

## Regular Meeting

August 12, 2019

The Village of Ashton Board of Trustees met at 7:00 P.M. August 12, 2019 in the Village Hall with President Henert presiding. Trustees in attendance were Martha Holder, Susan Larson, Ryan Pettenger, Christen Schopp and Jerry Williams

Motion was made by Holder, seconded by Larson to approve the July minutes. Voice votes, 5 ayes – Holder, Larson, Pettenger, Schopp, and Williams. 0 nays. 1 absent-Woodall. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Pettenger, seconded by Larson to draw upon the treasury to pay the monthly bills, payroll, additional bills in the amount of \$78503.01. Voice votes, 5 ayes – Holder, Larson, Pettenger, Schopp, and Williams. 0 nays. 1 absent-Woodall. Motion carried.

Citizens to be Hears- Jennifer Evans asked about the parking on the lawn ordinance and if something could be changed for temporary parking the yard, Yater replied that it is too hard to monitor time frames and then people abuse the system. Casper is going to stop by her house and look at options for a parking pad at their house. She also inquired about the splash pad, Holder replied what we have now is a temporary fix and we are looking at the options to repair it properly. She was also concerned about the weeds downtown, Caper will look into it.

Lewis Carey also inquired about any progress on the south side with Ashton Auto Repair, Pettenger will keep him updated as anything happens.

Dean Meurer also mentioned he would be happy to help with the Blum grant for expenses incurred at the splash pad.

New Business- Chris Woodall has offered his resignation to the board, he feels he does not have the time to commit to the board with his work schedule at this time. Henert would like to thank him for his service to the board. A motion was made by Holder to accept Woodall's resignation seconded by Pettenger. Roll Call Vote- Holder-aye, Schopp-Aye, Larson-Aye, Williams-aye, and Pettenger-aye. 5-ayes. 0-nays. 1 absent-Woodall. Motion Carried

Henert met with a representative of the 2020 Census, he will be putting a Local Complete Count Committee together in the next month or so, let him know if you are interested in being a part of it.

Manheim reported the letters are complying it is trimming now he is writing letters for.

Williams reported 2 more storm sewers have been fixed. He received three bids for Paddock and N 3<sup>rd</sup>. A motion was made by Williams to accept the bid from TJS Excavating in the amount of \$38,366.18 seconded by Schopp. Roll Call Vote- Schopp-aye, Williams-aye, Holder-aye, Larson-aye, and Pettenger-aye. 5-ayes. 0-nays. 1 absent-Woodall. Motion Carried.

Pettenger reported that the wastewater inspection went well. We need to calibrate the flow meter annually, we have already set-up an appointment for that to be done. The Dixon Lab that does our testing has also changed their form to comply with what the EPA wants. Williams and the employees have done a great job with cleaning up the sewer plant.

Holder reported that fall fest will be September 29, they are also planning various events for different age groups through the fall. Summer camp at the Mills was a great success, Kim Lumzy and her helpers did a wonderful job.

Yater reported that he and Williams have worked with IDOT on the flooding on Western, they are going to dig out the ditch to the west to see if that will alleviate the issue. The light on the top of the tower has been addressed and is now blinking the correct color. Chief Richter is working on the siren and that is being addressed also. Final FEMA meeting is this month. The police department has also adopted the land across from Casey's to maintain.

Holder reported the Mills is working on a key policy, curtains are here, museum, fall fest and Christmas walk, and pickle ball.

Crull received a list of unpaid tickets from Yater last month and has sent letters to them, also towns are wondering how the cannabis laws will affect us we will know more after IML.

Christen Schopp is resigning from the board as she is moving from Ashton, she has enjoyed her time on the board. Henert thanked her for her service. A motion was made by Pettenger seconded by Holder to accept her resignation. Voice votes, 5 ayes – Holder, Larson, Pettenger, Schopp, and Williams. 0 nays. 1 absent-Woodall. Motion carried.

Pettenger made a motion to adjourn seconded by Holder. Voice votes, 4 ayes – Holder, Larson, Williams and Woodall. 0 nays. 2 absent-Pettenger and Schopp. Motion carried.

7:42 PM

Meghan Clark, Village Clerk