

Ashley Village Council Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2022

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, Mike Turner, Kristin Mills, Robert Studt, Doug Schneider, Michelle Fitzpatrick-Clerk
Absent: Matt Brzak

Visitors: Roger Keck

After review and discussion **M. Turner** made a motion to approve the 05/12/2022 agenda. Supported by **K. Mills**. Motion carried.

After review and discussion **M. Turner** made a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2022 as presented. Supported by **K. Mills**. Motion carried.

After review and discussion **R. Studt** made a motion to approve the check register/expenditures April 15, 2022 - May 12, 2022. **M. Turner** Supported Motion carried.

Old Business:

ARPA – Report Submitted

DPW Supervisor has been in Contact with M-Dot to move forward on the closure of Lynn St. at RR Crossing.

Village Clerk/Treasurer has been in contact with Mark Zawadski Sr. Development Manager (P. 216-226-2124) regarding status of Dollar General. Mr. Zawadski stated that they are working through the process on the property and will be in contact with us if any assistance is needed.

New Business:

Village Clerk/Treasurer presented with fee for Property Insurance coverage on the Fire Hall. After review and discussion **M. Turner** motioned to invoice the Authority Board for the fee. Supported by **K. Mills**. Motion Carried.

Village Clerk/Treasurer presented the Country Christmas budget for FY 2022 for approval. After review and discussion council requested that before they will approve they require the budget to show the dollar amounts approved for Pavilion/building improvement/repairs.

After review and discussion **K. Mills** made motion to appoint R. Studt as Water/Sewer Operator in Charge(OIC) for the Village of Ashley effective immediately. Supported by **M. Turner**. Motion Carried.

After review and discussion **K. Mills** made motion to approve salary for OIC as \$600 per month. Supported by **M. Turner**. Motion Carried.

After review and discussion regarding sidewalk right away, council requested that the clerk/treasurer contact attorney to see how best we can enforce our Civil Infraction/Right of Way ordinances.

Visitor R. Keck discussed the updates on village park Ball Field. Two estimates were presented for resurfacing the field. Funds to support the updates on the field are being inquired by requesting Grant Funds from Gatiot Community Foundation, Lions Club donations, Village CIP budgeted \$10,000 for this project and fundraising done by the parents of little league. It was also brought up that Funds should be requested from Elba Township and Gratiot County Park Grant funds.

After review and discussion **R. Studt** made motion to Amend the Annual Vacation Leave time from Calendar Year to Anniversary date as Vacation Accrual date. Supported by **K. Mills**. Motion Carried.

Quarterly Budget was set up June 15, 2022 at 9:00am at village office.

After review and discussion **M. Turner** made motion to approve AAFA's new sign on the Fire Hall. Supported by D. Schneider. Abstain **K. Mills**, R. Studt. Motion Carried.

Effective Immediately K. Mills has stepped down as Promotional Committee member effective immediately.

After review and discussion village council determined that taxpayer dollars cannot be used to fund Promotion Committee events.

After review and discussion village council stated that Trading Days account no longer exists and therefore has no funds to be utilized for Promotional Committee events.

D. Schneider motioned to adjourn regular council meeting at 9:12pm. Supported by **R. Studt**. Motion Carried.

Ann Paksi, Village President

Michelle Fitzpatrick, Village Clerk