executive Session by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Nancy Kyrouac. Motion carried.

Will Harris paid for his class in Peoria which was \$600.00. President Mau would like to reimburse him for this fee.

Two (2) candidates were chosen by the committee; Brandon Daff and Brandon Eskew. Starting salary is \$20.00 per hour. Mr. Eskew is requesting \$24.00 per hour and an additional week of vacation his first year of employment. A CDL is required for the position. Neither of the candidates have a CDL and will be required to obtain the license. The CDL course will cost \$3500.00 at MTI and \$4500.00 at Lincoln Land. The course runs for 20 days at 8 hours per day. The Village will be responsible for the fees. Will ask the board to make the final choice on which candidate to hire. It was unanimous to offer the position to Brandon Daff.

Motion to go out of Executive Session by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Nancy Kyrouac. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Pamela Gardner, Clerk