

REGULAR MEETING

August 22, 2023

The Village of Ashmore Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 22, 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 Kelsey Willison took roll call attendance:

Trustees Present:

- Morgan Biggs
- Bill Edwards
- Dane Perdieu
- Terry Price
- Bryan Watson
- Cathy Welborn

Also Present:

- President Kurt Crail
- Treasurer Kathy Childress
- Superintendent Jake Johnson
- Clerk Kelsey Willison
- Bailey Flach, Milano & Grunloh Engineers
(excited at 6:15 p.m.)

Trustees Absent:

None

Guest– Bailey Flach of Milano & Grunloh Engineers gave updates about the ongoing grant-related projects:

- Unsewered IEPA Grant- waiting for the NOFO, should be sometime in September
- Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) - next application period will be summer/fall 2024.
- Safe Routes to School-(SRTS) - the 2023 Safe Routes to School application period will be August 1, 2023 through October 2, 2023. A preliminary project map and estimate of the project was provided to the Village. Templates and instructions will come soon.
- OSLAD Grant- The Village is applying for \$600,000.00 for park improvements including the construction of a splashpad, batting cages, pickelball courts, playground improvements, bird houses, bat roosts, etc. The grant is 100% grant funding.

Public Comments-

Jason Coe- asked if the Board had decided on anything since last month's Board meeting. Kurt replied The Board decided to abide by the decision of the insurance company (Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association) that there is no indication of liability.

Chris Followell- Does the Village get any benefits from the Fiber Company? Answer is No

Chris voiced his concern about cable lines not getting buried after a cable company has installed a new service. The lines lay unburied in the resident's yard for way to long. Kurt replied if you have any issues please let the Village know and we will do our best to resolve the problem.

Reports, Approvals, and Claims

Clerk Kelsey Willison's reported

- Working on OSLAD Grant
- Need to have a water committee meeting next month before the normal Board meeting to look at water rates for 2024. Sept 26, @5:30 or 5:45

Board Minutes dated July 25, 2023 were approved on a motion by Watson, seconded by Welborn. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

The Treasurer's Report for July 31, 2023 was presented and discussed. The Treasurer's Report was placed on file with the Clerk on a motion by Biggs, seconded by Welborn. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

Transfer \$2000.00 from General Fund to Public Benefit fund on a motion by Edwards, seconded by Welborn. In a roll call vote all present trustees voted aye.

Accounts Payable for the period ending July 31, 2023 and Payroll for August 2023 were passed around, reviewed, and approved by trustee signature.

Superintendent's Report: Jake Johnson

- Water samples all good
- Mowing
- EIU Kids were here August 19th, they weeded, painted street post signs, and picked up trash. They did a great job!
- Marked lots of Julie calls for the Fiber guys working.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Resolution #23-0822 Resolution of Financial Commitment for Illinois Safe Routes to School Grant Program Cycle 2023. Approved on a motion by Welborn, seconded by Price. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

Discussion and Decision on purchasing Concrete Blocks for the East Charleston road location. In need of 32 blocks each block cost \$60.00=\$1,900.00 Approved on a motion by Edwards, seconded by Perdieu. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

Discussion and Decision on a new Business License- S&LS Resale Shop 312 W Ashmore. Approved on a motion by Biggs, seconded by Welborn. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

Other New Business

None

The meeting adjourned at 6:35p.m. On a motion by Edwards, seconded by Welborn. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

Kelsey Willison
Ashmore Village Clerk