

REGULAR MEETING

February 25, 2025

The Village of Ashmore Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 25, 2025 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.

Clerk Freezeland acknowledged that a quorum was physically present and that there were no requests for remote 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
- Superintendent Jake Johnson
- Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers
- Kyle Sims, resident and trustee candidate

Trustees Absent:

- Thomas Grissom

Guests

Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers was present to give an update about all ongoing and recent grant project applications. He entertained questions and then exited at 6:11 p.m.

New Business (Out of Order)

Ordinance #25-0225A, An Ordinance Authorizing the Village of Ashmore to Borrow Funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Water Pollution Control Loan Program, was passed on a motion from Edwards with the intention to waive the inspection period. The motion was seconded by Welborn. In a roll call vote, all trustees present voted aye.

Reports, Approvals, and Claims

Freezeland gave an update about new and ongoing projects in the Municipal Office, including the first month of training for the new Treasure Linda Holloway as well as the upcoming Festival Fundraiser.

Board minutes dated January 28, 2025 were approved on a motion from Watson, seconded by Welborn. In a roll call vote, all trustees present voted aye, except for Edwards and Price who abstained.

The payables and payroll for February were passed around and approved by signature.

The Treasurer's Report for January 2025 was placed on file with the Clerk on a motion from Welborn, seconded by Perdieu. In a roll call vote, all trustees present voted aye, except Price who abstained.

Superintendent Johnson reported on new and ongoing projects around town, including:

- water samples continue to test clean,
- travelled to DC to represent Ashmore at the Rural Water Conference February 3-6,
- the IRWA online petition,
- maintenance and repairs for spring,
- Tim to take a medical leave for shoulder surgery,
- the status of the internet and the clock at the Community Center, and
- becoming the Responsible Operator in Charge for Hindsboro.

Unfinished Business

Resolution #25-0128, A Resolution for the Demolition of Dangerous and Unsafe Property, was passed on a motion from Welborn, seconded by Price. In a roll call vote, all trustees present voted aye.

Ordinance #25-0128, An Ordinance Amending Appointment Ordinance, was updated from last month on recommendation from legal counsel. The ordinance was placed on file on a motion from Edwards, seconded by Perdieu. In a roll call vote, all trustees present voted aye.

New Business

Resolution #25-0225A, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Do Not Opt Out of Such Program, was passed on a motion from Perdieu, seconded by Welborn. In a roll call vote, all trustees present voted aye.

Resolution #25-0225B, A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement for Consulting Services, was passed on a motion from Perdieu, seconded by Welborn. In a roll call vote, all trustees present voted aye.

Resolution #25-0225C, A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement between the Village of Ashmore and Milano & Grunloh Engineers, was passed on a motion from Watson, seconded by Welborn. In a roll call vote, all trustees present voted aye.

There was no other new business.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. on a motion by Edwards, seconded by Welborn. All trustees present voted in favor. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2025.

Jackie Freezeland
Ashmore Village Clerk