



Village Board Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Rhonda Cardot, Denise Coffman, Chuck Ellis, Susan Larson, Tim Henert, Attorney Russ Crull, Clerk Katie Koks

Absent: David Chapman, Martha Holder

Public Comment:

AFC FFA chapter president requested board consideration for 2 acres of land on the 40 acre Blum property to construct a building and learning lab. AFC FFA Alumni asked for land on the northeast corner of the proposed property for a 60x80 building and natural area. The group provided a business plan (same as Feb. 2021) and updated proposal. There was a brief question and answer section with the alumni group on some initial questions. Board members Cardot, Coffman, and Ellis were in favor of moving forward with the discussion about the FFA group's request. Board member Larson was not in favor of moving forward with the discussion about the FFA group's request.

Approval of the Minutes

- The board reviewed the minutes from the following meetings: January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting; January 9, 2023 Executive Session; January 9, 2023 Ordinance Committee, January 10, 2023 Economic Development Committee; February 2, 2023 Committee of the Whole; February 7, 2023 Park Committee
Motion to approve the above listed minutes – Ellis; Second- Cardot.
Voice Vote to approve: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Approval of the Monthly Bills

- The board reviewed the Treasurer's report and list of bills payable.
Motion to approve bills payable-draw upon the treasury to pay monthly expenditures in the amount of \$51,145.16 and additional bills- Coffman; Second- Ellis
Voice Vote to approve: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Committee & Officer Reports:

Water and Sewer (D. Chapman)

- The board members reviewed the report from Steve Garrison on the monthly completed projects. Garrison offered to any board member that would like to take a tour of the facilities can get in touch with him.

Community Economic Development (R. Cardot) - No report

Streets and Alleys (C. Ellis) - No report

Parks & Recreation (M. Holder)

- In Holder's absence, Henert gave a brief overview of each topic listed on the agenda based on the minutes from the committee meeting. The date for Spring Cleanup at the park is set for April 1st, the Parks Committee would be involved with the Ashton Lions Club Car Show in June, and there was a proposal from S. Garrison and K. Koks to do some beautification (flowers) down near the railroad tracks at the junction of Schade St. and Western Ave.

Mills & Petrie Board (M. Holdert) - No report

Clerk's Report (K. Koks)

- Koks presented information about an ACH payment option for quarterly Utility Bills. She had a questionnaire to complete and she explained the process to the board members. Koks took questions from board members about the timing of the process.
Motion to offer an ACH payment option with Central Bank for quarterly utility bill payment – Larson; Second Coffman.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Coffman, Ellis, Larson, Cardot

Nays: 0

Absent: Chapman, Holder

Abstain: 0

4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, 0 Abstain – Motion passed



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Public Safety/Police (T. Henert)

- Henert gave an overview of the options outlined at the Committee of the Whole meeting and stated that the Village would continue to gather information about options for a Chief or part –time chief. He was also still planning on meeting with the County Sheriff. A decision about the position will most likely not be made until after the beginning of next fiscal year.

Finance Committee (S. Larson)

- Larson reported that the committee had met just previous to the regular meeting today and had begun discussing the budget for next year and looking at “wish lists” from S. Garrison and K. Koks. The items on the lists would be prioritized and discussed at future meetings.

Ordinance Committee (T. Henert) - No report

Cemetery Committee (T. Henert)

- Henert gave an overview of the discussion from the Committee of the Whole meeting, including his recommendation for the Village to take over the maintenance at the Cemetery for this season. Garrison also mentioned that he felt the Village would need a full year of maintaining the lawn to realize the true cost savings, if any.

Motion for the Village to maintain the lawn at the Ashton Cemetery for the 2023 season – Ellis; Second Cardot

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ellis, Larson, Cardot, Coffman

Nays: 0

Absent: Chapman, Holder

Abstain: 0

4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, 0 Abstain – Motion passed

Village Attorney (R. Crull)

- Attorney Crull reported on a meeting he had with Henert and Koks in January to discuss some land topics potentially coming down the line.

Other Topics – None

Motion to return to Adjourn - Coffman; Second-Ellis

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent – Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.

Submitted by Katie Koks, Village Clerk