

Regular Meeting
November 11, 2019

The Village of Ashton Board of Trustees met at 7:00 P.M. November 11, 2019 in the Village Hall with President Henert presiding. Trustees in attendance were Jeff Clark, Chuck Ellis, Martha Holder, Susan Larson, and Jerry Williams. 1 absent-Pettenger.

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

Motion was made by Clark, seconded by Ellis to draw upon the treasury to pay the monthly bills, payroll, additional bills in the amount of \$93747.46. Voice votes, 5 ayes – Clark, Ellis, Holder, Larson, and Williams. 0 nays. 1 absent-Pettenger. Motion carried.

Lyle Sword asked for a moment of silence in honor of Veteran's Day. Sword asked about the sidewalks being done around town, he was informed that was a Blum grant project. He also has a list of cars and junk around town, he was asked to bring it to the office so letters can be sent. The apartments downtown were also on his list and Tess said he will work with Russ about starting the process for a resolution. Lewis Carey wanted to know is the salt supply was sufficient as winter has come, he was informed that we have a supply of salt ready to go.

Henert asked that the board approve a Blum grant up to \$3500.00 for normal splash pad maintenance. We put in a grant every year to help with the cost so it does not fall onto the tax payers. A motion was made by Holder to submit a grant for up to \$3500.00 for the costs seconded by Ellis. Roll Call Vote. Clark-aye, Ellis-aye, Holder-aye, Larson-Aye, and Williams-aye. 5-ayes. 0-nays. 1 absent-Pettenger. Motion carried.

Casper reported he had 3 roof permits and some more letters sent out.

Larson reported here committee will meet in the next week or so. Lirim Mimini was approached by someone that was interested in purchasing the buildings downtown but was under the impression they needed to be torn down. Casper stated he was given the information from past letters that had been sent to the previous owners. Larson is concerned about damage being done to another building down town. Tess stated that the other building owner could sue also, as well as the village taking action.

Williams reported that the sidewalks had been finished last week.

Holder reported that the Christmas walk will be December 7 from 5-8. Santa will be from 5-7, carriage ride, a tree lighting, lighted parade, and business participating in the event.

Clark reported that she was introducing the Levy Ordinance to be passed in December. The audit this year will have to be done by another auditor as we need to have a different type of audit sue to the DCEO grant.

Ellis reported he has someone coming to do the roofs in the next couple weeks and also Raynor coming to look at the doors.

Young reported Sherri visited a museum similar to what we would like to do here. They will be having a scavenger hunt for the Christmas walk. Joyful Junkers is coming up.

Henert introduced Blair Crum as the new hire for the village. Voice votes, 5 ayes – Clark, Ellis, Holder, Larson, and Williams. 0 nays. 1 absent-Pettenger. Motion carried.

Motion made by Holder seconded by Larson to go into executive session. Roll Call Vote. Clark-aye, Ellis-aye, Holder-aye, Larson-Aye, and Williams-aye. 5-ayes. 0-nays. 1 absent-Pettenger. Motion carried. 7:28 pm

Call meeting back to order 7:35

Clark made a motion to pay Riley Stephens \$15.00 an hour from October 26th until he resigns on November 27th 2019 seconded by Ellis. Roll Call Vote. Clark-aye, Ellis-aye, Holder-aye, Larson-Abstained, and Williams-aye. 4-ayes. 0-nays. 1-abstained. 1 absent-Pettenger. Motion carried.

Ellis made a motion to adjourn seconded by Holder. Voice votes, 5 ayes – Clark, Ellis, Holder, Larson, and Williams. 0 nays. 1 absent-Pettenger. Motion carried.

7:37 PM

Meghan Clark, Village Clerk

