

## **Village of Ashton Board Meeting – December 13, 2021**

Village President Tim Henert called the meeting to order 7:00p.m.

Present: Rhonda Cardot, Martha Holder, Susan Larson, Tim Henert, Village Attorney Russ Crull, and Village Clerk Katie Koks; Absent: David Chapman, Chuck Ellis

*Motion to approve November Meeting minutes as presented* – Larson; Second – Holder.

Voice Vote – 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion passed.

*Motion to approve financial statement and to pay monthly bills* – Holder; Second – Cardot.

Voice Vote – 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion passed.

### **New Business:**

Bill Newkirk from Newkirk & Associates gave a brief presentation of the FY 21 Audit. He outlined a few key pages and highlighted that the Village simplified the number of active funds, which will help with overall accounting and efficiency going forward. This was significant for budget purposes. Newkirk will be coming to the Village on December 15<sup>th</sup> to wrap up GATA reporting. He also mentioned that the AFR would be completed and submitted on time for the first time in several years.

Henert introduced Steve Garrison to the board as his choice to fill the seat vacated by Ermir Ramadani.

*Motion to appoint Steve Garrison to the Village Board for the duration of the term*– Holder; Second – Cardot.

Roll Call Vote – Cardot- Aye, Holder- Aye, Larson- Aye, Henert – Aye (Henert voted in place of absent members).

4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion passed.

The board unanimously approved the appointment of Steven Garrison to fill the open position. Crull swore in Garrison and he took a seat at the Village Board table.

### **Old Business:**

Henert asked for a motion to approve the Levy Ordinance.

*Motion to approve the Levy Ordinance as presented* – Larson; Second – Holder.

Roll Call Vote – Cardot - Aye, Garrison – Aye, Holder - Aye, Larson - Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Henert asked for a motion to approve the Interfund Transfer from the General Fund to the Water Fund for purchase of new water meters.

*Motion to approve an interfund transfer from the General Fund to the Water Fund in the amount of \$53, 138.52 to be repaid in September 2022 by the second ARPA payment*– Holder; Second – Garrison.

Roll Call Vote – Cardot- Aye, Garrison-Aye, Holder- Aye, Larson- Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Henert asked for a motion to approve purchase of new water meters from Ferguson Waterworks in an amount up to \$113, 701.67 – the price the Village was quoted last month. Larson expressed some concerns about the verbiage on the quote and asked that the Village Office ensure that the quoted price is what we pay. Garrison also asked about the plumbing issues anticipated with the install.

*Motion to approve purchase of 450 Neptune 360 water meters and software from Ferguson Waterworks in an amount not exceeding \$113,701.67*- Holder; Second- Cardot.

Roll Call Vote – Cardot- Aye, Garrison-Aye, Holder- Aye, Larson- Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion passed

### **Zoning**

Manheim reported a few permits for a deck and fence. He gave an update on Custom Underground who renewed their demo permit and have been working on the property. Larson asked what the company's timeline was for getting the cleanup completed, Manheim said they will leave the equivalent of a 3 car garage and concrete slab for the businesses going forward.

Cardot asked who to talk to about more street lights on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Paddock. The group discussed the reporting process for ComEd and getting new lights or replacement bulbs for non-functioning lights.

### **Community Economic Development**

Nothing to report.

**Streets & Alleys**

Nothing to report.

**Water & Sewer**

Nothing to report.

**Parks**

Holder reported that the committee met to wrap up meeting for Christmas Walk – everything went well. The next meeting in February will focus on calendar creation for events in 2022.

**Liquor Commissioner**

Nothing to report.

**Police Report**

Nothing to report

**Clerk's Report**

Koks presented the Treasurer's Report, compiled by Sharon Van Dam, to the board which outlined revenue and expenditures as well as salaries for Village Staff for the previous year. A copy of the report will be published in its entirety in the newspaper and a copy will be available at the Village Office.

**Cemetery Board**

Nothing to report.

**Mills & Petrie Board**

Holder reported that the Mills & Petrie board will not meet in December. The wooden firefighter statue from Griffith Park was moved to the Mills to remove it from the elements and save it from deteriorating.

**Village Attorney**

Nothing to report.

**Other Topics**

Henert said thank you to the Stover Family (Don and Sandi) for sharing goodies with the Village for the holidays and for their kind message to the Village Staff.

Monetta Young brought up a former resident (Barbara Reed Eaton) who is hosting her own card shower as she turns 90. Young asked that we consider sending Eaton a card from the Village to celebrate her milestone. More information will be in the coming week's edition of the Ashton Gazette.

Mayor Henert wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and wishes for a happy and healthy 2022.

*Motion to Adjourn the meeting* – Larson; Second-Cardot  
Voice Vote- 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent – Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43p.m.

Submitted by Katie Koks, Ashton Village Clerk