

Village of Ashton Board Meeting – June 13th, 2022

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

Present: Steve Garrison, Rhonda Cardot, Susan Larson, President Tim Henert, Village Attorney Russ Crull, Village Clerk Katie Koks

Absent: David Chapman, Martha Holder, Chuck Ellis

President Henert will be casting a vote at this meeting to make a quorum.

Motion to approve May Meeting minutes as presented – Garrison; Second – Cardot

Voice Vote – 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent. Motion passed.

Motion to accept financial statement as presented and to pay monthly bills and additional bills list – Larson; Second - Garrison.

Voice Vote – 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent. Motion passed

There was no old or new business for this meeting.

Zoning

Koks and Manheim have been working on sending letters for high grass and rubbish. A few permits for pools and roofs. Manheim is working with a resident about an entrance ramp. Larson asked if we can address the deterioration of the condition of a vacant house on west Main St.

Community Economic Development

Garrison reported that Stahr Media is working slightly ahead of schedule. A new Village logo is in the works and ideas should be in-house by the middle of the week. Koks has been sending content to them as well.

Streets and Alleys

Henert reported that a sinkhole opened on Brown Avenue this morning after a garbage truck drove over it. It is being addressed by the street crew. Potholes are being filled as needed.

Water and Sewer

Koks reported that work orders for all service addresses are made for water meter installation and some meters have been installed. Henert mentioned that the guys would be doing the water line type survey that is required by the EPA at the same time as the new meter installation. Part of the change out procedure is identifying the line type and marking it on the work order.

Parks

Garrison cleaned up the leaves, branches, and brush at Griffith Park and put down some grass seed. He is also going to power wash and stain the shelters when camp is not going on. Koks reported that the first day of camps was a success – the programs have become popular and the dedication of the Lumzy's is very appreciated by the whole village.

Liquor Commissioner- Nothing

Police Report

Koks reported that it's been quiet in town. The Ashton Police escorted Color Guard for the Memorial Day march to the cemetery.

Clerk's report

Koks presented the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget and the proposed 2022-2023 Appropriation Ordinance. She asked that if any board members had questions about any line items, to please ask before the next meeting. The budget must be approved and submitted to Lee County in July.

Cemetery

Henert reported that there is not too much going on, a few funerals. The condition of the cemetery is overall good. Some minor issues being addressed. Larson said it looked very nice for Memorial Day.

Mills & Petrie – Nothing

Attorney – Nothing too big. Crull is keeping tabs on 804 and 806 case. He is also working on reviewing some paperwork for the development across from the school. He will get back to the board if there are any issues.

Other

Garrison reported that the splash pad issue is being worked on based on the letter from the Illinois Department of Public Health. The system's chlorinator is non-operational, but the UV piece may still be working. The testing kits will need to be updated as well. Garrison asked Koks to look into what it would take to renew the license now. Henert was in favor of making the fix and working with the IDPH to get it renewed by the end of the month.

Motion to enter into Executive Session – Larson, Seconded by - Cardot

Roll Call Vote: Cardot-Aye, Tim Henert- Aye, Susan Larson-Aye, Steve Garrison-Aye, 0 Nays, 3 Absent: Chapman, Ellis, Holder; Motion Passed

Executive Session to Consider the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees

Motion to leave Executive Session – Larson, Seconded by - Cardot

Roll Call Vote: Cardot-Aye, Tim Henert- Aye, Susan Larson-Aye, Steve Garrison-Aye, 0 Nays, 3 Absent: Chapman, Ellis, Holder; Motion Passed

Motion to return to Regular Session– Larson, Seconded by - Cardot

Roll Call Vote: Cardot-Aye, Tim Henert- Aye, Susan Larson-Aye, Steve Garrison-Aye, 0 Nays, 3 Absent: Chapman, Ellis, Holder; Motion Passed

Motion to Adjourn- Larson; Second-Cardot

Voice Vote: 4-Ayes, 0-Nays – 3 Absent; Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 7:19pm

Submitted by Katie Koks, Ashton Village Clerk