# Village of Ashland

# Meeting Minutes

12-08-2021

The meeting was called to order by President Mau at 6:00 PM with roll call taken and five members present. Frank Wallace was absent. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Invocation was given by David McHenry.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Brian Rennecker. Motion carried by roll call vote.

A new gentleman was present from the Cass Star Gazette; Jason Brockschmidt.

Treasurer Vanessa Doellman gave the treasurer’s report. She mentioned all accounts are in good shape and she has no changes. She is watching 1101 water works supplies account. It is getting low. Motion by Judy Reiser to approve the treasurer’s report, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Bills were presented with the addition of an Ameren bill for the Christmas trees for $27.74 which brings the Ameren bill total to $3765.38 and the grand total $38382.77. Motion to accept the bills by Brian Rennecker, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Police report was presented by Jim Birdsell, Police Chief. Public Works report was presented by Will Harris, Superintendent. He mentioned that the lakes are closed for the winter. No Fire report was presented.

President Mau announced there will be changes to the personnel handbook. The accumulation vacation time has changed with year 1 = 5 vacation days; 2-6 years = 10 vacation days; 7-15 years = 15 vacation days; up to 20 years = 20 vacation days. This will take place beginning in 2022. Motion to accept the changes by Judy Reiser, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

The Zoning Committee met 12/01/2021 at 6:33 PM to discuss re-zoning of the “Old Hotel Property” formerly known as 101 W. Main. The zoning committee presented the approved request from B-1 to R-1 to the Village board for approval. Motion to accept the rezoning from B-1 to R-1 request by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Regarding the Doolin Property; the board advised that substantial progress must be made by December 15, 2021 or the Village will come in and start the demolition process. This is under Statute so we must get started. Notice was given in August and ongoing conversations have been since then.

We have been experiencing problems with the server. Our operating system is a Windows 2012 server. At some point, once it will not take any more updates, Brendon DeJaynes, IT suggests we move to the Cloud. He is estimating the cost to be $5000.00 set up (a one-time hit) and $2500.00 annual fee. This should work faster. We use this for our water program. After discussion the board ask for pricing to be discussed at the January 2022 meeting.

GPS for water meters. Kitty talked to Illinois Rural Water regarding GPS locations of our water meters.. They do this and can locate within (1) foot of the meter. The cost is $7.00 per meter (which is a 30% discount because we are members of IRW). Once this is done we can set up on our phones and edit it. Kitty has a meeting in January with this guy.

Jan. 6 at 2:30 is a TIF meeting

No Old business.

No New business.

We are going to have to have Executive session for personnel.

Motion to leave regular session and go into Executive session to discuss at 6:45pm by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Judy Reiser.

Motion to come back from Executive session at 7:11pm by Nathan Grieme, , seconded by Judy Reiser. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Motion to adjourn at 7:14pm by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Brian Rennecker. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Pamela Gardner, Clerk