

REGULAR MEETING

January 23, 2024

The Village of Ashmore Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 23, 2024 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. led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Freezeland acknowledged that a quorum was physically present, and that there were no requests for electronic attendance. Freezeland took roll call attendance:

Trustees Present:

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

Also Present:

- President Kurt Crail
- Clerk Jackie Freezeland
- Treasurer Kathy Childress
- Seth Flach of Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC (exited 6:06 p.m.)

Trustees Absent:

- Thomas Grissom

Guests

Seth Flach of Milano & Grunloh Engineers gave following updates on the five pending grants the Village is currently seeking:

- OSLAD (for park updates) application submitted & pending award announcements;
- SRTS (for sidewalks leading to the school) application submitted & pending award announcements;
- DCEO CDBG (for disaster relief funds) application submitted & pending award announcements;
- EPA Unsewered Communities Grant (for development and installation of a solid waste sewage system) awaiting Notice of Funds Opportunity; and
- ITEP (for sidewalks and streetscaping along Route 16) awaiting Notice of Funds Opportunity.

Flach entertained questions and then exited at 6:06 p.m.

Reports, Approvals, and Claims

Freezeland gave a brief update about new and ongoing projects in the Municipal Office, including a recently purchased refrigerator for the office, a copy machine needing replaced, updates on ordinance enforcement, and an overview of the Work Order app currently being utilized.

Board Minutes dated December 26, 2023 were approved on a motion by Perdieu, seconded by Edwards. In a roll call vote, all trustees present voted aye.

Accounts Payable for the period ending January 23, 2024 and Payroll for January 2024 were passed around, reviewed, and approved by trustee signature. In a roll call vote, all trustees present voted aye.

Upon recommendation from Treasurer Childress, Edwards motioned to transfer \$6,000 from the General Fund to the Water Fund to cover expenses. Price seconded the motion.

The Treasurer's Report for December 2023 was placed on file with the Clerk on a motion by Watson, seconded by Welborn. In a roll call vote, all trustees present voted aye.

Superintendent Jake Johnson was not present to offer a Superintendent's Report. In his place, Crail updated the Board on 2 recent water main ruptures caused by cold weather and changing temperatures.

There were no Committee reports.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

Edwards motioned and Price seconded to purchase radar speed signs to help alleviate speeding along Route 16 in town. There was not a spending limit specifically established, but the three quotes discussed were ranging from \$6,800 to \$7,400. Trustees agreed that "the best signs for the best price per Crail's discretion" should be purchased. In a roll call vote, all trustees present voted aye; motion carried.

Welborn motioned and Price seconded to upgrade the all-in-one copy machine in the Municipal Office, which is reaching its end-of-life. The replacement will be ordered through County Office Products like the previous machine was, and it will cost around \$900. In a roll call vote, all trustees present voted aye; motion carried.

There was no other new business.

Trustees, Crail, and Freezeland discussed the need for several committees to meet for various purposes. A tentative date/time was set, although it was also agreed that other alternatives should be discussed to improve efficiency of reviewing and upgrading Village policies.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. on a motion by Edwards, seconded by Welborn. All trustees present voted in favor. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

Jackie Freezeland
Ashmore Village Clerk