

## Regular Meeting

October 9, 2017

The Village of Ashton Board of Trustees met at 7:00 P.M. October 9, 2017 in the Village Hall with President Henert presiding. Trustees in attendance were Mandi Kersten, Dean Meurer, Christen Schopp, Ryan Pettenger and Chris Woodall.

Motion was made by Pettenger, seconded by Woodall to approve the September minutes with the correction of 6 ayes should be 5 as Pettenger was absent. Voice votes, 5 ayes - Pettenger, Kersten, Meurer, Schopp and Woodall. 0 nays 1-absent-Holder. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kersten, seconded by Kersten to draw upon the treasury to pay the monthly bills, payroll \$143,329.15. Voice votes, 5 ayes - Pettenger, Kersten, Meurer, Schopp and Woodall. 0 nays 1-absent-Holder. Motion carried.

Lyle Sword received a letter about a past due tenant's bill from 2015, he has since sold the property, and he does not think he should have to the bill. He has also looked into the ownership of the building on Main St, Lirim Mimini is also concerned about this building and the leans the town has put in it. Henert will look into the matter.

### Old Business-

Mike Mudge presented a resolution at the last meeting for the mayor to attend a meeting about aggregate rates Schopp made a motion to sign the resolution for Henert to be able to attend this meeting, seconded by Kersten. Voice votes, 5 ayes - Pettenger, Kersten, Meurer, Schopp and Woodall. 0 nays 1-absent-Holder. Motion carried.

### New Business-

The village won the bid at the auction to purchase the 40 acres of land south of the school at \$10,200.00 an acre Kersten made a motion to borrow funds from Central Bank in the amount of \$408,000.00 for 10 years at 3.015%, seconded by Pettenger. Roll Call Vote Pettenger-aye, Kersten-aye, Meurer-aye, Schopp-aye and Woodall-aye. 5-ayes 0 nays 1-absent-Holder. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kersten to set Trick-or Treat hours from 2:00 pm -4:00 pm on Sunday October 29, 2017. Voice Vote 5-ayes-Pettenger, Kersten, Meurer, Schopp and Woodall. 0 nays 1-absent-Holder. Motion carried.

Manheim reported all 3 residents we were pursuing last month have been taken care of, he is also writing more letters and working with Chief Yater on fines.

Streets and Alleys committee reported that Franklin Grove has expressed interest in buying the street sweeper as is, they will fix it and then we could borrow it as needed, or we can fix it for about \$17,000.00, or buy a used one for about \$45,000.00 and scrap the old for about \$600.00, these are all options we can explore. Schopp made a motion for the village to hold a sealed bid for the old dump truck, plow and salt box seconded by Pettenger. Voice votes, 5 ayes - Pettenger, Kersten, Meurer, Schopp and Woodall. 0 nays 1-absent-Holder. Motion carried. 3 Salt spreader bids were presented. Pettenger made a motion to purchase the Saltdogg from Rondo for \$5,214.00 seconded by Kersten. Roll Call, 5-ayes Pettenger-aye, Kersten-aye, Meurer-aye, Schopp-aye and Woodall-aye. 0 nays 1-absent-Holder. Motion carried.

Water and Sewer committee reported 2 main breaks that have been taken care of and Schaneberg has put in his 2 weeks notice.

Yater reported they wrote a few tickets, he is working on the Com Ed grant and we will add the auxiliary police ordinance to next month's meeting for the board to vote on and we hired a new part-time officer Cassandra Brown.

Kersten reported that we are working on new curtains and air conditioning for the building.

Crull is working on the tree ordinance, auxiliary police ordinance and the annexation to the west of town.

Pettenger made a motion to go into executive session seconded by Schopp. Roll Call Vote Pettenger-aye, Kersten-aye, Meurer-aye, Schopp-aye and Woodall-aye. 5-ayes 0 nays 1-absent-Holder. Motion carried.

Henert reconvened the board at 8:00.

A motion was made by Schopp for Armstrong to take on both the Water/Sewer and Streets/Alleys job for 60 days as a probationary period at \$20.00 an hour for the board to decide if one person can do both positions, seconded by Kersten. Roll Call Vote Pettenger-aye, Kersten-aye, Meurer-aye, Schopp-aye and Woodall-aye. 5-ayes 0 nays 1-absent-Holder. Motion carried.

Meurer made a motion, seconded by Pettenger to adjourn. Voice votes, 5 ayes - Pettenger, Kersten, Meurer, Schopp and Woodall. 0 nays 1-absent-Holder. Motion carried. 8:07 pm

Meghan Clark, Village Clerk