

WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

December 10, 2024

The Village of Ashmore Water Committee met on December 10, 2024 in the Ashmore Municipal Office. Chairman Bill Edwards called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Proper notice of the meeting was given.

Present: Chair Bill Edwards, Thomas Grissom, Dane Perdieu, and Bryan Watson

Absent: None

Also Present: President Kurt Crail, Superintendent Jake Johnson, and Clerk/Water Collector Jackie Freezeland

Johnson advised the committee that the Village currently has \$101,927.39 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), which were allocated to the Village through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Act stipulates that the funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and must be expended by December 31, 2026. In order to remain compliant, the Village must enter into a contract for using the funds before the end of this month. Johnson presented a plan proposal from Maguire Iron, Inc., which would include necessary maintenance to the existing water tower as well as additional inspections and reassurances. The largest maintenance would be expended and completed in the first five years, and then the payments obligation would be reduced to a “maintenance” level amount. The Village may discontinue services at any time after Year 5.

Knowing the ARPA fund balance must be obligated, committee members requested a modified quote, wherein the ARPA balance would constitute the first annual payment and then subsequent payment would be recalculated.

Clerk Freezeland had provided in the packet an overview of the services included in the agreement. She will share the details of the contract terms with the committee so they can be reviewed before the Board meeting next Tuesday. Freezeland will also share the modified payment terms as soon as Maguire submits them to the office.

Perdieu motioned to recommend the service agreement to the Board, pending review of the contract details and the modified payment proposal. Edwards seconded the motion. All voted in favor; motion carried.

The next meetings for the Water, Personnel, and Ordinance Committees was set for January 7, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m. on a motion by Watson, seconded by Grissom. All voted in favor.

Jackie Freezeland
Village of Ashmore