

**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE**  
**3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042**  
**August 10, 2017, 7:30 p.m.**



1. **Call to Order** at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Amrich
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 Sergeant Billy Dickerson, Director of Public Works Brian Bartnick, Treasurer Ed McGinty, Lake Management Chair Ken Wick, IT Manager George Muligano and Attorney David McArdle;  
Wauconda Fire Department Battalion Chief Dierker.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Amrich

Mayor Amrich: Struck #5 on the Agenda to allow him time to interview candidates.

4. **Public Comments** included: Dave Doehler: Does there need to be a vote to remove something from the Agenda? David McArdle: Not in this case.
5. **Motion to approve Mayor Amrich's appointment to fulfill the unexpired term of Debra Jenkins, effective immediately: Struck from the Agenda by Mayor Amrich**

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, Sergeant Dickerson
- f. Finance and Administration, Trustee Villarreal

7. **Consent Agenda**

- a. **Approval payment of bills totaling: \$ 227,784.15**
- b. **Approval of minutes from 7/13/17 and 7/27/17 Village Board Meetings**
- c. **Approval of IT Department Invoices in the amount of \$4,939.90 for July 2017**

Discussion: Sandy Doehler: Check-Balances Sheet states Skinner Amusement was paid for fireworks. Treasurer McGinty: We did not pay Skinner for Fireworks. I have it on my sheet as carnival. Mayor: It should be listed as carnival. Trustee Doehler: What is BS&A fee for? Treasurer McGinty: Contracted amount. Trustee Villarreal: Cleaning Service fees have increased. Were there complaints? Treasurer: We terminated the contract of the new service as we had complaints. Trustee Villarreal: If we have concerns this soon, we should bring this before the Board? I was under the impression that the service we had at the time was doing a good job but his fees increased. Treasurer McGinty: He decreased his fees. Trustee Villarreal: What will be the cost for the floor refinishing that is not part of the contract? The lower cost from the budgeted amount will cover the refinishing. David McArdle: Did the board stipulate that the IT Department invoices be separate from the bills? Board answer: No.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Trustee Doehler, Second by Trustee Burke  
Ayes: Trustees Burke, Cermak, Doehler, England and Villarreal; Nays: none  
Motion carried.

8. **Proclamation in Support of International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, 2017**

9. **Motion to approve Mayor Amrich's reappointments of Tom Martin and Valerie Smith to the Fire and Police Commission**

Motion to approve Mayor Amrich's reappointments of Tom Martin and Valerie Smith to the Fire and Police Commission by Trustee Doehler, Second by Trustee Cermak  
Ayes: Trustees Cermak, Doehler, England, Villarreal; Nays: Trustee Burke  
Motion carried.

**10. Motion to adopt Ordinance # 1557-17 relating to the garbage billing rate**

Discussion: Mayor: This increase from \$50.50 to \$52.00 was discussed at budget time.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 1557-17 relating to the garbage billing rate by Trustee Burke,  
Second by Trustee Villarreal  
Ayes: Trustees Burke, Cermak, Doehler, England, Villarreal; Nays: none  
Motion carried

**11. Motion to adopt Ordinance # 1558-17 relating to water billing rates**

Discussion: Mayor: Service fee will increase from \$24.00 to \$34.00, and per thousand gallon rate from \$3.80 to \$4.18. Trustee Burke: We have not increased rates in a while and we have to replace infrastructure and build toward the future to keep system safe. New well, tower and water treatment will be approximately \$5,000,000. Trustee Villarreal: What revenue will be created? Response: Approximately \$180,000 per year. Trustee Doehler: We did a survey of surrounding areas and we are still on the low side. Trustee Burke: We have to do more testing and our staff must get more certifications. Trustee England: Average user will see about \$15.00 per quarter increase. A letter will be in the newsletter to explain the increase to the users. Trustee Villarreal: Does a senior discount apply to garbage? Yes.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 1558-17 relating to water billing rates by Trustee England,  
Second by Trustee Burke  
Ayes: Trustees Burke, Cermak, Doehler, England, Villarreal; Nays: none  
Motion carried.

**12. Motion to authorize Mayor Amrich to sign the 2017-2020 Local 150 Contract**

Discussion: Mayor: We have been in negotiations since February for the contract that expired in May. New contract includes a 1.5% increase per year. Cost for hospitalization has come down as a discount has come from their carrier. Contract had step system that goes for 10 years; now it will go to 7 for new employees. Trustee Villarreal: Time system to reach next step was 1 year? Treasurer McGinty: Yes. Step increase is 3%. Trustee Villarreal: Most companies give either a step or cost of living. They get both; steps top out at 7 years. Are we required to add on Cost of Living by the contract? Treasurer McGinty: It is a negotiated item. Trustee Doehler: What happens if we didn't negotiate that? Response: They'll come back and negotiate it. Trustee Villarreal: These are aggressive increases in my experience; not to disparage our office staff but government employment should not be taken advantage of. Is union membership voluntary? Response: No, it's voted in and must be voted out.

Motion to authorize Mayor Amrich to sign the 2017-2020 Local 150 Contract by Trustee Cermak,  
Second by Trustee England  
Ayes: Trustees Burke, Cermak, Doehler, England, Villarreal; Nays: none  
Motion carried.

**13. Motion to accept the Peter Baker & Son Co. bid for Highwood Lakes Estates Road Resurfacing in the amount of \$114,291.00 and to authorize Mayor Amrich to sign the contract**

Discussion: Mayor: We got fabulous bids on blacktopping with petroleum costs down. We will be able to do a mile of road. A few years ago it would have cost us double. We hope to have more contracts out for bid for the next meeting. Trustee Burke: Would like to see the bids next time.

Motion to accept the Peter Baker & Son Co. bid for Highwood Lakes Estates Road Resurfacing in the amount of \$114,291.00 and to authorize Mayor Amrich to sign the contract by Trustee Doehler,  
Second by Trustee Burke

Ayes: Trustees Burke, Cermak, Doehler, England, Villarreal; Nays: none  
Motion carried.

**14. Motion to ratify IDOT Resolution for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code**

Discussion: Mayor: We have to do this annually. This is the one we passed last meeting.

Motion to ratify IDOT Resolution for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code by Trustee Burke,  
Second by Trustee Cermak

Ayes: Trustees Burke, Cermak, Doehler, England, Villarreal; Nays: none  
Motion carried.

**15. Discussion of and possible motion to join the Wauconda Area Chamber of Commerce for the annual fee of \$199.00**

Discussion: Trustee England: What do we benefit? Trustee Doehler: Ribbon cuttings, mixers that help network and attract new business; offer of boot camp classes to help businesses. Wauconda Area Chamber is one of the lowest costs around. Trustee Burke: There is talk about doing our own ribbon cuttings. Trustee Cermak: I would say yes; the Chamber puts on events at our banquet hall. It's a good faith thing and builds good relationships.

Motion to join the Wauconda Area Chamber of Commerce for the annual fee of \$199.00  
by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Doehler

Ayes: Trustees Burke, Cermak, Doehler, England, Villarreal; Nays: none  
Motion carried.

**16. Discussion of restricting use of phosphorus fertilizers**

Discussion: Lake Management Committee Chair Ken Wick: Lake Management Committee talked about this. It is spreading across the country. Phosphates get into the water and step up plant growth. Would we like to create an ordinance. Trustee England: Are recommended alternatives discussed? Ken Wick: At least twice a year. If middle number on the bag is 0, it's phosphate free. Trustee Burke: Many people who don't live on the water bodies don't know phosphorus ends up in the water. Enforcement would be difficult. Attorney McArdle: People may respond to the fact that it's a law. It is a one-line addition to the nuisance ordinance. Will bring it to the next meeting.

**17. Mayor Comments** included: Administration meetings will resume tomorrow; had a meeting at Kemper Valve—now owned by Caterpillar Tractor. They will be improving the building and adding an emergency access on Darrell Road. They are also doing some internal roads to drive around the building and fencing in the entire campus. They employ about 200 people and may be adding to that. Received 3 calls for video gaming; responded that there was a moratorium. Received a letter from PETA discouraging us from having circus. A separate protestor area will be cordoned off on the north side of 176. Met with some of the McHenry County mayors; spoke with Mayor Jett of McHenry who fishes Island Lake twice a week and thinks it's the best fishing in northern Illinois

**18. Trustee and Staff Comments** included: Trustee Villarreal: It has been the practice of the head of Finance Committee to have a meeting after the first board meeting. I will follow that practice; will poll the office staff to find most convenient time. I did math about union increases; a person who starts out at entry level of \$12.00 and tops out at about \$16.00 in 7 years. The increases are tolerable. RE: Security Assessment mentioned in the report. Office staff is paid to take it; should offer reimbursement for others to take it. Are we going to leave it hanging? Trustee Burke: Some don't work on Village servers; I work on others, take classes and know what to open and what to click on. Trustee Doehler: I also have such training at work. Trustee Villarreal: My question is about enforcement of mandatory training. Trustee Doehler: Yes for staff. Ken Wick: You can click on a link that can put a worm on Village servers; feel training should be compensated. IT Director George Muligano: The risks are not just downloading a virus; would like to discuss this with the staff and the mayor tomorrow. Every outsourced company recommended security awareness. It is an important issue that requires discussion; we need to understand the risks. Subscription ends September 30. Trustee Doehler: Beneficial information does come through. David McArdle: You can do this under Executive Session on the issue of security.

Trustee Villarreal: Add security to the 8/24/17 Executive Session. Trustee Burke: Events Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday. Trustee Cermak: Security camera in Board Room does not work; we need to get it working. Mayor: Where are we with other cameras? George Muligano: Trustee Burke is working with the Veterans Park cameras. I would like to get digital cameras for better clarity. Our capacity is maxed out at 24 cameras. System upgrade including the Police Department is budgeted. Trustee Doehler: Can we add a microphone for Department Heads so we can hear them. Ken Wick: May I have a list of Events so I can coordinate mosquito spraying. Hyde Park seawall can be started when water level is lower. Brian: 7,000 pounds of duckweed was taken out of the lake on Monday. Events report from Events Coordinator Tina Loos: Suggests trying a bingo night fundraiser.

- 19. Public Comment** included: Peter Nelson: Question about fishing on the lake, new trustee candidate recommendations. Sgt. Dickerson: I stop boats without stickers before they get in. Trustee Beeson: Will Ziegler, and Mark Brogan. Mayor Amrich: I have not yet heard a recommendation from the committee. Trustee Doehler: My impression was that the committee was going to make a recommendation; I expected that the action was going to be taken here. Trustee Burke: The committee was to make a recommendation to the board; the mayor wants to do his own interviews. Peter Nelson: Is the board interested in what the public thinks? Trustee Villarreal: The meeting was open to the public. Mike Johnson: Patriot Towing runs tow truck out of his home in the Village. Sgt. Dickerson: He now has a truck that meets the weight limit within the Village. Mike: The truck is over the limit; with a car on it, it would be more over the limit. Sgt. Dickerson: Will check the truck weight and respond to Mike. Ted Kipp: I am disappointed in the joining of the Wauconda Area Chamber. I would like to see the Village work with a chamber to promote Island Lake businesses.

Will Ziegler: It's a good thing to network and a small fee; it's worth it. Kiki Becker: Item 15: It's an area chamber—not just Wauconda. Island Lake Chamber was in the new phone book. Item 16: It's like recycling; it's a matter of education. New trustee appointment: It's nice to have information but it's the mayor's decision. In 2005, the cameras were a high priority for a previous administration. Peter Nelson: Is there a senior discount for garbage and water? Response: Yes.

- 20. Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing** appointment, employment, compensation and performance of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)  
Discussion:  
Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing appointment, employment, compensation and performance of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) by Trustee Doehler, Second by Trustee Burke  
Ayes: Trustees Burke, Cermak, Doehler, England, Villarreal; Nays: none  
Motion carried.

**Roll Call:** Present: Trustees Burke, Cermak, Doehler, England, Villarreal  
Also present: Mayor Charles R. Amrich, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Public Works Director Brian Bartnick, Treasurer Ed McGinty, Sgt. Billy Dickerson

- 21. Motion to return to Open Session and possible action on the Executive Session**  
Motion to return to Open Session and possible action on the Executive Session by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Burke  
Ayes: Trustees Burke, Cermak, Doehler, England, Villarreal; Nays: none  
Motion carried.  
No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

- 22. Adjournment**  
Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Doehler  
All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper