

Ashley Village Council Meeting Minutes
June 12th, 2025

The regular council meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Robert Studt.

Roll call was taken with, Robert Studt, Mike Turner, Dave Foote, Katelyn Emmendorfer, Doug Schneider, Michelle Fitzpatrick-Clerk/Treasurer, Chris Lambert Deputy Clerk. Absent: David Kimball, Terry Beck, Paul Beck-DPW Supervisor

Visitors: Paula Pettigrew, Fred Peabody

Mr. Peabody voiced concerns regarding the drainage on the street adjacent to his property once he puts in his new driveway. President Studt stated that he and the DPW supervisor will go and take a look at it to see what can be done.

After review and discussion **K. Emmendorfer** Made a motion to approve agenda for June 12th, 2025. Supported by **D. Foote**. Motion carried.

After review and discussion, **M. Turner** Made a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes of May 8th, 2025 as presented. Supported by **D. Schneider** Motion carried.

After review and discussion, **M. Turner**. Made a motion to approve the check register for May 9th through June 12th 2025. Supported **D. Schneider**. Motion carried.

Paula Pettigrew reviewed and discussed updates with Country Christmas.

President Studt reviewed and discussed updates from the Planning Commission meeting.

- Planning Commission recommends having a purchase price ready and available for any interested properties for sale by the village.
 - After review and discussion the topic was tabled for further discussion.

President Studt reviewed and discussed updates from the Work Session meeting.

President Studt reviewed and discussed updates from the Budget Committee meeting.

No updates for Ashley Area Fire Authority at this time.

Old Business:

Blight service renewal with Gratiot County was reviewed and discussed.

After review and discussion **D. Foote** made a motion to change the village phone service provider from Frontier to Point Broadband effective ASAP. Supported by **Katelyn Emmendorfer**. Motion Carried.

After review and discussion **D. Foote** made a motion to accept the bid from Bear Creek Metal Roofs, LLC up to \$34,000 for The Depot building wrap around porch and improvements if needed. Supported by **Katelyn Emmendorfer**. Abstained by **M. Turner**. Motion Carried.

Ashley Schools approached the village requesting an enclosed area to store scrap metal that will be used to build the train sculpture. After review and discussion it was determined that the village has no enclosed area and very little outdoor area for storing the scrap metal for them.

New Business:

After review and discussion **Katelyn Emmendorfer** motion to accept the bid from Seifert Concrete for the village sidewalk project. Supported by **M. Turner.** Motion Carried.

After review and discussion **Katelyn Emmendorfer** motioned to close Fire Tax account #9838. Supported by **D. Foote.** Motion Carried.

After review and discussion **D. Foote** motioned for the Country Christmas fund account pays for the gas & electric bills for the MMR Building retroactive back to January 2025 and all current charges. Supported by **Katelyn Emmendorfer.** Motion Carried.

Trustee Kimball's position was reviewed and discussed.

After review and discussion **Katelyn Emmendorfer** motioned to accept the Budget Committees recommendations to amend the budget for the Water fund. Supported by **M. Turner.** Motion Carried.

After review and discussion **Katelyn Emmendorfer** motioned to accept the Budget Committees recommendations to amend the budget for the General fund. Supported by **M. Turner.** Motion Carried.

After review and discussion **Katelyn Emmendorfer** motioned to accept the Budget Committees recommendations to amend the budget for the Country Christmas fund. Supported by **M. Turner.** Nay by **D. Foote.** Motion Carried.

The Village Employee Handbook was reviewed and discussed. After review and discussion the topic was tabled for further discussion.

The Village Office Hours were reviewed and discussed. After review and discussion the topic was tabled for further discussion.

M. Turner motioned to adjourn regular council meeting at 9:09pm. Supported by **Katelyn Emmendorfer.** Motion Carried.

Robert Studt, Village President

Michelle Fitzpatrick, Village Clerk