

**Ashley Village Council Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 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-arrived subsequently, Doug Schneider, David Kimball, Michelle Fitzpatrick-Clerk/Treasurer, Paul Beck-DPW Supervisor. Absent : Kristin Mills, , Robert Studt

**Visitors:** None

After review and discussion **D. Schneider** made a motion to approve the 10/12/2023 agenda with amendment adding signs and water sales to Polaris to the agenda. Supported **M. Turner**. Motion carried.

After review and discussion **M. Turner** made a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2023 as presented. Supported by **D. Kimball**. Motion carried.

After review and discussion **M. Turner** made a motion to approve the check register October 13, 2023 to November 9, 2023 Supported, **D. Schneider**. Motion carried.

Committee Chairman Jane Unterbrink presented updates for the Village of Ashley Country Christmas.

- Received permission to use Elba Township building for the Sweet Shop
- Country Christmas requested to pay two more Committee members this year and an additional committee member next year.
- Requested to get Roof estimate ASAP so they can put in 2024FY Budget
- Would like to discuss hiring a part time person to administer and support the Country Christmas

**Old Business:**

After failed attempts to get additional bids for the tree removal throughout the village right away it was decided to contact Ferrell Tree Service to see if we can possibly get any trees removed this year and to put into the budget to remove more trees next year.

**New Business:**

DPW Supervisor Paul Beck informed Council that the HMO Pump in the Water Treatment Plant is beyond repair and need to be replaced.

After review and discussion **D. Foote** made motion to replace and install the HMO Pump in the amount of \$8500 for the pump and \$1500 for the install for total of \$10,000. Supported by **D. Schneider**. Motion Carried.

Trustee Kimball brought a request for more Patrolling by the Sherriff's department particularly in the evening, seems to be where the most need is. Trustee Turner stated that he will contact Steve Sopocy to discuss more patrolling for the village.

Council requested DPW to inspect the village signs for repair or replacing them and get pricing to replace all the village street signs.

Council requested DPW to look at the sidewalk on Sterling Street where it has heaved up and remove it if possible.

Clerk/Treasurer Fitzpatrick brought the request from Polaris Solar to buy water from his during their boring project here in Ashley.

After review and discussion council supported the sale of the water to Polaris Solar at \$4 per 1,000 gallons.

After review and discussion **M. Turner** motioned to accept TO BEGIN MASTER PLAN EFFORTS AS PART OF THE GRATIOT COUNTYWIDE MASTER PLAN EFFORTS. Supported by **D. Foote**. Roll Call vote was taken.

Ayes: A. Paksi, D. Foote, D. Schneider, D. Kimball, M. Turner

Nays: 0

Absent: K. Mills, R. Studt

Resolution Declared ADOPTED November 9, 2023

**D. Foote** motioned to adjourn regular council meeting at 9:15pm. Supported by **D. Schneider**. Motion Carried.