

REGULAR MEETING

November 28, 2023

The Village of Ashmore Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 28, 2023 at the Ashmore Municipal Office. Proper notice of the meeting was posted. President Kurt Crail called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Freezeland took roll call attendance:

Trustees Present:

- Bill Edwards
- Thomas Grissom
(by means of electronic audio/video conference; exited 6:24 p.m.)
- Dane Perdieu
- Terry Price
- Bryan Watson
- Cathy Welborn

Also Present:

- President Kurt Crail
- Clerk Jackie Freezeland
- Treasurer Kathy Childress
- Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC (exited 6:09 p.m.)

Trustees Absent: None

Freezeland acknowledged that a quorum was physically present, and that the newest Trustee appointee Thomas Grissom had to be physically absent due to an employment commitment. Grissom had requested to join the meeting electronically as per the terms of Ashmore's Rules for Electronic Attendance of a Public Meeting. An opportunity was posed for Trustees to object to the electronic attendance, and no such motion was made. President Crail hereby declared his presence.

Freezeland administered Grissom's oath of office.

Guests

Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers gave general updates on the five pending grants the Village is currently seeking, and he entertained questions. He exited at 6:09 p.m.

Reports, Approvals, and Claims

Freezeland gave a brief update about new and ongoing projects in the Municipal Office, modified office hours for the holidays, and the 2024 regular meeting dates.

Board Minutes dated October 24, 2023 were approved on a motion by Edwards, seconded by Welborn. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye, except Perdieu who abstained.

Minutes dated August 22, 2023 for a Public Hearing pertaining to the Safe Route to School grant were approved on a motion by Price, seconded by Welborn. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

Minutes dated August 22, 2023 for a Public Hearing pertaining to the OSLAD grant were approved on a motion by Edwards, seconded by Welborn. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

Treasurer Childress advised the Board that both Certificates of Deposit held by the Village were coming due before the next regular meeting, and she recommended a 6-month term CD that had a better rate than allowing the CD's to roll over into another 3-month term. Welborn motioned to

move the CD's to a new term per Childress's recommendation, and Watson seconded. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye; Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for October 2023 was placed on file with the Clerk on a motion by Watson, seconded by Perdieu. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

Accounts Payable for the period ending November 28, 2023 and Payroll for November 2023 were passed around, reviewed, and approved by trustee signature.

Superintendent Jake Johnson was not present to offer a Superintendent's Report.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance #23-1024, "An Ordinance Amending Title 6 "Public Ways and Property," Chapter 3 "Water Use and Service," Section 7 "User Rates and Charges" to Increase Water Rates," was passed on a recommendation from the Water Committee; no second is required. The ordinance was placed on file during the October 24, 2023 regular meeting. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

There was no other unfinished business.

New Business

Resolution #23-1128A, "A Resolution Authorizing a Community Development Block Grant," was passed on a motion from Edwards, seconded by Watson. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

Resolution #23-1128B, "A Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of a Technical Assistance Agreement with the Coles County Regional Planning & Development Commission on behalf of the Village of Ashmore, Illinois," was passed on a motion from Perdieu, seconded by Price. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

Freezeland noted a correction from the agenda: the new tires being discussed are intended for the truck assigned to Jake and not for the recycling trailer. Edwards motioned and Welborn seconded to approve the purchase of six new tires for the truck at an estimated cost of \$2,900 as quoted by Melvin Schwenke Tires. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

Freezeland administered the annual sexual harassment training for 2023.

There was no other new business.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m. on a motion by Edwards, seconded by Price. All trustees voted in favor. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 26, 2023, and a Christmas meal will be available as per tradition.

Jackie Freezeland
Ashmore Village Clerk