**Village of Ashland**

**Board Meeting**

**6/10/2020 – 6:pm**

Call to order by Mayor Kitty Mau. Roll call with all members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Judy Reiser. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s report was presented by Vanessa Doellman. We are in the beginning of a new fiscal year. Monthly taxes from the State of IL have decreased which impacts our general fund and the real estate taxes for Cass County will be delayed. Special tax is fine. Motion to accept by Richard Turner, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried.

Bills were presented for payment. Motion to pay as stated by Brian Rennecker, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by roll call.

Board members were given a packet of material for the road program. Within that the first is a Resolution to Appropriate $68,000 from MFT funds for the 2020 Supplemental MFT General Maintenance Program. After some discussion, Mike McEvers from Benton & Associates explained the breakdown as follows: Utility tax is paying $32,250 for seal and $86,300 to pulverize, grade and compact for a total of $118,550. An additional $18,000 (non- bid item) for patch material also comes from Utility tax. Rebuild Illinois Bond fund has $14,641.66 for prime, cover and seal coat. We should receive another $14,641.66 by the end of this year and an additional $29,283.32 for the next 2 years. We are receiving this because the state sold bonds and we should receive 3 years of payments split into 2 payments each year.

Motion to adopt the Resolution to Appropriate $68,000 from MFT funds for the 2020 Supplemental MFT General Maintenance Program from Richard Turner. Seconded by Frank Wallace. Motion carried by roll call.

Frank Wallace reported on the road program. They had a committee meeting prior to this meeting and looked at the funds that are available. We do not have funds for everything at once so the committee suggests a 4- year plan. Currently, the streets north and south need repair so that is what mostly will be concentrated on. Bad north and south roads will be pulverized, oil and chipped. Year 2 will be oil and chip only on north and south roads. Year 3 will be pulverizing of east and west roads and year 4 to oil and chip east and west roads. Will Harris will do a lot of patching to keep things going in the off cycle. Board members were asked to approve the 2020 Supplemental MFT General Maintenance Program in the amount of $61,858.34 and Maintenance Engineering in the amount of $3,810.00 for a total of $65,668.34. Motion to approve as presented by Richard Turner and seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion passed by roll call.

Mayor Mau announced we had a public hearing regarding the Rebuilt Illinois Grant at 5:00pm today. No comments were made so we can move forward. Dave Hayes explained we are requesting $1,157,000 to replace the sanitary sewer lift station. Frank Wallace made a motion to approve the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DECO) grant documents, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by vote.

If we are to get the grant, we will need to commit $30,000 of local village funds. The board will need to approve the Resolution 2020-2 to Commit Local Funds for the Lift Station Grant Project. Motion to accept this resolution to commit local funds was presented by Frank Wallace, seconded by Nathan Grieme. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Wayne Nelson’s water contract is up for renewal for $200 a month. We need approval to sign the new contract. Motion by Nathan Grieme, seconded by Frank Wallace. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Purchase of a new pickup will be finalized. The pickup will be a Ford F250 2020. State bid price is 26,980.00, locking rear axle for $390.00 and all terrain tires for $170.00. Straight blade is $6,700.00 for total cost of 34,240.00. Trade in of the 2008 Ford pickup will be approximately $4,000.00, bringing the total to $30,240.00. WCB will finance for 3.25% at a cost of $550.00 a month. Vanessa thought we would take 50% from water and 25% each from sewer and streets. Money is already appropriated. This truck is on the lot and could probably get very soon. Motion by Nathan Grieme to purchase the 2020 F250, seconded by Judy Reiser. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Reports by Tyler Lathom on the AVFD. All EMS calls are back to pre-coronavirus protocol.

Will Harris, Public Works Director presented his report. Richard Turner asked about cleaning out the old fire house. Richard wants the mold and mildew cleaned out and pressure washed. Will mentioned that the ceiling could have asbestos in it and that is why they have not done any work there. Mayor Kitty Mau said that right now it is used for storage and during the winter months we store the mowers there. No action was taken and the issue was tabled.

Jim Birdsell, Police chief presented his report with no questions.

Brian Rennecker mentioned the Parks Committee met June 6 at 4:pm. We received 3 bids for materials for around the playground equipment; recycled rubber tire bid (ADA compliant) for $5,182.00. Regular mulch 2020 from Chapman Stone for $1,088.67 and Greenview Nursery for $1,252.00. Chapman Stone was the lowest bid on a semi load of mulch which is 66 cu. Yards of material. After discussion, it was agreed to proceed with the mulch from Chapman Stone which is enough to do both parks and have a bit left over.

Tyler asked about a fire protection district committee. Frank Wallace, Ron Cave and Nathan Grieme were on this committee. Brian Rennecker offered to serve on the committee in Ron Cave’s place.

PDC contract is up at the end of this month. We will be canceling this contract and will have EPA do the water testing for a $120.00 savings.

New board member. I will make a recommendation to the board and will do prior to the July meeting. We need to do within 60 days of Ron Cave’s death. Kitty will email the information to each board member and will have the nomination present at the July board meeting. The board has 30 days to act on the recommendation.

Kitty Mau mentioned the letter she and all the board members received and asked for any discussion. Brian Rennecker, the zoning officer surveyed the properties in mention. There is nothing in violation at either residence. Brian also mentioned with the Covid 19 virus he has not sent any violation letters since March 15, 2020.

Nathan Grieme mentioned the tennis courts look good.

Brian Rennecker mentioned the pollinator of wild flowers at the reservoir from last year is starting to bloom and looks good.

Nathan Grieme made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

Pamela Gardner, Clerk