

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
April 28, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Amrich at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, and Johns;
Absent: Trustees Becker and Jenkins
Also present: Police Chief Anthony Sciarrone, Attorney David McArdle,
Treasurer Ed McGinty, Building Commissioner Wayne Schnell, Lake Management
Committee Chair Ken Wick, and Wauconda Fire Department Lieutenant Warner Russell
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Amrich
4. **Public Comments** included: Bob Carpenter asked permission to post Memorial Day
Celebration information and would like to have it on marquee and sent to newspapers.
5. **Motion to ratify** the payment to Prairieland made at the Village Board meeting on April 14,
2016 in the total sum of \$47,542.40.
Discussion: To correct bill sheet oversight of 4/14/2016
Motion to ratify the payment to Prairieland made at the Village Board meeting on April 14,
2016 in the total sum of \$47,542.40 by Trustee Beeson; second by Trustee Burke
Ayes: Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, and Johns; Nays: none;
Absent: Trustees Becker and Jenkins. **Motion carried.**
6. **Motion to approve Mayor's execution of contracts for Concerts in the Park** for *Brass
from the Past* in the amount of \$1,500 and *Pirates Over 40* in the amount of \$800.
Motion to approve Mayor's execution of contracts for Concerts in the Park
by Trustee Beeson; second by Trustee Burke
Ayes: Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, and Johns; Nays: none;
Absent: Trustees Becker and Jenkins. **Motion carried.**
7. **Motion to adopt Ordinance 1531-16** Amending section 7-2-1 of the Village code regarding
vehicle licenses
Discussion: Language of the Ordinance "license" references Vehicle Sticker.
Motion to adopt Ordinance 1531-16 by Trustee Hartogh; second by Trustee Burke
Ayes: Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, and Johns; Nays: none;
Absent: Trustees Becker and Jenkins. **Motion carried.**
8. **Motion to approve Clarke Environmental Services Agreement** to treat 24.57 Acres of
Island Lake for Invasive aquatic vegetation at \$310 per acre for a total of \$7,616.70.
Discussion: Ken Wick stated that contract is \$1,000 less than last year's and that new
species are being treated. Red areas on map are treatment areas.
Motion to approve Clarke Environmental Services Agreement by Trustee Beeson;
second by Trustee Burke
Ayes: Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, and Johns; Nays: none;
Absent: Trustees Becker and Jenkins. **Motion carried.**
9. **Motion to approve payment** to Berger Excavation Contractors, Inc. in the amount of
\$191,601.40 for water main extension work on Ralph, Hillside, and Walnut.
Discussion: Trustee Johns asked if the Village approved the contract last year and why we
would pay for work that wasn't done. Response: We are holding back \$20,000. Trustee
Johns stated that more than \$20,000 of work remains to be done and does not want to pay
for work beyond what was done. Contract says payment due 30 days after completion of
work. Total contract was \$212,890.45. Ed McGinty stated that Village should have received
an invoice in November 2015 for work completed. Issue of damages to be repaired must

also be resolved. Engineer Rooney should be at May 12, 2016 meeting and Board should receive a detailed account of work completed.

Motion to table payment until May 12, 2016 meeting by Trustee Burke;
second by Trustee Hartogh

Ayes: Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, and Johns; Nays: none;

Absent: Trustees Becker and Jenkins. **Motion carried.**

- 10. Motion to waive advertisement for competitive bidding and authorize Mayor execute a contract** with Berger Excavation Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$358,048 for water main replacement on Burnett Road from Midway Drive to Spruce Terrace.

Discussion: Trustee Johns stated job was bid last year but contract was not approved or signed. We split bid with Hillside project. Project was held up partly by contractor and partly by the Village. Contractor and engineer need to keep us informed of project status. Trustee Hartogh stated that she did not want to vote on contract she is not looking at. Attorney stated that contract was part of bid package.

Motion to table until May 12, 2016 meeting by Trustee Johns; second by Trustee Hartogh

Ayes: Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, and Johns; Nays: none;

Absent: Trustees Becker and Jenkins. **Motion carried.**

- 11. Motion to approve expenditure of funds** not to exceed \$4,000 for fence repairs and construction of replacement fencing at Greenleaf Avenue entrance to Public Works and construct split rail fencing on the east edge of the Veterans Park.

Discussion: Brian Bartnick stated that the current fence gets damaged in every wind storm; the project is in the budget, and the fence will keep out geese and snowmobiles.

Motion to approve the fence expenditure not to exceed \$4,000 by Trustee Johns;

second by Trustee Hartogh

Ayes: Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, and Johns; Nays: none;

Absent: Trustees Becker and Jenkins. **Motion carried.**

- 12. Motion to approve the annual Water and Municipal Bond Issue payment** to Amalgamated Bank of Chicago in the amount of \$168,375.

Discussion: This is an annual payment for bonds issued for Fox River Shores well house, deep well, and extension of water main.

Motion to approve the annual Water and Municipal Bond Issue payment by Trustee Hartogh;
second by Trustee Burke

Ayes: Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, and Johns; Nays: none;

Absent: Trustees Becker and Jenkins. **Motion carried.**

- 13. Motion to approve 2016-2017 support for *Visit McHenry County* in the amount of \$500,** at the same rate as 2015-2016.

Motion to approve support for Visit McHenry County in the amount of \$500
by Trustee Beeson; second by Trustee Hartogh

Ayes: Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, and Johns; Nays: none;

Absent: Trustees Becker and Jenkins. **Motion carried.**

- 14. Motion to approve payment to Grant Central USA** in an amount not to exceed \$650 for "*Grant Writing That Gets Funded*" workshop to be attended by Trustee Sandy Hartogh.

Discussion: Trustee Hartogh hoped that a member of staff would be able to attend but was willing to go since staff could not.

Motion to approve payment not to exceed \$650 for Trustee Hartogh to attend grant writing workshop by Trustee Beeson; second by Trustee Burke

Ayes: Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, and Johns; Nays: none;

Absent: Trustees Becker and Jenkins. **Motion carried.**

- 15. Discussion of McHenry County Bring Your Own Bag (BYO Bag) initiative** regarding the use of plastic bags.
Discussion: Trustee Hartogh stated that the BYO Bag program was initiated by the McHenry County Environmental Defenders in 2013. Participation will not cost the Village; the Defenders have a grant. Crystal Lake will be participating in July. All Board members present expressed support for the concept of Village of Island Lake participation.
- 16. Motion to amend the listing agreement** with Ryan Realtors to lower the list price of Fairfield lot for sale to \$29,000.
Discussion: Mayor corrected that the new listing amount should be \$29,900 and that it appears to be overpriced currently. The property has been listed since Spring 2015. The Midway lot was larger and sold for \$28,500. Trustee Burke asked about available water hookup; Trustee Johns asked if we had any offers to subdivide the lot. Response: No subdivide offers. Trustee Burke asked if we should try other realtors. Wayne Schnell responded that we should get it developed and back on the tax rolls. Trustee Burke stated that he would involve other realtors.
Motion by Trustee Johns to lower list price of Fairfield lot to \$29,900; second by Trustee Burke
Ayes: Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, and Johns; Nays: none;
Absent: Trustees Becker and Jenkins. **Motion carried.**
- 17. Discussion of advertising** in the Village of Island Lake Newsletter; possible motion to approve additional advertisement requests.
Discussion: Attorney McArdle cited U.S. Supreme Court rulings. In his opinion, since the Village Newsletter is for information--not a public forum for dialog—the Village has a right to be selective of advertisements. Trustee Hartogh asked if it could be arbitrary and how would we communicate it. Trustee Beeson stated that in his opinion, we should include advertising in the newsletter. Trustee Hartogh stated that it is a service to the community. Attorney McArdle stated that he would send a detailed statement of his legal and opinion.
- 18. Mayor Comments** included: Video gaming has become a problem. Businesses want to put banners and easels out. Crystal Lake, for example, excludes them for gaming only.
- 19. Trustee Comments** included: Trustee Johns: Regulate by number of signs and count them all as signs. Our sign ordinance requires a permit for them. Wayne Schnell stated he would talk to business owners, set up enforcement, and review the ordinance. He suggested pulling the sign ordinance out of the Zoning section of the Village Code and putting into the Business section. Trustee Hartogh: Contacted David McArdle RE: Muggs Restaurant; wants to pilot a Farmers Market in the fall; many markets start in June and are on Thursdays; some Village personnel will need to be involved. Trustee Beeson suggested Water Tower Park for Farmers Market. Trustee Johns asked if Wauconda just got rid of their Farmers Market. Trustee Burke: praised Trustee Hartogh for giving her time to attend the grant workshop. Trustee Beeson: seeking a Concerts in the Park band for August; band must provide its own sound and lights; live band sought—not DJ or karaoke; thanked Ted Kipp for fireworks donation; Dinner Dance raised \$6150; cost of the DJ was donated; DJ Wayne Ewing is helping to put together bands for Lakefest; Victory Garden startup is Saturday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m.
- 20. Public Comments** included: Mr. Carpenter would love to see people at the Memorial Day Celebration that will feature drums, bagpipes, and echo-style bugles. There could be surprises. We should pay respect to those who saved our freedom.
- 21. Executive Session:** none

22. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Johns to adjourn; second by Trustee Hartogh.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.