

## WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

October 17, 2023

The Village of Ashmore Water Committee met on October 17, 2023 in the Ashmore Municipal Office. Chair Bill Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Proper notice of the meeting was given.

Present: Chair Bill Edwards, Morgan Biggs, Dane Perdieu, Bryan Watson

Absent: None

Also Present: President Kurt Crail, Clerk Jackie Freezeland

Committee members discussed historical water rates in the Village and possibilities for moving forward. Edwards motioned to recommend that the Board adopt an ordinance in which all water rates will increase by roughly 3% over a 2-year period as follows:

- The In-Town Excess Rate and Out-of-Town Excess Rate will be increased by 3% rounded to the nearest 0.00005/gal effective with the January 2024 billing cycle.
- The Bulk Water Rate will be increased to match the Out-of-Town Excess Rate effective January 2, 2024.
- The In-Town Base Rate and Out-of-Town Base Rate will be increased by 3% rounded to the nearest nickel effective with the January 2025 billing cycle.

The motion was seconded by Perdieu and all Committee members voted in favor.

As “Other New Business,” Clerk Freezeland informed the Committee that stale-dated water deposit refunds have been turned over the Illinois State Treasurer’s office as “Unclaimed Property.” By State law, unclaimed property is to be reported and remitted to the State at least annually, and this is the first time the Village has complied, having only been made aware relatively recently. Subsequently, Freezeland wrote a new policy for it and intends to present it to the Board for approval at the October regular meeting.

The law applies to any Village check that goes un-cashed and unclaimed for more than three years. However, for Ashmore the only unclaimed property so far have been checks that were issued to former residents to refund their water service deposit. As such, she presented a copy to the Water Committee for early review.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. on a motion by Watson, seconded by Perdieu. All voted in favor.

Jackie Freezeland  
Village of Ashmore