

**Village Board Meeting Agenda**  
**VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE**  
**3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042**  
**August 11, 2016, 7:30 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order** at 7:30
2. **Roll Call** Present Trustees Becker, Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, Jenkins and Johns; Absent none  
Also present: Public Works Director Brian Bartnick, Police Chief Anthony Sciarrone, Treasurer Ed McGinty, Attorney Jennifer Gibson
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Amrich
4. **Public Comments** none
5. **Committee and Department Reports**
  - a. Public Works by Trustee Johns
  - b. Lakes, Parks, Recreation, and Education by Trustee Jenkins
  - c. Economic Development and Grants by Trustee Hartogh
  - d. Building and Zoning by Trustee Burke
  - e. Police, Public Safety, and Ordinances by Trustee Becker
  - f. Finance and Administration by Trustee Beeson
6. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. **Approval payment of bills totaling: \$412,308.60**
  - b. **Approval minutes** of from 7/14/2016 and 7/28/2016 Village Board Meetings

Motion to approve Consent Agenda as listed above by Trustee Johns, Second by Trustee Becker

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

**Motion carried.**

**7. Discussion of possible Ordinance Amending the Island Lake Village Code Regarding Compensation for Public Officials**

Discussion: Trustee Jenkins stated that during the budget process, she found the mayor's compensation to be disheartening—adding up to about \$9.00 per hour. The mayor also gets stopped at the grocery store; look at what the mayor and collector are making. There is an array of salaries; some villages have an administrator and we don't. While it is public service, people need to be compensated. Trustee Burke stated that even if the minimum wage goes to \$10 per hour, there's more at stake in a mayor's responsibilities. Trustee Beeson stated that most municipalities don't have an hourly requirement for mayor. Our mayor puts more hours in. How does a mayor have a regular job and a 20-hour requirement? No benefits come with that; it's treated like a lowly part-time job and the mayor is the CEO of the Village. Historically, mayors have had local businesses or are retired and can come here on a moment's notice. How do we get future mayors under this compensation?

Mayor Amrich stated that the last time this was brought up may have been 1988. Trustee Becker stated that Island Lake was a sleepy little town when he moved here in 1985. Looking at the Village Administrator positions, the lowest seems to be about \$125,000 a

year. Trustee Burke stated that he would rather see an elected official running the town—not an administrator—and gave the example of how the in the Village of Lakemoor there has been conflict between the village president and the village administrator regarding chain of command. People brought up an administrator during the campaign and people seemed to be against it. Mayor Amrich stated that an administrator adds another layer of management. When he first ran for trustee, the total Village budget was around \$400,000. Now, that is our monthly bill sheet. Trustee Hartogh stated that she understands and appreciates the work that has been done but it is public service and the amount being discussed is a 150% increase. Most taxpayers don't get such a raise. She suggested it could be incremental. [Clarification: any increase would take effect after the election.]

Mayor Amrich stated that trustee compensation should also be reviewed. Trustee Johns stated he agreed with Trustee Hartogh but that 20 hours is hard to give. He stated that he would start by removing the 20-hour restriction for office hours as you would give at least that just living in town. It's hard to have a discussion without having an amount. Trustee Jenkins stated that she was proposing \$25,000. Trustee Burke stated the salary at his job has doubled in that time and he gets raises every year (in a union contract). Trustee Becker asked the time limit for changing compensation. Attorney Gibson responded: 6 months. Trustee Johns stated that he agreed with some kind of a raise for the mayor position but not for trustees. In the union contract we did not give public works employees the raises they asked for and new negotiations will be in January. We have a Police Pension Fund to pay off. We need to look into taking care of hourly staff before we look at public officials. Trustee Jenkins agreed that the mayor position needs addressing and not the trustee position. Trustee Hartogh stated that the next person in the mayor position is unknown at this point and that person may—or may not—give the time that is given now. She suggested further research.

Motion to table action on Officials Compensation to a future meeting by Trustee Johns,  
Second by Trustee Jenkins

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

**8. Motion to adopt Ordinance 1537-16** *An Ordinance permitting zoning reclassification of and granting a special use for property at 27555 W. Route 176*

Trustee Burke stated that Atlas Mudjacking purchased the condemned property and got the buildings up to code. They want outside storage of trucks and equipment; some parked inside and some outside. Trustee Jenkins asked if the property would become an eyesore. Trustee Hartogh asked if “owner will maintain screening” means a tree line? Trustee Burke's responses: Outside storage will be set back and screening includes fencing, too.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 1537-16 by Trustee Jenkins, Second by Trustee Hartogh  
Discussion: Trustee Johns stated that the owners asked after the Planning and Zoning hearing what “no vehicle repair work on property” meant, as they repair their own vehicles and equipment. Trustee Burke responded that the purpose was to keep mechanic shops away. “No vehicle repair work” is not meant to exclude regular maintenance of owners' vehicles and equipment.

Ayes: Trustees Becker, Beeson, Burke, Hartogh, Jenkins and Johns Nays: none  
**Motion carried.**

**9. Motion to approve purchase of a uniloader and accessories in an amount not to exceed \$69,000.00** as a replacement expenditure for the following budgeted items: Public

Works Building renovation (\$28,000), Board Room renovation (\$10,000) and Vector-Drainage (\$30,000)

Brian Bartnick stated that the condition of our roads is so bad and the unloader will help us maintain our roads better—especially proper repairs of potholes. He stated that the cost has been reduced to approximately \$58,000.

Motion to approve the purchase of the unloader and accessories in an amount not to exceed \$69,000.00 to replace budget items listed above by Trustee Jenkins, Second by Trustee Hartogh

Discussion: Trustee Hartogh: Asked about vector drainage. Trustee Burke clarified: storm sewers that drain into marsh.

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

**Motion carried.**

**10. Motion to approve Proclamation Recognizing September 2016 as Bring Your Own Bag Month in the Village of Island Lake**

Mayor clarified that means cloth shopping bag.

Discussion: Trustee Hartogh introduced Cynthia Canner and Barbara Day from McHenry County Defenders.

Motion to approve Proclamation Recognizing September 2016 as Bring Your Own Bag Month in the Village of Island Lake by Trustee Jenkins, Second by Trustee Burke

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

**Motion carried.**

**11. Motion to approve Resolution 639-16 In support of the efforts of the Village of Johnsburg to Clean Up the Fox River**

Discussion: Trustee Hartogh stated that Johnsburg was asking neighboring villages to give them the support.

Motion to approve Resolution 639-16 In support of the efforts of the Village of Johnsburg to Clean Up the Fox River by Trustee Johns, Second by Trustee Becker

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

**Motion carried.**

**12. Motion to authorize Mayor Amrich to sign field usage contract with Wauconda Area Youth Soccer Club**

Motion to authorize Mayor Amrich to sign field usage contract with Wauconda Area Youth Soccer Club by Trustee Jenkins, Second by Trustee Johns

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

**Motion carried.**

**13. Motion to authorize Mayor Amrich to sign contract with Peter Baker in the amount of \$95,949.00 for 2016 Community Development Block Grant bid award approved at 7/28/16 Meeting of the Village Board**

Motion to authorize Mayor Amrich to sign contract with Peter Baker in the amount of \$95,949.00 for 2016 Community Development Block Grant bid award approved at 7/28/16 Meeting of the Village Board by Trustee Beeson, Second by Trustee Hartogh

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

- 14. Mayor Comments** included: Received a call from JV Johnson who owns Island Liquors at Roberts and 176 inquiring about a wine testing license. Mayor Amrich asked if he wants gaming machines. He informed Mr. Johnson he needed a fully functional kitchen. In response to Sam Cicero's concern about the danger of turning left on 176 from Lakeview, he prepared a letter with Engineer Steve Verseman and sent it to IDOT with accident reports. We have a business in town from which we have no record of receiving sales tax. This business has location in other towns. Clerk Cooper sent a letter to the Illinois Department of Revenue to see if we are entitled to sales tax. He asked which of the trustees has a copy of a demographics report to use in attracting business. Trustee Hartogh said she would provide her copy.
- 15. Trustee Comments** included Beeson: Got a call from Skinner Amusements a week after Lakefest; they are interested in returning July 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> in 2017; these dates don not conflict with big events in other towns; logistical considerations would be picnic/parade event. He would like to meet with Skinner to get a contract for all the Lakefest stuff. Trustee Hartogh question: Someone at the last meeting mentioned event insurance. Might be worth our while to invest? Response: Ed McGinty has contacted the insurance company. Trustee Beeson: He'll work with Ed McGinty on insurance considerations and to figure out what constitutes a loss and to weigh the costs. Trustee Jenkins comment: We don't know if they cover Mother Nature. Trustee Hartogh comment: Wauconda Fest has event insurance. Trustee Beeson: We need to determine how we write up future contracts with vendors and bands. Trustee Johns comment: I don't know how we can get them to agree because they could have had an indoor gig. Trustee Beeson response: Some kind of shared responsibility or credit for rain date. Trustee Jenkins express a hope that the fireworks price doesn't escalate with proximity to July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Beeson continued: Cornfest is coming up: music, food, games, corn and beer. August 12 is the third Concert in the Park. A Lions member donated the use of tents 20 x 20 tents to us for use at events. Trustee Burke: Skinner is a good outfit. We've gotten to know them and anything we do to keep Skinner with us is a good deal. He asked Ed McGinty: Are we receiving any gambling money from the state? Ed's response: \$2,400 last month. Mayor's comment: It may be a fading thing. Trustee Beeson comment: Eduardo's are sitting idle; it seems that in little hideaway bars, machines get most use. Trustee Hartogh: Julie's doesn't get much business.

Trustee Johns: Thanked Brian Bartnick for all of the effort into collaborating with Nunda and Algonquin Township; it saved us a ton of money. That's paving that wouldn't have been done this year. Brian has some options and will keep talks open. Thanks to Treasurer McGinty with going above and beyond with his time to get things going when the AS400 crashed. Trustee Becker stated that the nonresident boating fee is \$40.00, but fine is \$35. He would also like to look at the motorcycle late sticker fee, working with Ordinance Committee. Trustee Jenkins suggested looking also at the solicitor fee fine.

Trustee Jenkins: Ghost Ryder concert at 7:00 p.m. on August 12; Prairieland had a truck hydraulic leak on Carriage Hill and left stains on the road. Trustee Burke added: Every home has skid marks from it. This should be Prairieland's responsibility. Residents have noticed and complained about larger spots. Brian Bartnick responded that he called them when it was brought to his attention and suggested the sweeper might be able to clean it up. Mayor Amrich

asked Brian to check the areas reported.

Trustee Hartogh: Asked Mayor Amrich if he had looked into the flyer for claiming that the Mexican burrito place is under new management. Mayor Amrich responded that: Armando is still there (his name is on liquor license) and he will visit Armando and talk to him about it. Trustee Hartogh: Will need to call grants committee meeting to discuss allocation of ComEd grant. We have 15 months to use the funds. She Complimented Building Commissioner Wayne Schnell and the Village in general for cleaning up dilapidated property and abandoned homes. (Fern and Eastway for example) Burke: a lot of time and effort on his part. Clerk Cooper: Commented that the Newsletter was in progress; organization around the building is ongoing; and we are looking into a historical preservation grant. Cornfest Raffle Permit was issued. She praised for the Nelsons for their dedication to the 2016 Lake County Honor Flight. Brian Bartnick: Thanked the Village for purchase of the unloader. Chief Sciarrone: Commented on National Night Out w success and hiring of new officers. Ed McGinty: Re: BS&A software, he and George have let company know that Summer 2017 is not acceptable as a deadline; he wants payroll instituted faster.

- 16. Public Comments** included Liz McGinty: Clarification question RE: Mayor Compensation: \$25,000 + \$12,000? Trustee Jenkins response: No. Is it legal to put wording in the ordinance wording that experience of the individual should factor in? Response: No. Sam Cicero: I think it limits the person; if I wanted to run for mayor, I couldn't. Unless you're retired or skip out of your job. A lot of talented people couldn't do it. Attorney Gibson's response: It's more common not to require hours. Sam: Thanked mayor for looking into traffic issue with IDOT.

Cynthia Canner of McHenry County Defenders: The Defenders Founded BYOBag; stated that August is BYOBag in McHenry County; thanked the Village Board for the September Resolution for Island Lake; the goal is to have every town in the county to have it; Algonquin first in fall of 2014. She wants to take care of our beautiful county. Plastic bags are not safe. Stated next steps: Got 2 grants for educational messages; her ambition is to have something like an Aldi model for stores in our county. Ted Kipp: Is 1537-16 variance and special use just for business? Trustee Burke responded: Yes. Attorney Gibson commented: When owner sells property, the special use is up.

Greg Jenkins: Commented RE: Mayor Compensation: He looked up average wage in 1985; \$16,000. In 2014: \$46,000. (Social Security Administration figures). In Chicago, minimum wage is going up to \$15.00 per hour. You get what you pay for. Island Lake has been fortunate; you'll limit yourself if the pay is not there. I think increase is justified. Bringing the mayor's position to a better salary range has no reflection on public works which is in line with prevailing wage. He further stated: On Carriage Hill, for the record, 4 x 8 sheets of hydraulic fluid.

Peggy Raynor: Attended the variance meeting; there are a lot of limitations because the property is surrounded by wetlands; a prior occupant dumped oil there and Wayne stopped it. What they were really looking for was roadway to be filled; the holes are so deep. They wanted to correct that. She further stated that for 25+ years, we haven't given any thought to raising mayor compensation. We the people are responsible as much as anyone else. Another resident state: Aside from Facebook, what is news coverage? He does not care for *Daily Herald* coverage; he also felt publicity for Garage Sale weekend was lacking. Trustee Hartogh responded: Maybe we need a communications committee. Mayor Amrich responded: We'll try to do a better job with publicity. Sam Cicero commented: 145 residents subscribed to Daily Herald (paper copy).

Trustee Beeson responded: We put out banners, put events on the marquee, on website and Facebook and posted in businesses. We don't spend money on events because it costs too much and they're local events. Peter Nelson commented: I see Police boats on the lake; how many citations have been issue. Response: 36 warnings and tickets.

**17. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Hartogh; second by Trustee Becker

Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. **Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.**