

Ashley Village Council Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2024

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

Roll call was taken with, Ann Paksi, Dave Foote, David Kimball, Doug Schneider, Robert Studt , Mike Turner, Michelle Fitzpatrick-Clerk/Treasurer, Paul Beck-DPW Supervisor. Absent: 0

Visitors:

After review and discussion **D. Kimball** made a motion to approve the 03/14/2024 agenda with amendment filling empty council or committee member seats to the agenda. Supported **R. Studt**. Motion carried.

After review and discussion **D. Schneider** made a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2024 as presented. Supported by **D. Kimball**. Motion carried.

After review and discussion **R. Studt** made a motion to approve the check register February 9, 2024 through March 14, 2024 Supported, **D. Foote**. Motion carried.

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

- Chairman Unterbrink updated us on the train coming for event 06.15.2023– Arsenal of Freedom train with vintage baseball.
- Chairman Unterbrink requested update on Depot roof.
- Chairman Unterbrink stated that they hired their PT employee at \$12 per hr. with a 6-month review.
- Chairman Unterbrink requested to allow them to offer Matt Stehlik a seat on the committee.
- Chairman Unterbrink requested that council approved the purchase of 126 S. Sterling Street in the amount of \$18,500 to be paid out of the Country Christmas Fund.

After review and discussion **R. Studt** motioned to approve VOA Country Christmas' recommendation and add Matt Stehlik as a VOA Country Christmas committee member. Supported by **D. Foote**. Motion Carried.

D. Schneider gave updates on the Planning Commission meetings.

- Requested that we have the Water Tower property appraised.
 - An appraiser will be contacted to have the property appraised.
- D. Denniston would like to be added on the Planning Commission board
 - All positions are filled at this time

Old Business:

DPW Supervisor Beck informed council that the Depot roof repair will begin on Monday 03.18.24 by Weathervane Roofing.

After review and discussion **D. Foote** motioned to allow President Paksi to approve up to an additional \$2,000 for the Depot roof repair if needed. Supported by **R. Studt**. Motion Carried.

After review and discussion council requested we take sealed bids for the rest of the repairs on the Depot roof.

Clerk/Treasurer Fitzpatrick stated she was waiting for a response from attorney's office regarding the contract with Casair/Point Broadband.

New Business:

After review and discussion **D. Kimball** made motion to approve 224-2025 Fiscal Year budget. Supported by **M. Turner**. Motion Carried.

After review and discussion **M. Turner** motioned to approve the recommendation from VOA Country Christmas chairman Unterbrink to purchase the property at 126 S. Sterling in the amount of \$18,500 from Ms. Jordan Saylor with Purchase Agreement from Alma Abstract Title company. Supported by **R. Studt**. Motion Carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Fitzpatrick presented an email from AAFA Board Clerk/Secretary K. Mills requesting that the village gives AAFA a set agreed amount for water/sewer/trash bill for the year.

After review and discussion council requested to table this request and discuss further with a representative at the next Work Session meeting on April 1st, 2024.

Trustee D. Kimball talked about his interest in becoming the chairman for the VOA Promotional committee and his plans as a chair for the committee.

President Paksi appointed trustee D. Kimball as Chairman of the Village of Ashley Promotional Committee effective immediately.

Clerk/Treasurer presented the MML Liability and Property Pool renewal proposal for 05/07/2024-05/07/2025.

After review and discussion **D. Schneider** motioned to accept the MML Liability and Property Pool renewal proposal for 05/07/2024-05/07/2025. Supported by **D. Kimball**. Motion Carried.

After review and discussion **M. Turner** made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2024-01. A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY TRASH RATE FOR RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS CUSTOMERS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ASHLEY
Seconded by **D. Schneider**. Roll call vote was taken:
Ayes: A. Paksi, D. Foote, R. Studt, M. Turner, D. Schneider
Nays: D. Kimball
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
Resolution 2024-01 passed and adopted.

After review and discussion **R. Studt** made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2024-02. A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE WATER RATES AND FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS CUSTOMERS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ASHLEY
Seconded by **D. Foote**. Roll call vote was taken:
Ayes: A. Paksi, D. Foote, R. Studt, , M. Turner, D. Schneider
Nays: 0
Abstain: D. Kimball
Absent:
Resolution 2024-02 passed and adopted.

After review and discussion **D. Schneider** made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2023-03. A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE SEWER RATES AND FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS CUSTOMERS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ASHLEY
Seconded by **D. Foote**. Roll call vote was taken:
Ayes: A. Paksi, D. Foote, R. Studt, M. Turner, D. Schneider
Nays: 0
Abstain: D. Kimball
Absent: 0
Resolution 2023-04 passed and adopted.

After review and discussion **M. Turner** made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2023-04. A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE READY TO SERVE FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS CUSTOMERS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ASHLEY
Seconded by **D. Foote**. Roll call vote was taken:
Ayes: A. Paksi, D. Foote, M. Turner, D. Schneider
Nays: R. Studt
Abstain: D. Kimball
Absent: 0
Resolution 2024-04 passed and adopted.

After review and discussion Blight properties will be tabled for further discussion.

After review and discussion council is requesting mowing bids for only select parts of the village properties i.e. Lagoons, water tower, M57 ROW. Downtown and park to be maintained by DPW employees.

DPW supervisor recommended offering the Seasonal position to last years seasonal employee Larry Moulton before putting an ad out for employment.

After review and discussion council approved the recommendation from DPW Supervisor Beck.

After review and discussion **D. Foote** motioned to appoint Andrew Brown as a Trustee to fill the vacant Council seat effective immediately. Supported by **D. Schneider**. Motion Carried.

Clerk/Treasurer presented with the 2024-2025 Council Meeting Dates.

After review and discussion council approved the dates with a change to the April Date from 04/14/24 to 04/11/24.

President Paksi moved to go to closed session at 9:10pm to discuss employee.

Came out of Closed session at 9:34pm

After review and discussion **D. Kimball** motioned to hire/post for a Part time 16-20 hours per week position for Deputy Clerk for the Village of Ashley. Supported by **M. Turner**. Motion Carried.

D. Foote motioned to adjourn regular council meeting at 9:40pm. Supported by **D. Kimball**. Motion Carried.