

REGULAR MEETING

July 25, 2023

The Village of Ashmore Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 25, 2023 at the Ashmore Municipal Office. Proper notice of the meeting was posted. President Kurt Crail called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Kelsey Willison took roll call attendance:

Trustees Present:

- Morgan Biggs
- Bill Edwards
- Dane Perdieu
- Terry Price
- Bryan Watson
- Cathy Welborn

Also Present:

- President Kurt Crail
- Treasurer Kathy Childress
- Superintendent Jake Johnson
- Clerk Kelsey Willison
- Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers
(excited at 6:15 p.m.)

Trustees Absent:

None

Guest– Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers gave updates about the ongoing grant-related projects:

- Unsewered IEPA Grant- waiting for the NOFO, should be sometime in September
- Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) - next application period will be summer/fall 2024.
- Safe Routes to School-(SRTS) - the 2023 Safe Routes to School application period will be August 1, 2023 through October 2, 2023. A preliminary project map and estimate of the project was provided to the Village. We need to have a public hearing meeting next month before our regular board meeting.
- OSLAD Grant- Applications are due August 31, 2023 online. This grant is 50/50. It is for a wide variety of sports activities. The Village will need to get 30-40 support letters from residents. We will need to have a public hearing meeting next month before our regular board meeting.

Public Comments-

Jason Coe- (6:15pm.-6:50 pm.) addressed the board in regards to the pipes breaking at his apartment on Poplar St.in December 2022 causing a lot of damage. Jason feels the Village is responsible for the damages. Jason is wanting to know if there is anything the Village Board would do to help out with this issue.

A claim was turned into the Village's insurance company in January 2023. The Village's Insurance Company denied the claim stating the Village was not at fault.

The board discussed if someone gets the water shut off we should put a pad lock on the meter.

People need to call our emergency number after hours, so we can keep track of the calls.

1-888-342-8039

Put the emergency number on the water bills so people are aware of the number.

Possibly get magnets with the emergency number on it.

Reports, Approvals, and Claims

Clerk Kelsey Willison's reported

- City wide rummage sales will be August 12, 2023
- We had an OSHA inspection on June 29. We had 3 things that needed to be fixed. Electrical panel on the well, we needed an eye washing station at the water plant, SDS books at the water plant and the maintenance building. We got all of the things fixed/done.
- We had a meeting with the fiber crew 7-21-23. The plan is to start boring and laying fiber later this week. Fiber crew has already started to bring their equipment to the park.

Board Minutes dated June 27, 2023 with corrections spelling- Trustees Absent- Dane, added information-to other new business Kids should not be driving golf carts on city streets, they need to have a driver's license to legally drive them on the streets. Were approved on a motion by Watson, seconded by Welborn. In a roll call vote, Biggs and Perdieu abstained all other trustees voted aye.

The Treasurer's Report for June 30, 2023 was presented and discussed. The Treasurer's Report was placed on file with the Clerk on a motion by Welborn, seconded by Edwards. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

Accounts Payable for the period ending June 30, 2023 and Payroll for July 2023 were passed around, reviewed, and approved by trustee signature.

Superintendent's Report: Jake Johnson

- Clean up around town from the storm damage on June 29
- OSHA Inspection June 29
- Burned brush pile
- Rural water was here with the camera. We found some new man holes. And some issues we need to address.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance #23-0725 ROW Ordinance, AN ORDINANCE WHICH AMENDS TITLE 6 OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHMORE, ILLINOIS, BY ADDING CHAPTER 4, ENTITLED "CHAPTER 4. CONSTRUCTION OF UTILITY FACILITIES IN THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY" was approved on a motion by Edwards, seconded by Welborn. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

New Business

The board discussed the options for the OSLAD grant. Try to get two batting cages, splash pad, one – two pickle ball courts, and possibly rubber mats for under playground equipment. This grant is a 50/50 grant. Apply for a 200,000.00 grant (the Village would be responsible for 50% = \$100,000.00). Was approved on a motion by Perdieu, seconded by Welborn. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

Discussion and decision on applying for DCEO (disaster) Grant (Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity). The Board gives Kurt the power to decide if we should move forward with the IEMA, or if we should apply for the DCEO Grant. Kurt will talk with Senator Chapin

Rose 7-26-23 and make a decision based off of what Chapin Rose recommends. Approved on a motion by Welborn, seconded by Perdieu. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

Other New Business

The west side of the walking path at the park needs to be sprayed for weeds.

Look into getting a sign through IDOT for Amber Wilson's daughter who did phenomenal in shot put.

Can the Village donate to the Schwartz's for fireworks? If not can the Village look into having fireworks?

The meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m. On a motion by Perdieu, seconded by Welborn. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

Kelsey Willison
Ashmore Village Clerk