

Village of Ashton Board Meeting – October 10, 2022

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

Present: Tim Henert, Chuck Ellis, Martha Holder, Rhonda Cardot, David Chapman, Denise Coffman, Village Attorney Russell Crull

Absent: Susan Larson, Village Clerk Katie Koks

Motion to approve September Meeting minutes as presented – Ellis; Second – Cardot

Voice Vote – 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion passed.

Motion to approve financial statement as presented and to pay monthly bills–Coffman; Second –Ellis

Voice Vote – 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion passed.

Citizens to Be Heard- None

Old Business

- Approve Updates to Article II: Nuisances

Motion to approve updated Article II (Blight Ordinance) as presented – Holder; Second- Cardot

Roll Call Vote - Cardot – Aye, Ellis – Aye, Holder – Aye, Coffman-Aye, Chapman-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent-Larson. Motion passed.

- Approve Updated Zoning Application

Motion to approve updated Zoning Application as presented – Coffman; Second-Chapman

Roll Call Vote - Cardot – Aye, Ellis – Aye, Holder – Aye, Coffman-Aye, Chapman-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent-Larson. Motion passed.

New Business

- Grant Finder

Henert began discussion about the opportunities for the Village to apply for Grants using the Grant Finder application offered by the Illinois Municipal League.

- Property Annexation

- Discussion on Video Gaming Fees for FY 2023

The board began a brief discussion on the plan to look closer at what fees would be implemented per video gaming machine for the next fiscal year. Henert would like to have this decided on before the new year. The Finance Committee will have a meeting before the November board meeting to work toward a recommendation.

Zoning- Building Inspector Manheim was not present to report.

Community Economic Development-Nothing to report

Streets & Alleys

Report by Street Superintendent Garrison included highlights about curb paint completion at the school.

Water & Sewer

Garrison reported on water meter installation and troubleshooting minor issues, water testing. He mentioned that the water tester (Jon) we have worked with for the last several years has left the company and was doing some additional testing Test Inc. will not be continuing. The Village may need to purchase equipment to do this testing. Preliminary quotes range from \$1,600 to \$2,700. Additionally, he reported that equipment at the Sewer pond needs attention. He will contact Schmitt Plumbing to determine the next course of action and will bring an update and quote for service to the next meeting.

Parks & Recreation

- Fall Fest Recap

Holder reported that the Fall Fest held on September 25th was well received by the community. The next Parks & Recreation meeting will be held Tuesday October 10th.

Liquor Commissioner-

The board briefly discussed bar hours and the potential to extend closing time.

Police Report

- Vote to send ordinance violation tickets
Motion to approve sending tickets and fines for ordinance violations along with any other fines before the next meeting – Ellis; Second – Coffman
Roll Call Vote - Cardot – Aye, Ellis – Aye, Holder – Aye, Coffman-Aye, Chapman-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent-Larson. Motion passed.
- No unpaid ordinance violation tickets to send to the attorney

Motion to send residents that did not pay their ordinance violation fines last month to the Village Attorney and any other persons that miss their ordinance violation fine deadline before the next meeting. – Ellis; Second - Larson
Roll Call Vote: Larson-Aye, Coffman-Aye, Cardot-Aye, Ellis-Aye, Holder-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent-Chapman. Motion passed.

Clerks Report

Henert highlighted the Clerk's Report by K. Koks. Items included Trick or Treat hours set for Sunday Oct. 30th from 5pm-7pm. He also read a reminder about agenda item deadlines, legal notice requirements, and also mentioned that the roof at the Village Office will need to be addressed.

Cemetery Board

Henert stated that the Cemetery is in need of a garbage can. There was discussion about moving the can in front of the ice cream shop the cemetery.

Mills & Petrie Board – Nothing to report

Village Attorney - Nothing to report

Other – Nothing to report

Executive Session – The board did not go into executive session at this meeting

Motion to adjourn - Ellis; Second – Holder

Voice Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.

Submitted by Martha Holder, Trustee – in the absence of the Village Clerk