**Village of Ashland**

**Board Meeting**

**9/09/2020 – 6:pm**

Call to order by Village President Kitty Mau. Roll call with the following members present: Nathan Grieme, Judy Reiser, Richard Turner, Dave McHenry. Frank Wallace and Brian Rennecker came in after roll call was taken.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Invocation was given by Dave McHenry.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented. Judy Reiser moved to accept minutes presented. Seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s report was presented by Vanessa Doellman. Last part of the real estate taxes will be coming in in the next couple of months. Vanessa will be working on the annual report. Nathan Grieme questioned the payment of the water tower maintenance and whether to continue putting money away at $2700.00 a month for this or changing the amount. After much discussion, it was decided to continue making a monthly transfer to the water tower account. This money could always be used for any water issues that come up in the future. Motion to accept treasurers report by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Judy Reiser. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Bills were presented for payment with no corrections. There was much discussion regarding the Bad Boy mower and the repairs charged by A’s Lawn and Land. We will NOT do business with A’s Lawn and Land in the future. Motion to pay bills with changes by Frank Wallace, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by roll call.

Ordinance 2020-140 to Provide for Specifications for Demolition. This will change section 8-140 of the village code and add 8-153 section of the village code. After discussion, Judy Reiser made a motion to approve the demolition ordinance amendment 2020-140, seconded by Brian Rennecker. Motion passed by roll call.

Brian Rennecker presented a new and updated building permit. Schedule of fees were discussed. The building permit fee has been increased from $25.00 to $50.00, which will bring us in line with surrounding towns. Portable building and fence fees were added along with a section of water/sewer hookup. Julie # and Demolition permits were added. After much discussion, Judy Reiser made a motion to accept the new building permit and new fee schedule, seconded by Dave McHenry. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Nathan Grieme – No Richard Turner – Abstain Kitty Mau - Yes

Brian Rennecker – Yes Frank Wallace - No

Judy Reiser – Yes Dave McHenry – Yes

Motion carried.

Lori Milosevich, CPA from Estes, Bridgewater Ogden reported on the recent year end audit as of April 30, 2020 with all accounts reconciled and correct. One issue was brought forth regarding the billing of the sewer portion, which is done every year. Motion to accept the audit report by Nathan Grieme for fiscal year 2019-2020, seconded by Frank Wallace. By roll call vote, motion carried.

Tyler Lathom, Fire Chief presented a Resolution for Fire Protection District. Nathan Grieme made a motion to adopt the Resolution for Adoption of the Fire Protection District, seconded by Judy Reiser. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Report by Public Works Director Will Harris.

Report by Fire Chief, Tyler Lathom. Planning on doing a fund raiser pork chop lunch during city wide garage sale Sept. 19 (drive up only) and possibly another one in October. Grant from Farm & Home was received for $750.00 and will be used to assist in upgrading some of the equipment

City wide clean-up on Sept 26, 2020. 9:am-12pm

Water tower was painted.

Cass County Health Department will be giving flu shots on Oct. 22, 2020 from 9:am-12:pm and Oct. 27, 2020 from 3:pm-6pm at James Park, Ashland, IL. Flyers will be distributed around town.

September 24, 2020 we will have a TIF Joint Review Board meeting done via ZOOM or teleconferencing. This is scheduled for 11:30am.

Dunn’s road grader busted the concrete cover at Honolulu and Franklin Street. Village will get it fixed.

Aaron Gilbreth was present and explained he is experiencing major mosquito issues from the home to the east; the gutters are full of water which harbors the mosquito issue. He has not confronted the homeowner. After discussion, the village will see what actions from the Police department can be taken.

No old business.

New business.

There will be a short executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters by Brian Rennecker, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried.

Motion to come back in by Frank, seconded by Judy. Motion carried.

Motion to hire Anthony Smith pending a certified abstract of his driving record by Frank Wallace, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Motion to adjourn by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Frank Wallace. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Pamela Gardner, Clerk

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**Executive Board Meeting**

**9/09/2020**

Executive session to discuss personnel on September 9, 2020. Anthony Smith was interviewed for Troy Smith’s position. Kitty Mau, Nathan Grieme, Judy Reiser, Will Harris and Troy Smith were present at the interview. He is 26 years old, lives in Petersburg with his girlfriend and new baby. He has had 3 other jobs. He has a short work history. The job that he liked the least he stayed for 2 years. The job he liked the most was for 5 years, doing outside maintenance work. Seems to be soft spoken and does not seem to be shy of labor. Will get CDL and Troy and Larry will be training him. He will look into his water license after he has been working for a while.

Originally from Athens. Committee discussed snow plowing and water breaks and that he will have to travel as soon as he gets a call.

Driving record will be requested. He will need to bring in his own abstract of his driving record from Secretary of State. It must be certified. There is a minimal cost.

Pay this young man $13.00. No probationary period needed.

No health insurance benefits. Retirement package as stated in the employee handbook is available after one year of service. Incentives for the water license.

Motion to leave exec. Session by Nathan, seconded by Frank at 7:14pm. Motion carried.

Pam Gardner, Clerk