

Village of Ashmore

Board Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2025

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Village of Ashmore Board was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Kurt Crail.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

3. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence and prayer was held in honor of Terry Price, former Board Trustee.

4. Swearing In

At 6:03 PM, Marshal Reinhart was sworn in as the newest Village Board Trustee.

5. Roll Call – Attendance

Present:

- Bill Edwards
- T.C. Grissom
- Marshal Reinhart
- Kyle Sims
- Bryan Watson
- Cathy Welborn
- Mayor Kurt Crail

(All present.)

6. Board Vote – Seating of Trustee Marshal Reinhart

Motion: T.C. Grissom, Second: Cathy Welborn

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Aye

- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Cathy Welborn – Aye

Result: Motion passed unanimously.

7. Engineer's Report – Milano & Grunloh Engineers (Lee Beckman)

- IDOT 2024 Local Project Funding: The Village received \$400,000 for the Safe Routes to School Project.
- IEPA Loan Application: All loan materials have been submitted. The Village has been approved for a \$5,210,229 IEPA Loan, including \$2,234,603 in principal forgiveness.
- 2025 DCEP Public Infrastructure Grant: Applications submitted December 4, 2024; award announcements expected early next year.

8. Discussion Items

- Sewer Plant Consolidation: Discussion held regarding combining sewer systems with neighboring towns.
- Indiana Street Repairs: Trustee Sims asked if repairs fall under Safe Routes to School funding. Mayor Crail said no, but sidewalk work may be revisited later.

9. Clerk Report

The Clerk reported that GATA registration is still pending. Training continues for the ASYST water billing and financial software program.

10. Approval of Board Minutes – October 28, 2025

Motion: Bryan Watson, Second: T.C. Grissom

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Abstain
- Marshal Reinhart – Abstain
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Cathy Welborn – Abstain

Result: Motion passed.

11. Treasurer's Report

Board checks were distributed to the trustees.

12. CD Renewals

The Board discussed the renewal of two separate Certificates of Deposit, maturing on December 14th and December 31st. The Board voted to renew both CDs for a 3-month term at 3.70%, instead of a 12-month term.

Motion: Cathy Welborn, Second: Kyle Sims

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Marshal Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Cathy Welborn – Aye

Result: Motion passed unanimously.

13. Approval of Treasurer's Report – Final Ending October 31

Motion: Bill Edwards, Second: Cathy Welborn

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Marshal Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Cathy Welborn – Aye

Result: Motion passed unanimously.

14. New Actions

#14a. Resolution #25-1125 – Annual Schedule of Meetings for 2026

The Board discussed and voted on Resolution #25-1125, establishing the Village of Ashmore Board Meeting schedule for 2026.

Motion: T.C. Grissom, Second: Cathy Welborn

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Marshal Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Cathy Welborn – Aye

Result: Motion passed unanimously.

#14b. Ordinance #25-1125 – Tax Levy

The Board discussed and voted on Ordinance #25-1125 regarding the Village of Ashmore tax levy.

Motion: Bill Edwards, Second: Cathy Welborn

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Marshal Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Cathy Welborn – Aye

Result: Motion passed unanimously.

#14c. Employee Evaluations – Cost of Living Increase

The Board discussed employee evaluations and approved a 3% cost-of-living increase for employees. Will Begin January 1, 2026

Motion: Marshal Reinhart, Second: Bill Edwards

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Marshal Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Cathy Welborn – Aye

Result: Motion passed unanimously.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Motion: Marshal Reinhart, Second: Bill Edwards

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Marshal Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Cathy Welborn – Aye

Result: Motion passed unanimously.

Written By: **Michelle Redd, Village Clerk**