

Village of Ashmore Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 23, 2025, Time: 6:00 PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kurt Crail at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Bill Edwards, T.C. Grissom, Marshal Reinhart, Kyle Sims, Bryan Watson, Cathy Welborn (Remote)

Mayor Present: Kurt Crail

Present Michelle Redd, Clerk, Linda Holloway, Treasurer

Absent: Jake Johnson Superintendent, Tyler Heleine Chief Deputy Coles County

Present: Lee Beckman, Consultant (Milano & Grunloh Engineers)

Consultant Report

Lee Beckman, Consultant with Milano & Grunloh Engineers, provided an update regarding the unsewered IEPA grant.

Planning for the unsewered grant has been completed and approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The initial application was not successful. He further noted that the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for 2025 has not yet been posted. However, the NOFO for the construction grant is expected to be released soon.

IEPA loan application has been submitted. At this time, the Village has been approved for a loan in the amount of \$5,210,229, which includes \$2,344,603 in principal forgiveness. As the unsewered community construction grant has not yet been applied for, Mr. Beckman recommended bypassing the IEPA funding for this cycle and allowing the project to be rescored in the next cycle.

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has additional funding available, with approximately \$400 million statewide. The Village applied for IDOT Local Project funding; however, the application was not successful. He also reminded the Board that the Village previously received \$400,000 in IDOT Local Project funding for the Safe Routes to School project that had been submitted earlier.

Regarding the OSLAD application, Mr. Beckman reported that an application was not submitted this year because the Village did not qualify as a Disadvantaged Community.

2025 DCEO Public Infrastructure Grant applications were submitted on December 4, 2024. Award announcements are expected early next year.

Mr. Beckman exited the meeting at 6:10 PM.

New Business

1. The first item of new business was to sign and agree upon the **Local Public Agency Engineer Service Agreement**. Motion to approve was made by T.C. Grissom and seconded by Bill Edwards. Marshal Reinhart, Kyle Sims, Bryan Watson, and Cathy Welborn voted Aye.

2. Approval of the Board Minutes from November 25, 2025. Motion to approve was made by Marshal Reinhart, seconded by Bryan Watson. Bill Edwards, T.C. Grissom, and Kyle Sims voted Aye. Cathy Welborn abstained.

Board Discussion

Trustee Bryan Watson requested a change to the way member votes are recorded in the minutes and to take away the “list form” yet continue to ensure clarity and consistency. The Board acknowledged the request.

Treasurer’s Report

3. The Treasurer’s Report was presented. Motion to approve the report was made by T.C. Grissom and seconded by Kyle Sims. Bill Edwards, Marshal Reinhart, and Bryan Watson voted Aye. Cathy Welborn abstained.

RESOLUTION 25-1223

4. **A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN)** was presented. Motion to approve the resolution was made by TC Grissom and seconded by Bill Edwards.

Kyle Sims, Bryan Watson, Marshal Reihnart and Cathy Welborn voted Aye

Superintendent Report

Mayor Kurt Crail presented the report to the Board detailing updates on village operations and maintenance. Reported that the team did a great job snow plowing. Trustee Bryan Watson expressed appreciation for the care of the community center. An issue was noted with the water system where the top of the plant froze up into the filter system. Superintendent Johnson acknowledged the problem, and the team rectified the problem. Superintendent Johnson continued with thanking the Board for their support.

Trustee Kyle Sims discussed the issue with the recycling bin, requesting ways to have it dumped more frequently due to over-piling. The Clerk was asked to post a courtesy reminder on the Village’s Facebook page to remind the community to be vigilant in how they use the recycling bin.

Mayor’s Personal Committee Comment

Mayor Kurt Crail brought up the need for a Personnel Committee meeting regarding the employee handbook. He suggested updates to ensure the handbook is current and reflects necessary policy changes.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Bryan Watson and second by Marshal Reinhart. Bill Edwards, T.C. Grissom, Kyle Sims, and Cathy Welborn all voted aye.