

CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 21, 2024

The Village of Ashmore Ordinance Committee met on May 21, 2024 at the Ashmore Municipal Office at 10 W Ashmore St. Chair Terry Price called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Proper notice of the meeting was given

Present: Terry Price, Kurt Crail, Bill Edwards,
Absent: Cathy Welborn
Also Present: Clerk Jackie Freezeland

The Committee discussed several properties in town that have been abandoned, neglected, or otherwise not maintained by the property owners.

Mayor Crail informed the Committee about advice from the Village attorney Tracy Willenborg about taking action on two buildings located at 204 & 206 W Ashmore St. Willenborg had outlined various options, and she advised which options would be the least embarrassing and burdensome for the property owners while still effecting remediation as quickly and safely as possible. Crail advised that a nuisance abatement notice has been mailed to the property owners by the attorney, received and acknowledged by the property owners, and productive conversations are ongoing. No definitive plans are in place yet.

The Committee discussed utility liens and other liens held by the Village, and opined not to act further on any of the liens at this time. The same will be discussed later in the year.

Clerk Freezeland informed the Committee on a recent batch of abatement notices that were mailed out to 50 recipients, affecting 43 properties within the village. Responses have been mostly positive and compliant so far. Administrators believe that providing a free dumpster option during the abatement period helped residents to clear their unwanted junk, and simultaneously, sending the abatement notices helped to make the dumpster event more successful. Freezeland anticipates that the complaints will be more likely after citations are issued (if citations are needed).

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. on a motion by Crail, seconded by Grissom. All committee members present voted in favor.

Jackie Freezeland
Ashmore Village Clerk