

# Village of Ashmore

## Board Meeting Minutes

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

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

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### 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<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.**