

Village of Ashmore

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2026

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Village of Ashmore Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Kurt Crail at **6:01 p.m. Pledge Was Said.**

Roll Call

Present:

- Mayor Kurt Crail
- Clerk Michelle Redd
- Treasurer Linda Holloway
- Superintendent Jake Johnson
- Trustee Bill Edwards
- Trustee T.C. Grissom
- Trustee Marshall Reinhart
- Trustee Kyle Sims
- Trustee Bryan Watson
- Trustee Alex Hoshauer

Also Present:

- Seth Flach, Milano & Grunloh Engineers
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New Business

Swearing-In of New Trustee

Mayor Kurt Crail administered the Oath of Office to **Alex Hoshauer**, who officially assumed the office of Village Trustee. Trustee Hoshauer filled the vacancy created by the resignation of Cathy Welborn and signed the Oath of Office.

Engineering Report

Seth Flach of Milano & Grunloh Engineers presented the Engineering Report to the Board and provided updates on current engineering projects. Questions from the Board were answered as presented.

(Engineering project details to be added as needed.)

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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 in August/September.

IEPA Loan Application - Sewer

All loan materials have been submitted at this time. The project has received \$4,879,305 in funding with \$2,195,687 in Principal Forgiveness through December 31st, 2026.

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 Grant Agreement has been signed and sent back to DCEO. Bid Opening will be this fall. Construction should start Winter or Spring of 2027. The IEPA Funding of \$163,000 for engineering is reserved with \$48,900 in Principal Forgiveness.

OSLAD

An OSLAD Application was not submitted last year as the village did not qualify as a "Disadvantaged Community". The village qualifies for 90% Distressed Community Funding this cycle. Applications are due August 31st. Would the village like to apply? Re-apply with the application from FY2025?

- let maintain - new projects

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

The application period is now open. Applications are due October 5, 2026. The village can re-apply with the application from the previous funding cycle. Let us know how the village would like to proceed. Tentatively, a public meeting is set for August 25 @ 5:30 p.m. We would like to have 50+ people at this meeting if possible to show community involvement.

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meeting*

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OSLAD Grant Discussion: The Board discussed the potential OSLAD Grant with the Village engineers. The engineers explained that, if the Village is awarded the grant, the grant would fund approximately **90%** of the eligible project costs, with the **Village responsible for the remaining 10% local match**. The Board reviewed this potential funding opportunity and discussed the financial commitment that would be required if the grant is awarded. **Seth Exited at 6:15.**

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the **June 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting**.

Motion: Trustee Bryan Watson

Second: 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 Alex Hoshauer – Aye

Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Michelle Redd reported that the Village's annual audit has been completed.

The Clerk also reported that **Tasty Tuesday** continues to be a successful community event with excellent attendance and community participation.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable was presented to the Board for review and signatures.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report ending **June 30, 2026**, was presented for approval.

Motion: Trustee T.C. Grissom

Second: 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 Alex Hoshauer – Aye

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Linda Holloway explained the need to transfer **\$12,000** from the General Fund to the Water Fund.

Following completion of the annual audit, three recurring journal entries for **May, June, and July** were processed. These entries transferred funds from the Cash Account into the appropriate Water Fund Bond and Interest Accounts, temporarily creating a deficit in the Water Fund cash balance.

Treasurer Holloway explained that these journal entries will now be processed monthly. Once the monthly entries are consistently recorded, the Water Fund balances should stabilize. The **\$12,000 transfer** was necessary to cover the temporary cash shortfall created during the transition.

Motion: Trustee Bill Edwards

Second: 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 Alex Hoshauer – Aye

Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jake Johnson reported:

- All required water samples were completed with satisfactory results.
 - The Village burn curtain was returned to Mount Vernon.
 - Preparations continue for the upcoming water tower painting project.
 - The annual oil and chip road maintenance program is nearly complete.
 - Storm debris pickup is nearly complete throughout the Village.
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Property Acquisition for Future Unsewered Community Grant

The Board discussed moving forward with the acquisition of property identified (as the Trailor Court Area) for the Village's future Unsewered Community Grant project.

The Board agreed to proceed under the authority of the applicable ordinance adopted in **2022** to begin establishing clear title to the property. This action is intended to ensure the Village is prepared should it be awarded future grant funding for the unsewered community project.

Motion: Trustee Marshall Reinhart

Second: 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 Alex Hoshauer – Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 26-0623B – Annual Appropriations

The Board voted and passed **Ordinance No. 26-0623B**, *An Ordinance Establishing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2026–2027 (FY 2027)*.

The ordinance was previously reviewed and recommended for approval by the Finance Committee during its meeting on **June 16, 2026**. Placed on File in the June 23, 2026. Passed July 28, 2026

Finance Committee Recommendation

Motion: Bryan Watson

Second: Bill Edwards

Committee Vote:

- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Mayor Kurt Crail – Aye

Recommendation carried.

The ordinance was then presented to the Village Board for final consideration.

Motion: Trustee Bryan Watson

Second: Trustee Bill Edwards

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 Alex Hoshauer – Aye

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 26-0623B was adopted.

Amendment to the Village's 457 Deferred Compensation Plan

The Board considered amending the language of the Village's 457 Deferred Compensation Plan to better align with the Village's current employment practices and administrative procedures.

For Section 3-1: update the document to indicate there are no exclusions.

For Section 6-1: update the document to indicate the Village contributes up to \$35.00 per pay period for any hourly employee who contributes to the plan. This is the contribution rate for hourly paid employees.

The Village contributes 7.5% of a Board Members “wages”. (A board member receives \$75 for every meeting they attend, so board members CAN get paid differently depending on how many meetings they attend). Again, the Village contributes 7.5% of their wages regardless if they contribute or not. The Mayor receives \$250 for every meeting he attends, and the Village contributes again 7.5% of wages paid.

Catch up Contributions - update the Plan Document to indicate the Village does NOT allow catch-up contributions.

Motion: Trustee Bill Edwards

Second: 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 Alex Hoshauer – Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Trustee Alex Hoshauer** made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Trustee Bill Edwards

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 Alex Hoshauer – Aye

Motion carried.

Mayor Kurt Crail declared the meeting adjourned at **6:37 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Redd

Village Clerk