

REGULAR MEETING

June 25, 2024

The Village of Ashmore Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 25, 2024 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. led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Freezeland acknowledged that a quorum was physically present, and that there were no requests for electronic attendance. Freezeland took roll call attendance:

Trustees Present:

- Bill Edwards
- Thomas Grissom
- Dane Perdieu
- Terry Price
- Bryan Watson
- Cathy Welborn

Also Present:

- President Kurt Crail
- Clerk Jackie Freezeland
- Treasurer Kathy Childress
- Superintendent Jake Johnson, (entered 6:41 p.m.)
- Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC (exited 6:09 p.m.)

Trustees Absent: None

Guests

Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers (MGE) gave updates on the Village's ongoing grant projects. His summary notes are attached.

Beckman answered questions, and then exited at 6:09 p.m.

Reports, Approvals, and Claims

Freezeland gave an update about new and ongoing projects in the Municipal Office, including:

- Auditors were in the office to collect information and data for the annual audit.
- Liquor and Gaming licenses were renewed in town for all four establishments.
- The festival fundraiser was held on the 22nd and successfully raised money for the upcoming Harvest Festival,
- Current statuses on the abandoned and/or neglected properties in town as well as what the Village attorney is doing to help the Village gain control of each one.
- Tasty Tuesday's are ongoing and well-attended so far. Freezeland thanked the Board members for volunteering to help with setups and clean-ups.
- Aerial mosquito spraying is scheduled for June 26.
- The landscaping border is scheduled to be installed at the park, community center, and maintenance building June 26 or 27.
- The annual Consumer Confidence Report must be published before the end of June.
- The Village is currently following up on the 50 abatement notices which were mailed out last month. Depending on the progress or each property, individuals will receive either an acknowledgement letter for compliance, a deadline extension letter for partial compliance, or a citation for non-compliance.

Board Minutes dated May 28, 2024 were approved on a motion from Price, seconded by Edwards. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye, except Watson who abstained.

The payables and payroll for June were passed around and approved by signatures.

Upon recommendation from Treasurer Childress, Welborn motioned to transfer \$1,500 from the General Fund to the Public Benefit Fund to cover upcoming expenses. Grissom seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye; motion carried.

Watson motioned and Welborn seconded the motion to renew two Village certificates which matured in June, each valued near \$52,700. One certificate was rolled over into a 3-month term at 4.80%. The other certificate was transferred to a 18-month term at 4.75%. Due to the urgent nature of the decision, each member of the Finance Committee was polled individually for their approval on June 12 when the CD's matured. With the Finance Committee recommending the placement of the funds into the new terms, no second is required. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye; motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for May 2024 was placed on file with the Clerk on a motion from Edwards, seconded by Perdieu. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

Superintendent Johnson entered the meeting at 6:41 offered the following report just before adjournment:

- All water samples are continuing to come back clean and EPA-compliant.
- Two water supply breaches, both located on South Indiana Street near the yard waste site.
- He noted that they have been working to extend a drainage line off of Cedar Street in an effort to mitigate flooding issues in that neighborhood.
- The brush pickup policy may need to be revised, because the service is being abused.

Unfinished Business

The Water Committee has not met since the previous meeting to re-discuss Ordinance #24-0528. As such, Ordinance #24-0528 was tabled until the next meeting once again.

There was no other unfinished business.

New Business

Ordinance #24-0625, An Ordinance to Establish Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 was placed on file on a motion from the Finance Committee (no second is required). In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

Resolution #24-0625, A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Equipment, was passed on a motion from Edwards, seconded by Grissom. In a roll call vote, all trustees voted aye.

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 Water Committee is scheduled to meet Tuesday, July 9 at 6:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2024.

Jackie Freezeland
Ashmore Village Clerk