

Ashley Village Council Meeting Minutes
April 13, 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., Doug Schneider, David Kimball, Michelle Fitzpatrick-Clerk/Treasurer, Paul Beck-DPW Supervisor. Absent: Kristin Mills

Visitors: Frederick Peabody, Kevin Saylor, Sam Smith, Randall Zuker, Frank Sourek, Don Smith, Larry Houseman

After review and discussion **R. Studt** made a motion to approve the 04/13/23 agenda. Supported by **D. Schneider**. Motion carried.

After review and discussion **M. Turner** made a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2023 as presented. Supported by **R. Studt**. Motion carried.

After review and discussion **R. Studt** made a motion to approve the check register March 10, 2023-April 13, 2023 **M. Turner**, Supported Motion carried.

Chairman Jane Unterbrink reported and gave updates for Country Christmas. Christmas in July has been cancelled. The Remenar building roof needs to be repaired and committee is in the process of getting bids for this repair.

Planning Commission – President Paksi appointed John Gingrich as Planning Commissioner Chairman for the Village of Ashley

Old Business:

Paksi property reviewed and discussed, Tingley survey is completed we are awaiting the survey results.

Mr. Saylor came with counter offer regarding acquiring the parcel between Reed Street and Lynn Street. After review and discussion council gave an update of the plans the village is moving towards for that property and gave him other options within the village limits.

Village Clerk/Treasurer updated the council on the meeting with the attorney regarding the Pinnacle Realty, Dollar General Title Letter and the Millage. These are being tabled for further discussion after the attorney reviews and submits his recommendations.

Trustee R. Studt gave a Spicer update on the Water and Sewer Extension to M57

Arnold Rd/M57 property update – Waiting for attorney to review the Title Objection and give recommendations.

Blight property reviewed and discussed.

DPW Supervisor stated that they are having an Arborist come to look at the trees in the Village ROW on 04/26/23 & 04/27/23.

Village residents brought concerns of draining issues at their properties, DPW was advised by council to go to the properties to review.

The village council voted to add **Lots 41-150-025-01/10** & 41-150-027-00 for 2023 Blight recommendation to the County for enforcement.

New Business:

Planning Commissioner John Gingrich updated council on the plans for Parcel between Reed St and Lynn St, stating that they are planning to have it rezoned so that we can add housing to increase our resident census to benefit both our community and our school system.

After review and discussion **M. Turner** motion to give Planning Commissioner Chair the authority to meet with businesses, organizations, public utility companies for the benefit of the village. Supported by **D. Foote**. Motion Carried.

After review and discussion **D. Schneider** made motion to accept Frank Sourek Lawncare bid for a one year contract at price of \$18,500 per year with a minimum of 30 mows per season provided that they provide us with a Liability Insurance Bond. Paying \$9,250 in April 2023 and the balance of \$9,250 in July. Supported by **M. Turner**. Motion Carried.

Burn Pit's were reviewed and discussed. No Ordinance was found on file in the office for Burning within the village limits.

Clerk Fitzpatrick presented the MML Insurance Renewal. Council reviewed and discussed the renewal packet.

After review and discussion **M. Turner** accepted the 2023-2024 MML Insurance Renewal. Supported by **D. Kimball**. Motion Carried.

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. Schneider**. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: K. Mills,

Resolution 2023-04 passed and adopted.

The prospect of Gold Coast Sales interest in a piece of the property on Quarterline/Arnold & M57 was reviewed and discussed. It was noted that the village has a meeting with Rowe to go over zoning and lot sizes to show what we have available for the prospective interest.

After review and discussion **D. Foote** made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2023-05. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN INCREASE TO 5% MATCH FOR EMPLOYEES DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE

OF ASHLEY Seconded by **D. SCHNEIDER**.

Resolution 2023-05 passed and adopted.

After review and discussion **M. Turner** made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2023-06. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR MERS CONTRACTS AND SERVICE CREDIT PURCHASE APPROVALS FOR THE

VILLAGE OF ASHLEY Seconded by **D. Kimball**.

Resolution 2023-06 passed and adopted.

After review and discussion **R. Studt** made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2023-07. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MERS DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF ASHLEY Seconded by **M. Turner**.

Resolution 2023-07 passed and adopted.

After review and discussion **R. Studt** made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2023-08. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MERS DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF ASHLEY Seconded by **M. Turner**.

Resolution 2023-08 passed and adopted.

After review and discussion **M. Turner** made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2023-09. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MERS 457 PLAN SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM FOR THE VILLAGE OF ASHLEY Seconded by **R. Studt**

Resolution 2023-09 passed and adopted.

After review and discussion **R. Studt** made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2023-10. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MERS 457 PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF ASHLEY Seconded by **M. Turner**.

Resolution 2023-10 passed and adopted.

After review and discussion **D. Kimball** made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2023-11. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MERS CONTRIBUTION ADDENDUM FOR DEFINED CONTRIBUTION FOR THE VILLAGE OF ASHLEY Seconded by **M. Turner**.

Resolution 2023-11 passed and adopted.

Trustee R. Studt was approached by Elba Township Supervisor whom inquired about purchasing property on the corner of M57 & McClelland for new Fire/Rescue building and Elba Township offices. This was reviewed and discussed.

Village Clerk/Treasurer confirmed that the electric post on Sterling Street in front of Parcel 41-100-110-00 is paid for by the Village of Ashley. It was reviewed and discussed to move the electric post over by the village car port/pavilion.

D. Foote motioned to adjourn regular council meeting at 9:50pm. Supported by **M. Turner**. Motion Carried.