

# ***Village of Ashland***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

04-10-2024

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

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

Stefanie Ballinger from Benton & Associates was present to discuss the road program for this year. MFT funds, in the past, have covered all the costs. This year our estimate is greater than our funds. The MFT portion is \$80,346.00 with money coming from other funds (Utility tax) at \$73,269.50. Once Stefanie is given direction from Local Roads then she will submit a resolution for the correct amount. However, she asked that we approve both Resolutions in order to save time, so she can submit as soon as they approve. A motion by David Wilken was made to approve a resolution for the total cost of \$153,615.50 using both MFT funds and Utility Tax funds and to approve one using MFT funds only. Once Local Roads tells Stefanie Ballinger which one they approve she will submit the Resolution and destroy the other one that was voted on. Seconded by Jacob Gardner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Vanessa Doellman presented the treasurer's report. No changes were needed with all line items in good shape. She is still keeping an eye on the water account. She mentioned this is the last month of the fiscal year. Motion by Nathan Grieme to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Bills were presented. Motion to approve the bills by Richard Turner, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Public Works report given by Will Harris.

Police report was given by Chief Marty Fanning. Chief Fanning mentioned that we discussed the purchase of a new vehicle last month. He has ordered a 2025 Ford Explorer for \$45,568.00 from Morrow Brothers', Greenfield IL. It should arrive between July and August of this year. Outfitting will cost \$10,000.00 and will be done by Josh Meadow Outfitting. Motion to accept the purchase of 2025 Ford Explorer from Morrow Brothers' for \$45,568.00 by Richard Turner, seconded by David Wilken. Motion carried by roll call vote. Motion by outfitting, not to exceed \$10,000.00 from Josh Meadow Public Safety by David Wilken, seconded by Jacob Gardner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Chief Fanning mentioned that our current tasers are outdated and obsolete. Tasers need to be purchased to replace the outdated ones. Chief Fanning is looking at Taser 10 which is 2 pack with all cartridges, annual training to stay certified and chargers for a total cost is \$9,553.20. This will be paid from ARPA Funds. Motion by David Wilken, seconded by Richard Turner to purchase the tasers and pay through the ARPA funds. Motion carried by roll call vote with Nancy Kyrouac abstaining.

Appropriation Ordinance for 2024-2025 was presented for approval by President Mau. Motion by Nathan Grieme to adopt the 2024-2024 Appropriations, seconded by Nancy Kyrouac. Motion carried by roll call vote.

President Mau presented the Walby's roof project which was approved by the TIF Board for \$25,000.00. Walby's will submit receipts for payment from the TIF account which will not exceed the \$25,000.00 limit. Nathan Grieme made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-1 TIF, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Resolution that was prepared by the water committee was to help a water customer with a catastrophic leak or break. This was intended for a person with a large dollar amount water bill. This was not intended for a person that had a water bill that was \$100.00 over normal. The entire water system needs to be restructured from rates to adjustments. After much discussion, a motion was made by David Wilken, seconded by Nathan Grieme to table this resolution until we receive our rate study by IRWA. Motion carried by roll call.

City wide cleanup – In order to keep the lines moving, we will have 3 dumpsters from GFL in the front of the building and then Professional Excavating will supply 2 trailers at the other side of the building for large items. Motion by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Nathan Grieme to approve the 3 dumpsters at \$575.00 each from GFL and 2 trailers at \$300.00 each from Professional Excavating.

Swings for the Lake. President Mau has found all the hardware on Amazon for \$268.00 and the 4x4's at Lowes. Motion to approve by Nancy Kyrouac, seconded by Jacob Gardner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm by Jacob Gardner, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted

Pamela Gardner, Clerk