

Village of Ashmore

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 27, 2026: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Municipal Building 10 West Ashmore St. Ashmore, Illinois

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Village of Ashmore Board was called to order at **6:00 PM** by **Mayor Kurt Crail**.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Mayor Kurt Crail**.

Roll Call / Attendance

Present:

- Bill Edwards
- T.C. Grissom
- Marshall Reinhart
- Kyle Sims
- Bryan Watson

Present (Remote):

- Cathy Welborn (attending remotely due to medical reasons)

Also Present:

- Michelle Redd, Village Clerk

Absent:

- Linda Holloway, Treasurer
- Jake Johnson, Superintendent

Engineer Report

Lee Bechman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers, spoke on behalf of the Village.

Please view his agenda below (inserted).

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Unsewered IEPA Grant

The planning for the unsewered grant has been completed and approved by the IEPA. The first application for \$5 Million through the IEPA unsewered funding was not successful. The NOFO for 2025 has not been posted yet. 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 village was approved for a \$5,210,229 loan with \$2,344,603 in Principal Forgiveness. As the Unsewered Community Construction Grant has not been applied for yet, the project has been bypassed until the next funding cycle.

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program UTEP)

IDOT has approved the PDR. The application was submitted on September 30, 2024. Announcements were made regarding awards and the Village of Ashmore was not successful. IDOT had an additional "pot of money" with \$400 million available. The village applied for the IDOT Local Project Funding but was not successful.

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.

OSLAD

An OSLAD Application was not submitted this year as the village did not qualify as a "Disadvantaged Community".

2025 DCEO Public Infrastructure Grant

Applications were submitted on December 4th, 2024. Announcements were made in December and the village was awarded \$945,000 for watermain replacement.

Engineer Exit

Lee Bechman from the Engineers group exited the meeting at **6:05 PM**.

Clerk Report

The Clerk reminded the Board that the **Statement of Economic Interest** must be completed and filed with the **Coles County Clerk's Office** by **May 1, 2026**. The Clerk will notify the Board when the forms are delivered to the Village office and available for pickup.

The Clerk discussed a missed/past ordinance regarding a **water rate increase**. This matter will be reviewed in **Fall 2026**.

The Clerk also discussed a property on **Oakland Street** that was damaged by fire, outlining the process for the Village to work within the provisions of the **Village Code** with the family to demolish the structure on the lot. **Mayor Kurt Crail** advised that he would review

possible grant opportunities, if any are available, to assist with the demolition and cleanup costs.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the **Board Meeting Minutes dated December 23, 2025**, with corrections if needed. - **Motion:** Marshall Reinhart
- **Second:** Bryan Watson

Roll Call Vote all Aye: Bill Edwards – T.C. Grissom – Kyle Sims – Cathy Welborn –

Motion carried.

Trustee **Bryan Watson** noted that corrections should be made going forward regarding the misspelling of **Trustee Marshall Reinhart's** name.

Treasurer's Report

Accounts payable was passed around for Board members to review and add signatures. **W-2 forms** were also available.

A motion was made to **renew two Certificates of Deposit (CDs)** that are due on **March 15** and **March 30** for a **three-month period at 3.70% APY**. - **Motion:** T.C. Grissom
- **Second:** Bill Edwards

Roll Call Vote all AYE: Marshall Reinhart – Kyle Sims – Bryan Watson – Cathy Welborn –

Motion carried.

A motion was made to **place the Treasurer's Report on file**. - **Motion:** Kyle Sims
- **Second:** Marshall Reinhart

Roll Call Vote all AYE: Bill Edwards – T.C. Grissom – Bryan Watson – Cathy Welborn –

Motion carried.

Superintendent Report

The Superintendent reported that **water reports were clean**. The **new construction addition for the maintenance building** was noted and looks great, though it still needs **heat hookup**, has **small leaks**, and requires installation of **some forced meters**.

Additionally, the **Randy Brown court order cleanup** took place, and the Village handled **lots of snow work this past weekend**.

New Business

Demolition of 311 Poplar Street

Discussion was held regarding the demolition of 311 Poplar Street.

A motion was made to proceed with the demolition. - **Motion:** T.C. Grissom
- **Second:** Marshall Reinhart

Roll Call Vote all vote AYE: Bill Edwards – Kyle Sims – Bryan Watson –Cathy Welborn –
Motion carried. Demolition will begin as approved.

Trustee Concerns

Trustee T.C. Grissom brought up concerns about the **historical building on Main Street** throughout Ashmore, specifically regarding **safety issues**.

Mayor Kurt Crail reassured the Board and those in attendance that the Village is **setting up a meeting with the owners to discuss options**.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **6:31 PM**.

A motion to adjourn was made by **Bill Edwards** and seconded by **Marshall Reinhart**.

Roll Call Vote all Aye: T.C. Grissom – Kyle Sims – Bryan Watson – Cathy Welborn –
Motion carried.