

VILLAGE OF ASHMORE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

10 W. Ashmore Street, P.O. Box 99, Ashmore, Illinois

August 25, 2026

PUBLIC MEETINGS – ITEP AND OSLAD

Two public meetings were held prior to the regular Village Board meeting on August 25, 2026. Both public meetings were held at the **South Park Pavilion in Ashmore, Illinois**.

The public meeting concerning the **ITEP account** began at **5:30 p.m.** The purpose of the meeting was to discuss grant opportunities and potential projects.

The public meeting concerning the **OSLAD account** began at **5:45 p.m.** The purpose of the meeting was to discuss new grant options that the Village is hoping to pursue.

Community involvement was an important part of the grant process. Signatures and letters of support were required as part of the grant applications.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the **Village of Ashmore Board of Trustees** was called to order at **6:08 p.m.** by **President Kurt Crail** at the Village of Ashmore Municipal Building, 10 W. Ashmore Street, P.O. Box 99, Ashmore, Illinois.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President **Kurt Crail** led the Board in the **Pledge of Allegiance** at **6:08 p.m.**

ROLL CALL

Present:

- Bill Edwards
- T.C. Grissom
- Marshall Reinhart
- Kyle Sims
- Bryan Watson
- Alex Hoshauer

Also present:

- President Kurt Crail
- Treasurer Lina Holloway
- Auditor Nick Sibenaller, GMM
- Engineer Lee Beckman

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Lee Beckman provided the Engineer's Report to the Board regarding Village projects and related matters. After he had moved up from the Public Meeting at South Park. Lee entered at 6:17.

[Engineer Report details to be added]

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Unsewered IEPA Grant

The planning for the unsewered grant has been completed and approved by the IEPA. We expect the NOFO for the construction grant to be out in August/September.

IEPA Loan Application - Sewer

All loan materials have been submitted at this time. The project has received \$4,879,305 in funding with \$2,195,687 in Principal Forgiveness through December 31st, 2026.

IDOT 24 Local Project Funding

The village received \$400,000 in IDOT local project funding for the previously submitted Safe Routes to School Project. This is in progress.

2025 DCEO Public Infrastructure Grant

The village was awarded \$945,000 for watermain replacement. We are working to secure IEPA funding to cover engineering for this project. The ERR was sent back to DCEO. The Grant Agreement has been signed and sent back to DCEO. Bid Opening will be this fall. Construction should start Winter or Spring of 2027. The IEPA Funding of \$163,000 for engineering is reserved with \$48,900 in Principal Forgiveness. *125,000 loan @ 1%*

OSLAD

A public meeting was held tonight at 5:45 p.m. to pass a resolution and discuss the application. The application is due August 31st. *90/10 Application due Sunday*

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

A public meeting was held tonight at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the project. Applications are due October 5th.

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Engineer Lee Beckman exited the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Nick Sibenaller, Auditor from GMM, discussed the finalization of the **FY 2026 audit** and the audit findings. Mr. Sibenaller reported that the audit had been completed and stated that he was pleased with the results of the audit.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that she was attending the public meetings prior to the regular Board meeting and was finalizing the required signatures.

Village Clerk Michelle Redd entered the regular meeting at 6:17 p.m.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Board reviewed the **July 2026 Board Meeting Minutes**.

A motion was made by **Trustee Bill Edwards** to approve the July 2026 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by **Trustee T.C. Grissom**.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Alex Hoshauer – Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

VILLAGE CREDIT CARD UPDATE

The Board discussed updating the **Village credit card** to remove the former Clerk's name and determine whether the card could be issued in the **Village of Ashmore's name** without an individual name, if permitted by the card issuer.

A motion was made by **Trustee Kyle Sims** to proceed with updating the Village credit card as discussed. The motion was seconded by **Trustee Bryan Watson**.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye

- T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Alex Hoshauer – Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

FOIA LITIGATION

Discussion of FOIA Litigation to just inform the Board what the attorney had to say and what is happening with said Litigation.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer's Statement of Revenue was passed around to the Board for review and to obtain the required signatures.

The Board discussed the **CD renewal due August 31, 2026**. The CD will be renewed for a **six-month period at 4.06%**. If the interest rate changes, the higher available percentage will be accepted.

A motion was made by **Trustee Alex Houshauer** to approve the CD renewal as discussed. The motion was seconded by **Trustee T.C. Grissom**.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Alex Hoshauer – Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by **Trustee Bill Edwards** to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by **Trustee Alex Houshauer**.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye

- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Alex Hoshauer – Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

SKID STEER REPAIR

The Board discussed the repair of the Village skid steer at a cost of **\$2,800.00**.

A motion was made by **Trustee Marshall Reinhart** to approve the skid steer repair for \$2,800.00. The motion was seconded by **Trustee Bill Edwards**.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Alex Hoshauer – Aye

Motion carried unanimously to proceed with the repair.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

The Board discussed a **journal entry suggested by the Auditor** that required funds to be transferred between Village accounts. Funds will be transferred from the **MuniWise account into the General Fund** in the amount of **\$10,000.00**.

A motion was made by **Trustee Alex Hoshauer** to approve the transfer of \$10,000.00 from the MuniWise account to the General Fund. The motion was seconded by **Trustee Bryan Watson**.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Alex Hoshauer – Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-0825

A Resolution in Support of an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant Application for the Ashmore IL-16 Streetscape Project

The Board discussed Resolution No. **26-0825**, supporting an **Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant application** for the **Ashmore IL-16 Streetscape Project**.

A motion was made by **Trustee T.C. Grissom** to approve Resolution No. 26-0825. The motion was seconded by **Trustee Bill Edwards**.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Alex Hoshauer – Aye

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution No. 26-0825 was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-0825B

A Resolution in Support of the OSLAD (Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development) Grant Program for Funding Park Improvements at the Community Park, Village of Ashmore, 1000 Indiana Street

The Board discussed Resolution No. **26-0825B**, supporting an **OSLAD (Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development) Grant** application to provide funding for improvements to the Community Park located at **1000 Indiana Street, Ashmore, Illinois**.

A motion was made by **Trustee Bryan Watson** to approve Resolution No. 26-0825B. The motion was seconded by **Trustee Kyle Sims**.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye

- Alex Hoshauer – Aye

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution No. 26-0825B was approved.

CORRECTION TO RESOLUTION NUMBER

Trustee **T.C. Grissom** noted that the resolution number on the paperwork presented at the meeting was incorrect. The Clerk made the necessary corrections to the paperwork to reflect the correct resolution number.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-0825

An Ordinance Authorizing the Exercise of an Option to Purchase Certain Real Property

The Board discussed Ordinance No. **26-0825**, authorizing the exercise of an option to purchase certain real property.

The ordinance was placed on file.

A motion was made by **Trustee Alex Houshauer** to approve Ordinance No. 26-0825. The motion was seconded by **Trustee T.C. Grissom**.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Alex Hoshauer – Aye

Motion carried unanimously. Ordinance No. 26-0825 was approved.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

The Board discussed and approved an **Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement** that seeks to support the efforts of the **City of Charleston, Coles County**, to obtain **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds** from the **Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)** for disaster mitigation and recovery efforts, including debris removal and the removal of trees from streets and rights-of-way.

A motion was made by **Trustee Kyle Sims** to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. The motion was seconded by **Trustee Bryan Watson**.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Alex Hoshauer – Aye

Motion carried unanimously. The Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by **Trustee Bill Edwards** to adjourn the meeting at **6:49 p.m.** The motion was seconded by **Trustee Marshall Reinhart**.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- T.C. Grissom – Aye
- Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Alex Hoshauer – Aye

Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Redd

Village Clerk

Village of Ashmore