

**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE**  
**3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042**  
**July 13, 2017, 7:30 p.m.**



1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Amrich at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees John Burke, Chuck Cermak, Sandy Doehler, Harold England and Jennifer Villarreal  
Also present: Mayor Charles R. Amrich, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Police Anthony Sciarrone, Director of Public Works Brian Bartnick, Treasurer Ed McGinty, IT Manager George Muligano and Attorney David McArdle
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Amrich
4. **Public Hearing on the Proposed Appropriation Ordinance for FY 2017-18**  
Treasurer McGinty: The numbers are taken from the proposed budget; it is higher. If we don't appropriate funds, we cannot do a tax levy and we would not be able to charge and receive taxes. Questions: John Burke: Do we have to have budget approved before passing this? Response: No. Trustee Villarreal: I will call another budget meeting to hammer out final numbers. Trustee Doehler: In prior years, we have passed the budget first. Should the Finance Committee do that first? Attorney McArdle: The Appropriation Ordinance sets the upper limits of spending. If you don't appropriate; you can't spend. It's unrelated to your budget. The budget is a working document. The Appropriation is your legal document that gives you the authority to spend. Trustee Doehler: You would have to take action in an emergency. Attorney McArdle: You don't want to under-appropriate.

Comments from the floor: Dr. Nelson: Where did the numbers come from? Treasurer McGinty response: I added 20% higher than the budget normally would be. Our auditor said it could be from 10-20% above your operating budget. Attorney McArdle: That's a conservative number in municipal governments. Audience question: What is our total budget? Treasurer McGinty: Approximately \$8 million.

Motion to close the public hearing by Trustee Burke; Second by Trustee Doehler  
Ayes: Trustee Burke, Cermak, Doehler, England and Villarreal; Nays: none  
Motion carried.

5. **Public Comments** included: Joe Villarreal: What's the status of the aerators purchase? The water quality is poor right now. Mayor Amrich's response: It was taken out of the budget; we expect to put it back in. Resident: Has there been any testing of the water coming from Golden Oaks Farm? Is worried about the manure-smelling matter that is in the water on Channel Drive. Mayor Amrich: The health department tests the beaches. To Public Works Director Brian Bartnick: Can we take samples of the water? Brian will look into it. Mr. Bartnick: Duckweed is heavy this year. Fertilizer may be feeding it. Mr. Bartnick will check with Clarke to see if they can sample. Mayor Amrich also asked Mr. Bartnick to get a regular schedule with our weed machine.

Jennifer Villarreal: Does Golden Oaks Farm raise cattle for consumption or for milking? The USDA regulates practices. Mr. Bartnick: They have an advanced operation and process. We have 3 fences in the channel to catch the duckweed. Trustee Cermak: It's half a mile away from any waterway where Midwest Organics mixes manure and yard waste. They have about 1,100 cows there. Mr. Bartnick: Goose waste is what usually closes beaches. Elizabeth McGinty: Years ago, Willie Koostra spoke about bricks (saturated with chemicals) to control mosquitoes; is this ongoing? She also expressed concern about the blue green algae and that children have become ill from it. Mr. Bartnick's response: He will look into it. Resident: The 9.9 horsepower motors don't move water as well; if 25 horsepower motors were allowed, they might churn it up better. Trustee Cermak: The smaller mosquitoes come back the day after you spray.

## 6. Committee and Department Reports

- a. Public Works, Trustee England
- b. Lakes, Parks, Recreation, and Education, Trustee Doehler
- c. Economic Development and Grants, Trustee Cermak
- d. Building and Zoning, Trustee Burke
- e. Police, Public Safety, and Ordinances, Chief Sciarrone
- f. Finance and Administration, Trustee Villarreal

Mark Beeson thanked the Village for the assistance in setting up the beer tent at Lakefest and presented a donation of \$1,300.00 to the Events fund from their sales. Trustee Cermak asked to have a discussion and action on Circle K and the billiards hall on the next agenda and discussion of Thorntons gaming application.

## 7. Consent Agenda

- a. **Approval payment of bills totaling: \$ 429,210.92**
- b. **Approval of minutes from 6/8/17 and 6/22/17 Village Board Meetings** [Correction to meeting date: 6/22/17, not 6/27/17)

Discussion: none

Motion to approve the Consent Agendas as stated above

by Trustee Doehler, Second by Trustee Burke

Ayes: Trustee Burke, Cermak, Doehler, England and Villarreal; Nays: none;

Motion carried.

## 8. Circle K – Heartland Division Presentation on proposal for service station at Route 176 and River Road, Mike Krasucki and Mark Stinson

Trustee England introduced Mark Stinson who presented a brief history of Circle K and an interest in the corner of Route 176 and River Road. He stated that most of traffic would be westbound on Rte. 176. This will not affect businesses on the south side of 176. In addition to gas, there would be a store with an onsite kitchen and a car wash on the 3-acre site. The building would be 100% masonry. Sales tax estimate—based on assumption of \$2.25 per gallon—would be \$41,640 in 2018 and would increase in subsequent years. Circle K will run this store; it will not be a franchise.

Questions from the audience: 7-11 is a major competitor not listed in the presentation; expressed concern about impact on existing businesses. It could be a wash or worse. How many Circle Ks in the Chicago area closed in 2016? Mr. Stinson: I don't know if we closed any in the Chicago area in 2016. We typically close outdated facilities. I don't remember closing any since 2011. Taking the land out, this is a \$4,000,000 investment. We would buy the property. Resident: Weather and environmental wise, has there been an environmental impact study done on this property? Mr. Stinson: I don't know if current owner has had one but we would have to go through all the regulations. Resident: Current road study on Dowell Road may affect the traffic patterns projected by your plan; some Chicago Circle Ks have not been kept up.

Mr. Stinson: If we get a favorable response, we will do research beyond this preliminary presentation. Resident: How do your gas prices compare to competitors? Mr. Stinson: They are competitive. Trustee Doehler: Why does the car wash face the residential? Mr. Stinson: This is not the final plan. Former Trustee Becker: What is the gas source for Circle K? He expressed concern about fracking and exploiting sources. Mr. Stinson: There is no Chicago area refinery. Becker: If your business fails, what assurance can you give the Village that the building and infrastructure will be removed? Mr. Stinson: The State of Illinois EPA requires removal of gas tanks if a station isn't operational.

Trustee Burke: Does your car wash have underground tanks to recycle water? Will boat wash be fresh water? Mr. Stinson: 40% of water is recycled. Trustee Burke: Will this be classified as a truck stop? Mr. Stinson: If other similar uses are granted video gaming, we want to do the same. Resident: Would you use local labor? Response: Yes. Trustee Burke: Are employees full time? Mr. Stinson: We have 15 FTE with benefits. We are open 24 hours. Trustee Cermak: Do any of your other stores have video gaming? Mr. Stinson: Yes. Trustee Burke: If we are willing to move forward, would you be willing to do a hometown meeting? Mr. Stinson: Yes.

**9. Motion to adopt Ordinance 1556-17, 2017-2018 Appropriation Ordinance**

Motion to adopt Ordinance 1556-17, 2017-2018 Appropriation Ordinance in the amount of \$9,828,144.00

by Trustee Burke, Second by Trustee Cermak

Ayes: Trustee Burke, Cermak, Doehler, England and Villarreal; Nays: none;

Motion carried.

**10. Motion to add IT Department itemized invoices to the monthly Consent Agenda**

Discussion: Trustee Doehler: With all the background noise about IT services, I'll like to have the information to compare for next year's budget. Mayor Amrich stated that anyone could ask for the information at any time. Trustee Burke: Are they itemized on the bill sheet? If Public Works goes to Ace hardware several times, are all the invoices itemized, or combined totals? Treasurer McGinty: The amounts on the bill sheet has an explanation by invoice with a dollar amount. If we order multiples of computers, for example, the detailed description would be listed for the items with the serial numbers. We can make a copy of the invoice of each. Trustee Burke: We are asking for copies of invoices for the bill sheet. Trustee Doehler: These would be the actual vendor invoices.

Motion to add IT Department itemized invoices to the monthly Consent Agenda

by Trustee Doehler, Second by Trustee Burke

Ayes: Trustee Burke, Cermak, Doehler, England and Villarreal; Nays: none;

Motion carried.

**11. Discussion of additional IT Backup Proposals**

Trustee Burke: Most vendors were \$145.00 per hour. New proposals from ACT and Excalibur are at \$145.00 plus other costs. Trustee Burke: Put it on the 7/27/17 Agenda. Computer Help Key—prior proposal—should be included.

**12. Mayor Comments** included: Received a park survey from the State to comply with the grant. We need to have updated signage about the grant source; praised volunteers for the successful Lakefest—especially Mark Beeson, John Burke and the Loos family.

**13. Trustee and Staff Comments** included: Trustee Doehler: Question for Mark Beeson: I usually watch fireworks from Brier Beach but went to Veterans Park. Is that a good location; did the barge relocate from last year? The Mark Beeson: No. Our new park—Hyde's Lakeview Park—is a great park view. Trustee England: Brier Beach is a great location. Trees from Veterans block the view. Trustee Villarreal: Finance Committee Tuesday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m. Trustee Burke: 1,400 hotdogs at picnic. Parade and picnic were a success; have some tightening up to do with parade. Trustee Cermak: Reiterated 7/27/17 Agenda items for discussions. Car wash and water usage are concerns for Circle K. Mr. Stinson will provide information about water use. Keep shopping Island Lake.

Chief: Officers Reese and Mader received awards for DUI enforcement. McGinty: Information about energy in your packet

**14. Public Comment** included: Kiki Becker: Watched Wauconda fireworks display and mentioned ours were amazing. RE: Circle K: when developers come into town, they talk a great story. Make sure to get guarantees. He encouraged trustees to make the budget work. Peggy Raynor: The fireworks were awesome; have lived in Island Lake for 25 years; mentioned debris around storm drains. This year it came 6 inches from her garage. Water flow is blocked. Landscaping and berms have changed the water flow. Mayor Amrich clarified that it's the drain that serves Woodland Circle North; it was put in in the 1980s. Mayor will have Brian look at it.

**15. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Doehler, Second by Trustee Burke

All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper