

Regular Meeting

March 13, 2017

The Village of Ashton Board of Trustees met at 7:00 P.M. March 13, 2017 in the Village Hall with President Ross presiding. Trustees in attendance were Tom Balch, Mandi Kersten, Tim Henert, Susan Larson, Dean Meurer, and Kevin O'Dell.

Motion was made by Larson, seconded by Kersten to approve the February minutes. Voice votes, 6 ayes - Balch, Kersten, Henert, Larson, Meurer, and O'Dell. 6-ayes 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Henert, seconded by Balch to draw upon the treasury to pay the monthly bills, payroll, additional bills in the amount of \$47,834.67. Voice votes, 6 ayes - Balch, Kersten, Henert, Larson, Meurer, and O'Dell. 6-ayes 0 nays. Motion carried.

Lee County Sheriff's Department gave a presentation on the .5% Public Safety Tax that will be on the April 4th ballot. The increase of funds will pay for the new proposed Lee County Jail. The presentation went over what would happen if the tax was passed and also what would happen if it was not passed.

Manheim reported he was finishing up inspections and starting to get letters out for the spring. He also asked the board for a 2% raise. Henert made a motion to approve a 2% raise for Manheim seconded by Balch. Voice votes, 6 ayes - Balch, Kersten, Henert, Larson, Meurer, and O'Dell. 6-ayes 0 nays. Motion carried.

O'Dell reported that the Streets & Alley Committee plans to have a meeting in the next week. There has been a lot of debris from the wind and snow storm to be picked up. He had spoken to Larry Wagner of Wagner Brothers about the storm sewers to be replaced but would have to wait until it was warm enough to start work.

Balch reported that Bartels would like to be paid a flat fee of \$200.00 a month until Schaneberg had completed his licensing. Motion was made by Balch seconded by Henert to accept the fee of \$200.00 a month for pay for Bartels. Voice votes, 6 ayes - Balch, Kersten, Henert, Larson, Meurer, and O'Dell. 6-ayes 0 nays. Motion carried. Balch also had two estimates, one from TJS Excavating and the other from Go Excavating, for the sewer replacement on S Paddock Avenue that would affect 7 houses. Balch recommended going with TJS as they were the low bid, Henert seconded the motion. Voice votes, 6 ayes - Balch, Kersten, Henert, Larson, Meurer, and O'Dell. 6-ayes 0 nays. Motion carried. Balch then also had two estimates, one from Kloepping and one from Detar, for the roof replacement and the maintenance building, Balch made a motion to accept Detar's bid as it was the lower of the two Henert seconded the motion. Voice votes, 6 ayes - Balch, Kersten, Henert, Larson, Meurer, and O'Dell. 6-ayes 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larson reported the committee was working on Paw Patrol events, Chana School coming for a clean-up day at the park, and a royal tea party at the Mills. She would also like to ask the Blum Foundation for a request for up to \$15,000 for park equipment in conjunction with a Com Ed grant for matching funds, Larson made a motion to apply for the Blum Funds seconded by Kersten. Voice votes, 6 ayes - Balch, Kersten, Henert, Larson, Meurer, and O'Dell. 6-ayes 0 nays. Motion carried.

Yater reported he was working on junk vehicles around town and would also like to apply to the Blum Foundation for \$6000.00 for a matching funds grant from Com Ed for electronic signs to be placed around town. Meurer made the motion to apply for \$6000.00 in Blum grant funds seconded by Henert. Voice votes, 6 ayes - Balch, Kersten, Henert, Larson, Meurer, and O'Dell. 6-ayes 0 nays. Motion carried.

Balch reported that the lawn care bid with Dena would remain unchanged for this year and we would continue using her services.

Ross reported that Steve Toole was resigning from the Mills Board and he would leave the decision up to the new mayor of who to appoint.

Crull would like a map of where the truck route would be located, to make sure the ordinance and the signage are correct.

Ryan Jones wanted to know about tires in his neighbor's lawn and getting them cleaned up, Manheim will address the issue with the homeowner. He was also concerned about the way snow was being plowed and closing streets to one lane. Ross addressed the concern by saying we hadn't had any significant snowfall this year and new employees are now on staff, so hopefully that will help in the future.

Balch made a motion, seconded by Larson to adjourn. Voice votes, 6 ayes - Balch, Kersten, Henert, Larson, Meurer, and O'Dell. 6-ayes 0 nays. Motion carried.

8:20 PM

Meghan Clark, Village Clerk