

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
April 14, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** 7:34 p.m. by Mayor Amrich
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Becker, Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, Jenkins, and Johns
Also present: Police Chief Anthony Sciarrone, Attorney Jennifer Gibson,
Treasurer Ed McGinty, and Lake Management Committee Chair Ken Wick; Attorney David
McArdle and Engineer Steve Verseman
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Amrich
4. **Public Comments** included Peter Nelson: Victory Garden Plots all sold, some payments
not yet in, and there is a waiting list for plots; Bob Carpenter reported that Island Lake
Memorial Day Celebration will be 5/30/16 at 3:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park and will
feature special keepsake gift presented by Boy Scouts, "Taps" played by Marcie Night,
Northern IL Pipe and Drum, remarks by Chairman and other VFW post members with an
invitation to speak to Mayor Amrich, and honoring of veterans—especially those who gave
ultimate sacrifice.
5. **Committee and Department Reports**
 - a. Public Works
 - b. Lakes, Parks, Recreation, and Education
 - c. Economic Development and Grants
 - d. Building and Zoning
 - e. Police, Public Safety, and Ordinances
 - f. Finance and Administration
6. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approval payment of bills** totaling: **\$324,665.77**
 - b. **Approval minutes** of from 3/10/2016 and 3/24/2016 Village Board Meetings
Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Trustee Hartogh; second by Trustee Jenkins
Ayes: Trustees Becker, Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, Jenkins, and Johns; Nays: none.
Motion carried.
7. **Approval of Fireworks Contract and Barge Contract** for the 7/23/2016 Lakefest
Fireworks Show, not to exceed \$20,000.00.
Discussion: Trustee Beeson reported that the fireworks are fully funded by donations. A
funding excess of \$3,000 can be used for Special Events.
Motion to approve Fireworks Contract and Barge Contract by Trustee Beeson
second by Trustee Becker
Ayes: Trustees Becker, Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, and Jenkins; Abstain: Trustee Johns;
Nays: none. **Motion carried.**
8. **Discussion and direction to staff and builders regarding increasing bulk zoning
limitation** on development of homes within the Walnut Glen Subdivision

Discussion: Trustee Burke stated that the builder is working to increase footprint and lot coverage. We are looking for feedback from residents of Walnut Glen. Chris Coleman Chicago Division President of William Ryan Homes, stated that they offer homes at Walnut Glen for people to buy and build and are happy to be in the Village. They have observed that 50% of buyers are choosing ranch homes of 1,800 to 2,200 square feet of living area; other options include, for example, 3-car garage morning room in back. Those options exceed Village's lot coverage. He stated that although lot coverage can be 26%, a home doesn't look oversized for the lot as side yard as it conforms to front, rear, and side yard setbacks. William Ryan Homes is looking for relief from bulk coverage to allow building of popular ranch homes. Trustee Burke stated that the larger lots of 15,000 to 19,000 are gone and the remaining lots of 10,800 square feet are a problem.

Trustee Becker asked what William Ryan homes was looking for. Mr. Coleman responded that the maximum options can cause 32% overage and that a tiered plan with 28-29% overages for ranches and 22-24% for 2-story houses. Attorney McArdle pointed out the technical difficulty: buyers are not yet found so options are not yet selected. We are not talking about any particular lot, we are trying to give builder flexibility. Audience asked question about 2 nonconforming houses sold. Wayne Schnell stated that construction of lots 161 and 137 had not started as of last meeting but are now under construction with 21% and 31% overage on lot coverage. Five lots with overage were done before within the last 2 years: 2 from the previous builder and 3 from William Ryan Homes.

Resident comments included the following. Ted Kipp was told he could not have a 3-car garage because of lot coverage. Mark Kipp was told he could not have options beyond the footprint and asked if setbacks in Walnut Glen were to be more open. Mr. Schnell clarified that no setbacks had been violated and that no stipulation for wider setbacks was in the Annexation Agreement. Mark Kipp understood that when a certain percentage of homes was complete, the homeowners association would be convened; homeowners should have a voice. Mr. Schnell responded that the homeowners, as a variance request has been submitted and a hearing will take place. Ted Kipp stated that he lived twelve feet from neighbors in the Larkdale subdivision. Residents were refused 3-car garages. He wants subdivision to stay wide open and beautiful. He criticized William Ryan homes for wanting lower standards. Trustee Burke mentioned that years ago, 13-foot side yard setbacks were being sold. William Ziegler stated that he bought a home in Walnut Glen because of the look; he had been coming here for 8 years and didn't want to reach out the window and high-five his neighbor. He was concerned about "jammed in" appearance and would considering selling his house.

Mr. Schnell stated that some of the residents' lots are also over lot coverage. Mr. Ziegler stated he was opposed to side yard setbacks. Trustee Burke stated that other larger homes may not have gotten 3-car garages due to side yard setbacks and it would not be fair to impose on residents who were not allowed those options. He stated that all residents would be invited to the Planning and Zoning Meeting. Mr. Schnell stated that he caught the lot coverage issue and he would be the one accountable. Trustee Johns asked Ted Kipp if he was 7% over with his garage and suggested the builder was aware

Trustee Hartogh asked whose design was the larger and smaller lot configuration. Answer: RHA. Trustee Johns: Answer is no if they can't meet setbacks and suggested the builder had known. Mr. Coleman stated that people can make mistakes and William Ryan Builders was here in good faith to work with the Village. Elizabeth McGinty stated that she fact checked with an actuary and found that William Ryan Homes had a propensity for building

overages throughout Lake and McHenry County and that if the Board lets it go for Walnut Glen, they have to let it go throughout the Village.

Mayor Amrich thanked residents for comments and said the Village will have address the past issues as well as the future. Questions and comments from trustees included the following. Trustee Hartogh asked Mr. Coleman if his intention was to ask the Board to umbrella the rest of the lot coverage issues. Mr. Coleman responded that he wanted clarity for customers. Trustee Jenkins: Are larger lots sold out? Mr. Coleman: Yes. Trustee Becker: Will you be involved in other phases? If so, he suggested larger lots. Trustee Burke: He'll take a ride to look at issue of current house under construction next to Ted Kipp's. He asked for a copy of the Walnut Glen Covenants. Trustee Beeson: Asked to see data on all of the homes so that Planning and Zoning has all the facts to consider. Asking for 33% coverage is excessive. Mr. Schnell stated that packet for Planning and Zoning has been already submitted. Mr. Schnell will work with Trustee Burke and Planning and Zoning Chair, Joe Zeinz. Trustee Jenkins: Does not want to see original plans compromised. Trustee Johns thanked Mr. Coleman for coming. Mr. Schnell state that Planning and Zoning hearing will need to be posted and published and letters sent to all residents of Walnut Glen.

9. Adoption of Ordinance 1530-16 *An Ordinance Amending Title 7, Chapter 5, Boating Regulations, of the Island Lake Village Code*

Discussion: Trustee Johns asked for clarification on what the ordinance does. Trustee Becker responded that it aligns with the most current Department of Natural Resources (DNR) terminology.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 1530-16 by Trustee Johns; second by Trustee Jenkins
Ayes: Trustees Becker, Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, Jenkins, and Johns; Nays: none.

Motion carried.

10. Approval of Contract with Wauconda Township for 2016-2017 Senior Bus Services

Discussion: Mayor Amrich pointed out that the cost of the contract decreased about \$5,000 from last year's.

Motion to approve Contract with Wauconda Township for 2016-2017 Senior Bus Services in the amount of \$14,993.92 by Trustee Hartogh; second by Trustee Johns

Ayes: Trustees Becker, Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, Jenkins, and Johns; Nays: none.

Motion carried.

11. Approval of Quote for Transformer Connection from one of three proposals:

Althoff Industries, Inc.; Amwood Contracting, Inc.; and Patrick Electric Ent., Inc.

Discussion: Brian Bartnick, Director of Public Works recommends the Amwood quotation. Commonwealth Edison advised the Village to replace the 1954 vintage transformer. Trustees Beeson and Burke asked for assurance that the Amwood's lower bid would provide good quality. Mr. Bartnick responded that he had references for Amwood and was confident that the job would get accomplished satisfactorily.

Motion to approve the Amwood quote for connection of the new transformer in the amount of \$12,954.00 by Trustee Jenkins; second by Trustee Burke

Ayes: Trustees Becker, Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, Jenkins, and Johns; Nays: none.

Motion carried.

12. Discussion and approval of Chamber Collaborative Community Guide project

Presentation by Mark Solak, Shaw Media

Mr. Solak showed a sample of a published guide and stated that Shaw Media publishes guides for various communities. He explained that the guide is a showpiece for the community, a recruitment tool for economic development, and a useful tool for realtors.

Guides may be done yearly or every two years. The Village will be provided with 3,000 - 4,000 copies at no cost to the Village. Shaw Media has a small window to provide it, hopefully by July. They will send out a collaborative letter from the Chamber and the Village inviting participation. The Village controls the editorial content. Question by Trustee Hartogh: Why is Board approval needed if it is a Chamber project? Mr. Solak's response: With the size of the Chamber, it would be beneficial to open it to wider group of business and possibly vendors. Other questions and responses: Online access? Yes, on Chamber, Village, and Shaw Media websites. Hot links to business in online version? Yes. Will Mr. Solak contact a list of business? Yes, by letter and by phone call. Do non-Chamber business have to pay to be listed (besides paid ads). Trustee Jenkins asked for clarification on availability for businesses outside of Chamber, stating that if it's just a Chamber publication, the Village doesn't need to approve it. Connie Mascillino of the Chamber stated that due to smaller size of the Chamber, it would be beneficial to open it to a wider group. Anyone can take out ads. All businesses can be listed. Trustee Hartogh suggested that Chamber members could be in boldface. Mr. Solak stated that they offer a special price for Chamber member ads. Trustee Hartogh expressed concern about the fairness of the special price if the Village is a sponsor. Trustee Beeson stated that he felt it was fair that since the Chamber supports the Village and that the Village should give that extra benefit to the Chamber. The free list is a reward for all businesses. The savings on the advertising is an additional benefit for the Chamber. Mr. Solak stated that 20% savings is customary for Chamber businesses. Mr. Solak mentioned that the result would be an encouragement for businesses to join the Chamber and that there would be special rate for non-profit groups.

No motion was required. Board gave a consensus blessing for the Chamber and Shaw Media to proceed with the guide.

- 13. Discussion of potential dual municipality vehicle sticker requirements** when both the city/village of registration and the city/village of housing require one. Trustee Burke stated that if a vehicle is not registered in the Village, it does not need a vehicle sticker. The requirement to buy a sticker when a vehicle—no matter where it is registered—“lives here” for 30 days does not belong in the Ordinance. Other trustee comments included: complicated understanding and enforcement and the frequency with which companies may reassign work vehicles. Consensus was to prepare the simplified Ordinance for sticker requirements for the April 28, 2016 Board Meeting.
- 14. Motion to authorize the mayor to sign the proposed Side Letter of Agreement with Local Union 150** recognizing the pay scale of the Foreman of Streets, Parks and Buildings Discussion: Position was initiated for Foreman of Roads to have a higher wage rate than a technician and a lower wage than assistants. Treasurer McGinty stated that the position was a “quasi-supervisory” one. Motion to authorize signing of the Side Letter of Agreement with Local Union 150 by Trustee Johns; second by Trustee Jenkins
Ayes: Trustees Becker, Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, Jenkins, and Johns; Nays: none.
Motion carried.
- 15. Mayor Comments** included: We received a liquor license application for the former Mother Murphy's location to open a bar and sports bar; he will set up a meeting with the Liquor Commission and have the applicant attend that meeting and the Board Meeting; asked if we had heard any more from person interested in opening a Muggs Pizza restaurant in the former Pan Handlers location and Trustee Hartogh and Clerk Cooper responded that we had not; Trustee Hartogh distributed sample menus; it would be nice to see another dining venue in town. Trustee Johns' question: Will they be seeking a liquor and gaming license? Response: Yes they are seeking a liquor license. Trustee Hartogh will follow up with them.

Mayor talked with staff about Concert in the Parks concern. Goose droppings are a concern at Veterans Park.

16. Trustee Comments Trustee Hartogh: Thanked residents for coming out and speaking up; it's important to hear the voices of those we represent, and will look at the Walnut Glen neighborhood; asked Chamber for date of guide; Ms. Mascillino said it would be July—maybe in time for Lakefest. Trustee Jenkins: Two well received bands—Brass from the Past and Pirates Over 40—will return for Concerts in the Park and we are looking for a third; Trustee Beeson did a good job of reducing the cost for Brass from the Past; she will miss the next Board Meeting. Trustee Becker: Calvin Clay, EMA Director, said that all his staff are trained in CPR by the Wauconda Fire Department; he will be in Europe, therefore absent, for the next two Board Meetings. Trustee Johns: Thanked people from Walnut Glen for attending the meeting and asked them to spread the word for upcoming Planning and Zoning Meeting; praised the Chamber for their efforts to support the Village with the guide and expressed hope that Ms. Mascillino would get Historical Society information in it; asked she saw *Northwest Herald* article about 1965 tornado. Trustee Burke: Thanked Walnut Glen residents for coming out; stated that we are here to serve the Village but need to hear from residents on what they think; he has been out to Walnut Glen subdivision over the past two weeks looking at the issue areas and expressed concern about larger homes on smaller lots; asked residents to tell their neighbors to come out for the Planning and Zoning Meeting. Mayor Amrich reiterated the importance of residents attending meetings and sharing issues. Trustee Beeson: two of three bands hired for Concerts in the Park; have people actively seeking a thirds; possible Battle of the Bands suggested for a Sunday; Lukes of Mundelein will be a vendor for the three days of Lakefest; Lions Club will do the alcohol for two days; is seeking vendor for third day; Lioness will be there all three days; thanks to Larry and Tina Loos and their family for fundraising efforts; thanked Chamber and Connie Mascillino; thanked DJ Wayne who “sold it” for the auction, raising \$4,100.00; possible total of \$6,500 profit on Dinner Dance; addressed concerns about change of venue to Veterans Park for Concerts in the Park series; primary concern: parking; Converse Park has limited parking and overflow goes in the Westridge lot; example, Brass from the Past drew about 300 people two years ago and about 350 last year (vehicle count from 175 – 200); Fridays and Saturdays are busy days for Westridge Banquets and this can cause a parking problem; other problems include lack of bathroom facilities, lack of visibility, size of overhang for bands in the event of rain; Veterans park has better accommodations—wider overhang and interior building space to protect equipment, more bathrooms; will research need for portable toilets; adequate parking across the street and police guidance for street crossing; right across from marquee; discussed with Brian Bartnick solutions to goose waste issues including beach quarantining; mowing two days prior to concerts; acquiring a yard/lawn vacuum (\$1,000 - \$1,500)

17. Public Comments included thanks to Wayne Schnell, Building Commissioner for his work and question about opening fire hydrants in Walnut Glen. Trustee Burke and Brian Bartnick responded that it had just been done.

18. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Hartogh; second by Trustee Burke
All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.