

Ashley Village Council Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2024

The regular council meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Ann Paksi.

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

Visitors: Steve Moffitt – Gave information on plans to possibly expand his business to become a “Beer Garden”. Was looking for approval from council members to move forward with his business plan. Also, gave his intent to run for President for the Village of Ashley at the November election. Paul Ghillani – came to support Mr. Moffitt and to request that a note be put on Facebook to request residents to clean up after their dog messes.

After review and discussion **R. Studt** made a motion to approve the 06/13/24 agenda with amendment, adding Storm Drains to the agenda. Supported **D. Foote**. Motion carried.

After review and discussion **R. Studt** made a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2024 as presented. Supported by **D. Schneider**. Motion carried.

After review and discussion **D. Schneider** made a motion to approve the check register June 14, 2024 – July 11, 2024 Supported, **R. Studt**. Motion carried.

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

R. Studt gave updates on the Planning Commission meetings.

Old Business:

Ferrell Tress service has been contacted and are coming the week of 07/15/24. It was mentioned to possibly wait for removal until after Consumers Energy trims the trees they marked.

Water Tower Property appraisal has been completed. It came in as \$17,500 per Acre.

Property #41-150-028-50 Letter to residents for bidding on property approved by council with minimum bid starting at \$1,000.

305 E. Wallace Street was approved for water service.

New Business:

Ticketing for Blight was reviewed and discussed. M. Turner will consult with Gratiot County Sherriff to review on how to enforce the ticket.

Two Properties were selected to turn into County for blight eradication.

Property transfer affidavit for Parcel # 41-150-037-02 was reviewed and discussed. Clerk/Treasurer Fitzpatrick stated that she spoke with Elba Township Supervisor who informer her that he was taking care of it on his end and will keep us posted.

Clerk/Treasurer Fitzpatrick informed Council that Kasey Zehner from Greater Gratiot Development would like to highlight the goals for the Village of Ashley for the County Master Plan and would like to know at what platform would the village like to meet to discuss. Council verses Planning Commission. After review and discussion council stated that they will discuss with Planning Commissioner Gingrich and get back to me.

The Storm Drain on corner of Wallace and Sterling was reviewed and discussed. DPW Supervisor and OIC will look into who’s drain it is to maintain and discuss at a later meeting.

D. Schneider motioned to adjourn regular council meeting at 8:53pm. Supported by **D. Foote**. Motion Carried.