

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**March 25, 2025**

The Village of Ashmore Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 25, 2025 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.

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

### **Trustees Present:**

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

### **Also Present:**

- President Kurt Crail
- Clerk Jackie Freezeland
- Treasurer Linda Holloway
- Superintendent Jake Johnson
- Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers
- Tyler Heleine, Coles County Sheriff's Office
- Kyle Sims, resident and trustee candidate

### **Trustees Absent:**

- Cathy Welborn

## **Guests**

Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers was present to give an update about all ongoing and recent grant project applications. He entertained questions and then exited at 6:06 p.m.

Chief Deputy Tyler Heleine of the Coles County Sheriff's Office was present to offer an overview of law enforcement calls and cases within Ashmore Township in the last 90 days. C.D. Heleine noted many traffic stops and that domestic violence calls were higher than normal. He addressed concerns and took questions, and he exited at 6:14 p.m.

## **Reports, Approvals, and Claims**

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

- Treasure Linda Holloway's first solo month, and she is doing a great job
- A list of upcoming dates to be aware of,
- Several new residents in town as well as several water service leaks from the recent weather changes,
- Statuses of ongoing ordinance violations in town,
- Recent tornado threats and the new Emergency Action Plan for windstorms
- A survey for trustees to complete, including updated contact information for the office,
- The upcoming consolidated election on April 1, with Trustee Dane Perdieu's final meeting to be April 22; new trustees will be sworn in at the end of the meeting April 22.

Board minutes dated February 25, 2025, were approved on a motion from Watson, seconded by Perdieu. In a roll call vote, all trustees present voted aye.

The payables and payroll for March were passed around and approved by signature.

The Treasurer's Report for February 2025 was placed on file with the Clerk on a motion from Grissom, seconded by Watson. In a roll call vote, all trustees present voted aye.

Superintendent Johnson reported on new and ongoing projects around town, including:

- water samples continue to test clean,
- Tim has been absent due to a recent surgery, but on occasion he will still complete "one-wing" projects to help Jake

- MFT planning is underway, keeping other potential grant projects in consideration, and
- A swing broke at the park with a young girl on it; no one was injured seriously, but plans are underway to replace the clamps that attach the swing chains to the overhead crossbar.

### **Unfinished Business**

Ordinance #25-0128, An Ordinance Amending Appointment Ordinance, was passed on a motion from Edwards, seconded by Price. In a roll call vote, all trustees present voted aye.

In other unfinished business, Perdieu asked if any progress has been made to get a cellular tower erected near town to improve cell service. Freezeland had reached out to Verizon in the past with no response, and she will investigate other ways to request a cell tower.

Similarly, various attendees noted that the PAVLOV internet service has been inconsistent recently. Freezeland will reach out to the company to find out if there are any issues being resolved.

### **New Business**

Edwards motioned and Price seconded the purchase of new tires for a Village trailer at a cost of \$1,859.00, and granting authority to Superintendent Jake Johnson to oversee the purchase and installation. In a roll call vote, all trustees present voted aye; motion carried.

Ordinance #25-0325, An Ordinance Amending the Administrative Committees of the Village of Ashmore Board of Trustees, was placed on file on a motion from Perdieu, seconded by Grissom. In a roll call vote, all trustees present voted aye.

There was no other new business.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. on a motion by Edwards, seconded by Perdieu. All trustees present voted in favor. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2025.

Jackie Freezeland  
Ashmore Village Clerk