# Village of Ashland

# Meeting Minutes

02-08-2023

The meeting was called to order by President Mau at 6:00 PM. Roll call was taken with five members present. Nancy Kyrouac was absent. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Invocation was presented by David McHenry.

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

President Mau introduced Kenneth McCart to the board. Due to the passing of Wayne Nelson we are in need of a licensed water operator. Kenneth gave a synopsis of his career and offered his services for a monthly cost of $500.00. He would be the go between for the Village and EPA and would sign monthly reports and take care of EPA reports. He will be at the Village once a week. He presented a 5-year contract and mentioned that if the village needed to terminate they could with a written request 30 days prior to the requested date.

President Mau introduced Reg Ankron from Simec Energy. He is a consultant to the village for our energy supplier and is advising that Constellation Energy of Chicago be used for an 18- month period. The cost will be .11942 cents per kilowatt hour. There will be a press release sent to the Village when this takes place.

Treasurer Vanessa Doellman presented the treasurer’s report. She noted no changes are needed at this time. We will decide on a date for the appropriation meeting at the next board meeting. Motion by Nathan Grieme to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by Brian Rennecker. Motion carried by roll call vote

Bills were presented with additions noted. There were a few bills not received at meeting time. Motion by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Jacob Gardner to accept the bills. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Marty Fanning, Police Chief presented his monthly report. Will Harris, Public Works Director presented his monthly report.

Will Harris, Public Works Director presented literature to the board regarding the possible purchase of an electric heated power washer. This has a PSI of 2000 and is from Landa. After discussion, the board approved the purchase up to $6,000.00 for a hot water pressure washer from Landa from Crossroads Truck Equipment. Motion by Brian Rennecker, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

President Mau announced it is time again for sexual harassment training. The Clerk will email the IML website and acknowledgement form that is needed to all the board members. Once you have completed the training please fill out the form and return to Pam Gardner.

In Old Business – Tom Veith, Attorney, mentioned that on the property ordinance violation, he is prosecuting a resident for a property maintenance violation. The village will go in and clean it up at a charge to the resident. He is also working on another ordinance violation for another individual.

New business – Corner of Forest and Illini streets; there is the trailer that sits back off the corner. Mike Buckman approached the Village that he may want to sell the lots and put the streets back in. He wants Illini to become a street so he can sell the lot. Thought – better to close the street and divide between home owners.

Jacob Gardner made a motion to go out of regular session and into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Second by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Jacob Gardner made a motion at 6:58pm to go back into regular session; seconded by Kim Scholes.

President Mau ask the board members their thoughts on hiring Kenneth McCart for a cost of $500/month. After discussion, Nathan Grieme made a motion to approve the hire of Kenneth McCart for a cost of $500.00 per month; seconded by Jacob Gardner. Motion carried by roll call vote.

President Mau mentioned that we lost our IT man, Brendon DeJaynes from the school. He is replaced by Dustin Janssen. President Mau will talk to the school and make sure we can have the same schedule.

Motion to adjourn by Kim Scholes, seconded by Jacob Gardner. Motion carried at 6:59pm.

Respectfully submitted

Pamela Gardner, Clerk