

**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE**  
**3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042**  
**February 9, 2017, 7:30 p.m.**



1. **Call to Order** at 7:32 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Doehler, Jenkins, Becker, Johns, Burke and Beeson  
Also present: Building Commissioner Wayne Schnell, Police Chief Anthony Sciarone, Treasurer Ed McGinty, Public Works Director Brian Bartnick
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Amrich
4. **Public Comments** included: Mike Johnson (Johnson's Towing) thanked the Village for using his towing service and continues to build his business here and hopes that the Village will continue to use a local business. Attorney McArdle invited any towing business to comment on rates in the proposed contract. Mike Johnson His bases rates on the cost of doing business—including insurance. Tom of Whitey's Towing (Crystal Lake): Whitey's Towing rate sheet is comparable to other municipalities and protects residents from getting gouged. Examples mentioned included: Lake Zurich rate \$125; McHenry County \$170; Fox Lake \$175. Derrick of Whitey's Towing: Winching a vehicle starts at \$75.00. Patriot Towing (Fox Lake): Some towns require impounds within 5 miles of village limits.

Crystal Lake has the most detailed rates. Storage charges begin on the calendar day for some and after 24 hours for others. Some separate accidents vs. arrests. One vendor claimed that a new state law ILCS Section A requires a towing rotation. Some do not charge mileage for vehicles towed to vendor's yard. Shawn, Patriot Towing: Fox Lake is \$175; Lake County: \$175. Keith: Yards must be fenced in, secured for privacy and locked.

Some yards have cameras. Whitey's has 24 hour staffing and has an after-hours charge. For legitimate emergencies, some don't charge (medication, child's car seat) for access to vehicle. Mike Johnson tows for Lake County; Lake County charges \$250. Some entities allow vendors to charge whatever they want.

Elizabeth McGinty stated that her daughter's catastrophic accident resulted in a charge of over \$1,000 due to the location and condition of the car and that they had no choice at the time. She mentioned that she recently had a car towed by Mike's; the insurance company paid the rate and highly rated the service. Jamie Munson, driver for Mike's towing: If there's an accident, traffic backs up quickly and early response is important for safety and traffic flow. Whitey's Towing is located at Main and Route 14 but has truck in Island Lake. Standby time is extra (\$45 per hour) while waiting to tow; rate also depends on the type of equipment waiting. Mike: We have to assess particular situations. Our rate is usually all-inclusive—not a la carte. Mike's Towing has done 215 tows in one calendar year and has 19 cars waiting to be junked. Most of the tows are accidents, suspensions, and then DUIs. Many drivers take their tow trucks home.

Mayor: We'll refine contract. Attorney McArdle: Will revise contract for 2/23/17 meeting.

5. **Committee and Department Reports**
  - a. Public Works: Brian Bartnick
  - 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: \$ 304,159.51**

b. **Approval minutes** of from 1/12/17 and 1/26/17 Village Board Meetings

Motion to approve Consent Agenda as stated by Trustee Jenkins, Second by Trustee Becker  
Ayes: Trustees Becker, Beeson, Jenkins, Burke, Doehler, Jenkins and Johns; Nays: none  
Motion carried.

**7. Discussion of and possible Motion to execute a Towing Contract**

Motion to table action on the towing contract by Trustee Johns, Second by Trustee Doehler  
Discussion: Data gathering will continue. Contract will be agenda item for March 23, 2017 Meeting.  
Ayes: Trustees Becker, Beeson, Jenkins, Burke, Doehler, Jenkins and Johns; Nays: none  
Motion carried.

**8. Mayor Comments** included: Lake County Open House on Darrell Road improvements on Thursday, February 23, 5:00 p.m. We had a lot of help at the Christmas Eve Salvation Army Kettle collection; a volunteer breakfast will be on Saturday, February 11 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Crystal Lake.

**9. Trustee and Staff Comments** Trustee Doehler: Hopes groundhog was wrong. Trustee Jenkins: Dinner Dance fundraiser will be April 22. Last year's raised \$6150. Trustee Johns: Thanked towing representatives for their input; RE: last week's District #118 credible bomb threat, praised district, police and fire departments, and bus companies for their response. Trustee Beeson: Candlelight Bowl raised approximately \$2,600 for events; Geoff Zivic and Larry Loos donated back their 50/50 raffle winnings; thanks to Jerry De Laurentis for the donation of facility use; Lions Ice Fishing Derby had 90+ participants and made a \$100 donation to Lake Management. Trustee Johns question: Are all parks and rec equipment off the ice? Make sure equipment isn't out there.

Commissioner Schnell: McDonald's will get their sign fixed; thanks to Mayor Amrich for his call to ComEd; they will talk to Mayor next week. Sophia's Place is remodeling and getting rid of grocery business to focus more on restaurant. Kudos to Eduardo for work on the Westridge mall. Former Ombudsman space will become a Tae kwon do space. Island Café was the featured chamber member of the month. "Eat [in] Island Lake." Public Works Director Bartnick: We used 14 donated desks in the remodel. The rest will be donated. Police Chief Sciarone: During Super Bowl weekend we continued law enforcement with the traffic grant; cited 17 seatbelt violations and a couple DUIs. The grant reimbursed 27 hours of time. We have only 2 candidates on the list for potential police officers. We will have to do new testing—hopefully in March. The next school session after testing is July 2017. Fire Department: No ice is safe. Keep people off the lake. The department hits fire safety at the schools.

"Use at your own risk" signs are posted on the lake.

**10. Public Comments** Elizabeth McGinty: Since 3 members will be leaving the Village Board, consider inviting incoming members to budget meetings. Their work schedules might not be conducive to 6:00 p.m. start time.

**11. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Johns, Second by Trustee Doehler  
All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper, Village Clerk