

**Village of Ashmore
Board Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2026**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Location

Municipal Building
10 W. Ashmore St., P.O. Box 99
Ashmore, IL 61912

3. Attendance

Present:

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| - Mayor Kurt Crail | -Trustee Bill Edwards |
| - Clerk Michelle Redd | -Trustee Marshall Reinhart |
| - Treasurer Linda Holloway | -Trustee Kyle Sims |
| - Superintendent Jake Johnson | -Trustee Bryan Watson |
| | -Trustee Cathy Welborn (remote due to illness) |

Absent:

- Trustee TC Grissom

Also Present:

- Seth Milano, Grunloh Engineering

4. Engineer's Report

Seth Flach: Milano, Grunloh Engineering, presented the engineer's report (report attached).

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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 soon.

IEPA Loan Application - Sewer

All loan materials have been submitted at this time. The project has been bypassed until the next funding cycle.

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.

OSLAD

An OSLAD Application was not submitted last year as the village did not qualify as a "Disadvantaged Community". We anticipate the OSLAD application period to open soon.

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

The application period is now open. Applications are due October 5, 2026. The village can re-apply with the application from the previous funding cycle. Let us know how the village would like to proceed.

ITEP - motion to apply - for

He confirmed the Village's approval of the ITEP funding option, previously noted in February 24, 2026, minutes.

Seth Flach: exited the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

5. Clerk's Report

The Clerk presented the Board Meeting minutes from April 28, 2026 for approval with corrections if needed.

Motion by Trustee Bryan Watson, seconded by Trustee Bill Edwards, to approve the April 28, 2026 Board Meeting minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye

- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Cathy Welborn – Aye
- TC Grissom – Absent

Motion carried.

The Clerk also reported that a meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at the Village Office between the Clerk, Treasurer, and Mayor Kurt Crail to prepare files for the upcoming 2026–2027 Appropriations.

The Appropriations Committee Meeting will be held on June 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at the Village Office to place the budget on file. The ordinance is planned for approval at the June 23, 2026, Board Meeting, with final passage anticipated at the July 28, 2026, Board Meeting, followed by submission to the County.

Tasty Tuesday is Starting June 2nd, 2026

6. Treasurer's Report

Accounts Payable and Payroll for May 2026 were circulated for signatures.

The Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2026 was presented and placed on file.

Motion by Trustee Bill Edwards, seconded by Trustee Cathy Welborn, to place the Treasurer's Report on file.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Cathy Welborn – Aye
- TC Grissom – Absent

Motion carried.

7. Corrected Minutes – April 28, 2026

The Board discussed correction of the April 28, 2026 minutes regarding the \$11,000 transfer that was stated from Muni wise to General fund.

The correct transfer is \$11,000 from Miniwuse to the Water Fund. The minutes will be corrected accordingly.

Motion by Trustee Kyle Sims, seconded by Trustee Bryan Watson, to approve the corrected minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Cathy Welborn – Aye
- TC Grissom – Absent

Motion carried.

8. New Business – CD Renewal

The Board discussed renewal of a Certificate of Deposit maturing June 20, 2026.

Initial options included:

- 6 months at 3.85%
- 12 months at 3.70% or higher

The Board reaffirmed its practice of selecting the highest available rate at the time of renewal due to fluctuating interest rates.

An updated offer of 6 months at 4.06% was received.

Motion by Trustee Cathy Welborn, seconded by Trustee Kyle Sims, to approve the 6-month CD renewal at 4.06%.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Cathy Welborn – Aye
- TC Grissom – Absent

Motion carried.

9. Fence Approval – Baseball/Softball Fields

The Board discussed fencing and dugout repairs at the baseball and softball fields.

The Village will attempt in-house dugout repairs to reduce costs. Phelps provided estimates as follows:

- Dugout repair: \$1,250
- Labor: \$2,600

- Fencing: \$4,965

Motion by Trustee Bill Edwards, seconded by Trustee Marshal Reinhart, to approve the project.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Cathy Welborn – Aye
- TC Grissom – Absent

Motion carried.

10. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Sample drainage issues and cleanup
- Serenity Park cleanup and improvements
- Cleanup at 101 S. Indiana St.

11. Trustee Discussion

- Trustee Bill Edwards inquired about Iowa Street repairs related to gas line improvements.
- The Board discussed a fire-damaged property and next steps for cleanup or enforcement.
- Trustee Bryan Watson discussed continued park improvements, including continued discussion on outdoor pickleball court installation and fencing options.

12. New Business – Pavers

The paver project was discussed and removed from consideration due to cost concerns.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Bryan Watson, seconded by Trustee Marshal Reinhart, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

- Bill Edwards – Aye
- Marshall Reinhart – Aye
- Kyle Sims – Aye
- Bryan Watson – Aye
- Cathy Welborn – Aye
- TC Grissom – Absent

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Michelle Redd, Village Clerk