

Ashley Village Council Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2023

The regular council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Ann Paksi.

Roll call was taken with, Ann Paksi, Mike Turner, Dave Foote, Robert Studt, Kristin Mills, Michelle Fitzpatrick-Clerk/Treasurer, Paul Beck-DPW Supervisor. Absent: Doug Schneider, David Kimball

Visitors: John Gingrich, Howard Whaley, Pamela Reed

Mr. Whaley requested estimated cost of water/sewer extension main per foot to McClelland to report to the Ashley Area Fire Authority Board.

After review and discussion **R. Studt** made a motion to approve the 05/11/23 amended agenda, adding Backhoe, DG Site Plan, Ferrels Tree trimming, future garage sales. Supported by **D. Foote**. Motion carried.

After review and discussion **R. Studt** made a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2023 as presented. Supported by **D. Foote**. Motion carried.

After review and discussion **K. Mills** made a motion to approve the check register April 14, 2023 – May 11, 2023 **M. Turner**, Supported Motion carried.

Chairman Jane Unterbrink reported and gave updates for Country Christmas. Budget Chairman Paula Pettigrew gave overview of Amended Budget to be presented to the budget committee meeting.

Planning Commission update to be presented at New Business.

Old Business:

After review and discussion **D. Foote** motioned to request sealed bids for replacement of whole roof on Remenar Building/Train Depot building. Supported by **M. Turner**. Motion Carried.

Consumers Energy estimate cost for Electric Installation Fee of \$97.50 for the new Lift Station was presented to the board. The fee was approved to pay the bill at above motion.

Village of Ashley Spring Clean up was discussed. The decision was to forego Spring Clean up as it was not part of the service with Granger's. The village will look into putting it in the 2024 budget for next year.

After review and discussion **R. Studt** motioned to accept Rhode Brothers Excavating bid proposal for the Water/Sewer Main Extension at \$382,334.00. Supported by **D. Foote**. Motion Carried.

After review and discussion **K. Mills** motioned to accept MERS RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PUBLIC ACT 88 A RECIPROCAL RETIREMENT ACT THAT ALLOWS EMPLOYEES TO COMBINE SERVICE EMPLOYEE MAY HAVE EARNED WITH A MICHIGAN GOVERNMENT UNIT IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR A PENSION UNDER THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN. Supported by **M. Turner**. Roll Call vote was taken.

Ayes: K. Mills, D. Foote, M. Turner, R. Studt, A. Paksi

Nays: 0

Absent: D. Schneider, D. Kimball

Resolution Declared ADOPTED May 11, 2023

After review and discussion **D. Foote** motioned to move forward with requesting bids for Kent Property development. Supported by **K. Mills**. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Chairman John Gingrich presented with changes to the new Zoning Ordinance to include adding new classifications of zoning areas and districts and to Adopt a PUD (Planning Unit Development).

After review and discussion **K. Mills** motioned to accept the changes in the Zoning Ordinance and take to a public hearing held by the Planning Commission in accordance with the Council approval at the June 6th Public meeting. Supported by **M. Turner**. Motion Carried.

Planning Commission Chairman requested posted meeting dates as the first 1st and second 2nd Tuesdays of each month at the Village of Ashley Community Center located at 110 N. Sterling St.

Trustee Foote brought up Parking at the village Park. After review and discussion Park Parking was tabled for a later date.

Trustee Turner brought up Park Ball field improvement discussions. After review and discussion it was suggested that a meeting with the coaches to be conducted to find out what they are requesting.

Trustee Studt brought up a TEDF M-Dot grant. After review and discussion it was decided to table the discussion and discuss further for the year 2024.

Treasurer/Clerk Fitzpatrick brought 2 quotes to for new website.

After review and discussion **M. Turner** motioned to accept the bid from Civic Clarity up to \$2,000 for website development. Supported by **D. Foote**. Motion Carried.

Dollar General Site Plan was reviewed.

After review and discussion **D. Foote** motioned to move forward and approve partial land division application for Dollar General. Supported by **R. Studt**. Motion Carried.

Employee Accruals were discussed. After review and discussion it was tabled for further review with Wage Committee.

After review and discussion **K. Mills** motioned to give DPW Supervisor his 46.75 comp hours back that dropped off on 02.28.2023. Supported by **M. Turner**. Motion Carried.

DPW Supervisor stated that the tires on the Backhoe needs to be replaced. After review and discussion it was determined that the tire replacements was included in this years adopted budget so no need to take a vote on the subject was needed.

DPW Supervisor stated that he had Ferrells tree trimming review the village trees. After review and discussion it was recommended that he get one more quote for tree removal.

Trustee Turner stated that he has been approached about annual Garage Sales and stated that he would like to see us set up an Annual village wide garage sale moving forward.

K. Mills motioned to adjourn regular council meeting at 9:30pm. Supported by **R. Studt**. Motion Carried.