

Village of Ashmore

Board Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2025

Call to Order

Mayor Kurt Crail called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

Roll Call

- Bill Edwards, Trustee – Present
- Kyle Sims, Trustee – Present
- Bryan Watson, Trustee – Present
- Terry Price, Trustee -Absent
- Cathy Welborn, Trustee- Absent
- Michelle Redd, Village Clerk – Present
- Linda Holloway, Treasurer – Present
- Jake Johnson, Superintendent – Present

Guests

- Ronda Sauget, Coles Together Enterprise Zone
- Nancy Meese

Presentation

At 6:00 p.m., Rhonda Sagert from Coles Together Enterprises Zone presented information on the benefits of Ashmore being added to the Enterprise Zone, explaining potential growth and business opportunities.

Public Comments

Nancy Meese raised concerns about noise from TGM bins and presented a video. She noted the building permit was residential, but zoning maps indicate industrial. Her concern was safety for her husband and a request to review the code to protect neighbors. Bryan Watson reminded her the Village is following code and legal limits. Comment time ended at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Kurt Crail noted a previous letter to TGM offering collaboration and suggested sending another letter for continued communication and solutions.

Engineer's Report

Milano & Grunloh Engineers Group reported \$400,000 IDOT 2024 Local Project Funding for Safe Routes to School Project.

Clerk's Report

- Tasty Tuesday planning moving forward for summer 2026.
- Progress on ADA compliance for Village website.
- Letter to TGM presented.
- Meeting with Lester Building went well for Enterprise Zone ideas.

Superintendent's Report

- Water tower inversion occurred; public notice issued.
- Park bathroom maintenance and winterization ongoing.
- Boring work monitored to protect water main.
- Illinois Rural Water Association walkthrough; nominated for Water System of the Year.

Approval of Previous Minutes

- September 23, 2025, Board Minutes: **Motion Bill Edwards, Second Kyle Sims; Vote Edwards Aye, Sims Aye, Watson Aye.**
- October 17, 2025, Finance Committee Minutes: **Motion Bryan Watson, Second Mayor Kurt Crail; Vote Bill Edwards Aye, Bryan Watson Aye, Kurt Crail Aye.**

Treasurer's Report

- Approval of Accounts Payable October 2025: **Motion Bill Edwards, Second Kyle Sims; Vote Bill Edwards Aye, Kyle Sims Aye, Bryan Watson Aye.**
- Place on File Treasurer's Report September 30, 2025: **Motion Bill Edwards, Second Kyle Sims; Vote Bill Edwards Aye, Kyle Sims Aye, Bryan Watson Aye.**

Transfer of Funds

- \$2,000 from General Fund to Park Fund: **Motion Kyle Sims, Second Bryan Watson; Kyle Sims Aye, Bryan Watson Aye, Bill Edwards Aye; Motion passed.**

- ARPA Funds from General Fund to Water Fund: **Motion Bill Edwards, Second Bryan Watson; Vote Edwards Aye, Sims Aye, Watson Aye; Motion passed.**

Other Business and Board Discussion

- Sidewalks/Rights-of-Way: Discussed by Kyle Sims from Indian Street to park.
- ARPA Funds Update: Extension filed; funds for water tower painting/stirrer; email sent to Mike Bost office.
- Pickleball Courts: NE of Bathrooms area; **Motion Bryan Watson, Second Kyle Sims; Vote Watson Aye, Sims Aye, Edwards Aye; Motion passed.** Prospect Bank donation considered.
- Community Center HVAC: Discussion on additional costs.
- Energy Aggregation: Contract review; Ameren lowest at signing; Village contract was provider needed to be lower at signing and was not.
- Asyst Training: \$180/hour; **Motion Bryan Watson, Second Kyle Sims; Vote Kyle Sims Aye, Bryan Watson Aye, Bill Edwards Aye; Motion passed.**
- New Computer Treasurer: **Motion Bill Edwards, Second Kyle Sims; Vote Bryan Watson Aye, Bill Edwards Aye, Kyle Sims Aye; Motion passed.**
- Storage Shed Extension: \$10,000; Village workers labor; **Motion Bill Edwards, Second Bryan Watson; Vote Kyle Sims Aye, Bryan Watson Aye, Bill Edwards Aye; Motion passed.**
- Sexual Harassment Acknowledgment: Signed for 2025-2026.
- Resolution #25-1028 Technical Assistance Agreement: **Motion Bill Edwards, Second Kyle Sims; Vote Bryan Watson Aye, Kyle Sims Aye, Bill Edwards Aye; Motion passed.**

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Motion Bill Edwards, 2nd by Kyle Sims, Bryan Watson Aye: Kyle Sims Aye: Bill Edwards Aye. Motion passed.

Submitted by

Michelle Redd, Village Clerk