

VILLAGE OF ASHMORE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2026

Municipal Building – 10 West Ashmore Street, Ashmore, Illinois

The meeting of the Village of Ashmore Board was called to order by Mayor Kurt Crail at 6:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 6:03 p.m.

ENGINEER REPORT Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers provided an update to the Board. The engineer’s update sheet was presented and attached under “Engineer Report Section”.

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Unsewered IEPA Grant

The planning for the unsewered grant has been completed and approved by the IEPA. We expect the NOFO for the construction grant to be out soon.

IEPA Loan Application

All loan materials have been submitted at this time. The project has been bypassed until the next funding cycle.

IDOT 24 Local Project Funding

The village received \$400,000 in IDOT local project funding for the previously submitted Safe Routes to School Project. This is in progress.

2025 DCEO Public Infrastructure Grant

The village was awarded \$945,000 for watermain replacement. We are working to secure IEPA funding to cover engineering for this project. The ERR was sent back to DCEO. The NOSA will be the next step in the award process.

*No guarantee of IEP funding.
By engineer*

Lee B. Concluded his discussion and exited the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

GUESTS Carol Bradford was present and remained for the duration of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Clerk Michelle Redd.

Present:

- Trustee Bill Edwards
- Trustee T.C. Grissom
- Trustee Marshall Reinhart
- Trustee Kyle Sims
- Trustee Bryan Watson
- Trustee Cathy Welborn (remote due to illness)
- Mayor Kurt Crail
- Clerk Michelle Redd

Absent:

- Treasurer Linda Holloway
 - Superintendent Jake Johnson
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CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported approval of March 24, 2026, minutes with corrections.

Trustee Bryan Watson requested that motion makers and seconders be included in roll call vote sections moving forward, whether it be a aye, nay or abstain.

It was also noted that Finance Committee minutes should be approved only by Finance Committee members.

The Clerk discussed the “Tasty Tuesday” schedule and confirmed it has been posted publicly.

Incoming baseball practice schedules at South Park were also discussed.

Update on the EIU Volunteers clean-up day and how successful it was.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 24, 2026, MINUTES A motion was made by Trustee Bryan Watson and seconded by Trustee Marshall Reinhart to approve the March 24, 2026, minutes with corrections.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Bill Edwards – Aye
- Trustee T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Trustee Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Trustee Kyle Sims – Aye
- Trustee Bryan Watson – Aye
- Trustee Cathy Welborn – Abstain

Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Approval was granted for Accounts Payable and Payroll for April 2026 by *signature*.

The Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2026, was placed on file and voted on.

A motion was made by Trustee Marshall Reinhart and seconded by Trustee Kyle Sims to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Bill Edwards – Aye
 - Trustee T.C. Grissom – Aye
 - Trustee Marshall Reinhart – Aye
 - Trustee Kyle Sims – Aye
 - Trustee Bryan Watson – Aye
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TRANSFER OF FUNDS – \$11,000 A transfer of \$11,000 from Prospect MuniWise to the General Fund was presented.

The motion was made by Trustee Bill Edwards and seconded by Trustee T.C. Grissom.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Bill Edwards – Aye
- Trustee T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Trustee Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Trustee Kyle Sims – Aye

- Trustee Bryan Watson – Aye
- Trustee Cathy Welborn – Aye

Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – \$1,500 A transfer of \$1,500 from Prospect MuniWise to the Community Center was presented.

A motion was made by Trustee Bill Edwards and seconded by Trustee T.C. Grissom.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Bill Edwards – Aye
- Trustee T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Trustee Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Trustee Kyle Sims – Aye
- Trustee Bryan Watson – Aye
- Trustee Cathy Welborn – Aye
- Trustee Cathy Welborn – Abstain

Motion carried.

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWAL A Certificate of Deposit maturing April 28, 2026 was presented for renewal for five (5) months at 4.06%.

A motion was made by Trustee Marshall Reinhart and seconded by Trustee Bryan Watson.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Bill Edwards – Aye
- Trustee T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Trustee Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Trustee Kyle Sims – Aye
- Trustee Bryan Watson – Aye
- Trustee Cathy Welborn – Aye

Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Jake Johnson was absent. Mayor Kurt Crail facilitated discussion.

Trustee T.C. Grissom discussed standing water in streets following heavy rains.

Discussion was held regarding ornamental trees or a center feature for Serenity Park.

Discussion was also held regarding a possible larger recycling bin due to the current unit being out of service.

COLES COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE – PREVIOUS ORDINANCE 26-0224; Amending the Enterprise Zone with the Addition of Ashmore. Discussion and a re-vote was held regarding the Current and Saved Ordinance 26-0224 and Exhibit A maps showing the Coles County Enterprise Zone and the proposed addition of Ashmore. NOTE: This was an ordinance voted on February 26-0224. The Minutes for the Month of February 2026 needed to update to reflect that the Current Ashmore board also viewed Exhibit A to show the current maps of the Enterprise Zone in Coles County with the addition of Ashmore, Illinois.

The Board reviewed paper maps and a large wall map showing updated boundaries at the Initial meeting in February 2026

The motion was made by Trustee T.C. Grissom and seconded by Trustee Kyle Sims.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Bill Edwards – Aye
- Trustee T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Trustee Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Trustee Kyle Sims – Aye
- Trustee Bryan Watson – Aye
- Trustee Cathy Welborn – Aye

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 26-0428 – ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS Ordinance 26-0428, an annual appointments ordinance, was placed on file.

A motion was made by Trustee Bill Edwards and seconded by Trustee Cathy Welborn.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Bill Edwards – Aye
- Trustee T.C. Grissom – Aye

- Trustee Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Trustee Kyle Sims – Aye
- Trustee Bryan Watson – Aye
- Trustee Cathy Welborn – Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-0428 – SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY Resolution 26-0428 authorizing the sale of surplus property located at 309 E Charleston Road, Ashmore Illinois was presented, including Exhibit B , purchase contract documents.

A motion was made by Trustee Bryan Watson and seconded by Trustee Kyle Sims.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Bill Edwards – Aye
- Trustee T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Trustee Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Trustee Kyle Sims – Aye
- Trustee Bryan Watson – Aye
- Trustee Cathy Welborn – Aye

Motion carried.

WAIVER OF SOLICITOR PERMIT – GNOME GARDEN STEEPLE PROJECT A request was presented to waive the solicitor permit requirement for Carol Bradford for fundraising related to the Gnome Garden Steeple project at South Park.

A motion was made by Trustee Bill Edwards and seconded by Trustee Marshall Reinhart.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Bill Edwards – Aye
- Trustee T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Trustee Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Trustee Kyle Sims – Aye
- Trustee Bryan Watson – Aye
- Trustee Cathy Welborn – Aye

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Bill Edwards and seconded by Trustee Kyle Sims to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Bill Edwards – Aye
- Trustee T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Trustee Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Trustee Kyle Sims – Aye
- Trustee Bryan Watson – Nay
- Trustee Cathy Welborn – Aye

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Redd Village Clerk
