

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



1. **Call to Order** at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Amrich
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Mark Beeson, John Burke, Chuck Cermak, Sandy Doehler, Harold England and Jennifer Villarreal  
Also present: Mayor Charles R. Amrich, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Director of Public Works Brian Bartnick, Treasurer Ed McGinty, IT Manager George Muligano, Police Chief Anthony Sciarrone and Attorney David McArdle
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Amrich
4. **Public Comments** included: Danielle Ryan, Community Health Specialist of Lake County Health: Tobacco 21 Initiative, provided information about the risks; Needham Massachusetts was first to implement and saw a decline in use, as has Evanston, IL. 2% of sales nationally are to those between 18 and 21. Will Ziegler: RE: Tobacco issue, was curious to know what happens when an 18 year old buys in a legal location and gets pulled over in Island Lake (enforcement); Dave Doehler: Asked the board to move up Agenda 9 for discussion; Tony Persico, owner of Haze Vapor in Island Lake: Many young people are coming to him to stop smoking or to enjoy smoking in a less risky way; it helps people quit.

Motion to move #9 up to discuss before Consent Agenda by Trustee Burke, Second by Trustee Beeson  
Ayes: Trustees Beeson, Burke, Cermak, Doehler, England and Villarreal; Nays: none  
Motion carried.

5. **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, Trustee Beeson
  - f. Finance and Administration, Trustee Villarreal

**#9 relocated: Discussion of possible amendment to Title 6, Chapter 6 of the Village Code, to increase age for possession and sale of tobacco and nicotine products** included:

Mayor Amrich: I feel that it's a good idea to raise the age. Added to the agenda at request of District #118 superintendent whose concern is about the issue of students adding substances to the liquid in the vape cigarettes. Trustee Villarreal: Do you buy oils for device separately? Does it cover the device or what goes into it? Mr. Persico response: Both. Trustee Cermak: What percentage of your business is sales to under 21? Mr. Persico: 20-30%; those who vape use low or no nicotine. I don't sell anything higher than 12 milligrams in my store. What happens at home is out of our control. What stops people from going to the next town to buy?

Trustee Cermak: I know many adults who have used the vape to get off cigarettes. Many adults buy cigarettes for their children. How many checks have we had of underage tobacco use? Chief Sciarrone: Three in the past year. Officers exercise discretion in enforcement of possession. Trustee Doehler: The age of consent for voting is 18. It doesn't make sense to prohibit smoking. It will result in loss of revenue for our businesses who will go to the next town for convenience items. It should be state wide or national. I don't condone smoking but we have to draw the line at the government babysitting people.

Chief Sciarrone: Cook County imposed a high tax on vapes. People go over the border to buy. Trustee Cermak: I am not a smoker but I look at the impact on the businesses. Trustee Burke: Are there extra higher taxes on the vape? Chief Sciarrone: Not in Lake County; that's why people come here or go online

to buy. Trustee Doehler: If there is 0 nicotine, how could police determine if the contents of vape contained nicotine? Response: Historically, laws that penalize user are not effective. That's why many ordinances do not penalize possession. The risk of addiction by young is great as social circles are close. Dave Doehler: Is this being implemented in Wauconda? Response: Chief Sciarrone is checking. Ted Kipp: It's not the government's job; it's the parents' job. If cigarettes are bad for the young, they're bad for all. Mary Schuman: We're talking about an initiative to stop the addictive cycle from starting. I would expect the high schools to go after funding and initiatives to address this. Let's get the discussion back to where it should be in the schools as a health and preventative for addictive situation. Response: Lake County's law goes into effect January 1, 2018.

Mr. Kipp: Can't the high school regulate devices? They ought to educate more in the high schools about the effects of drugs. It's not the government's job to be mom and dad. Resident: Have you determined or estimated how much tax revenue is in play? Response from Lake County Health: 2% nationally—or about \$40 per year per business—or approximately \$400 per year. Trustee Beeson: I don't know how if 95% of smokers started at age 21 but they account for such low sales. I was 17 when I started; I quit 6 years later. At the age of 18 you have many rights. I believe education should be pushed through the schools. I'm not for raising the age.

Danielle: RE: 2% of sales to 18-21 year olds, it increases social distance. They are getting it from friends and siblings friends. Yes, cigarette use is going down, but vapes are being used at the rate of tobacco in 2008. Trustee Burke: E-cigarettes gained popularity quickly; the federal government needs to look at it.

Mayor Amrich: Will let Dr. Coles know the outcome of the discussion. Trustee Cermak: Clarify that it's not just the cigarette revenue; it's the other purchases that they are made in connection with it. Trustee Doehler: RE: other convenience store items top 5 purchases (besides gasoline): 1) cigarettes, 3) beer, 5) non-alcoholic drinks

## **6. Consent Agenda**

**a. Approval payment of bills totaling \$ 218,072.49**

**b. Approval of minutes from 10/12/17 and 10/26/17 Village Board Meetings**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated above by Trustee Doehler,

Second by Trustee Cermak

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

Motion carried.

## **7. Discussion of 2018 Fireworks Contracts** included:

Tina Loos shared her research. Contracts for Flashing Thunder and Melrose Pyrotechnics are provided. We have used Flashing Thunder for many years; prices are increasing 15% this year; in 2018, it could go up 30%. Trustee Beeson: Traditional increases have been 7% and additional for the barges.

Melrose representative: There will be some increase but we stock a year's worth of inventory; increases will be for 2019. Trustee Beeson: How many barges and how large? We have used four in the past with remote launching. Trustee Beeson: I've lived here 26 years and people have always bragged about the show. It's hard to put on a half an hour show. Do you do a "false finale" before the real one? Our residents who are not on the lake want to see the show better. Trustee Doehler: Do you have sample videos of your show? Response: Go to Melrosepyrotechics.com.

Trustee Beeson: Can you pace the show for a slower start and increase intensity and interval?

Response: Yes. Cost for a rain date the next day is a maximum of \$500.00 and the Village would have to provide security for the materials overnight; additional 40% for later rescheduling. We can accept an addendum to this to simplify and clarify. Trustee Beeson: No deposit required and no payment on the day? Response: We have faith in the villages and will accept checks by mail. Attorney McArdle: Time of payment is ambiguous. Trustee Burke: Shall we table this to the December meeting? Attorney McArdle will provide an addendum.

Motion to table action on the fireworks contract until the December 14, 2017 meeting by Trustee Burke, Second by Trustee Beeson.

**8. Discussion of and possible approval of purchase of new, 2016 Ford pickup (to replace the retired 2000 Ford Ranger) in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00**

Discussion: Brian Bartnick: Repairs on the Ranger are not worth making. Trustee Burke: It's not in the budget. Brian: It's long overdue for replacement and comes out of the water fund. We may not need a brand new one. Trustee England: I looked at the vehicle and it's in bad shape. Trustee Villarreal: Is this the same truck that was needed just to check water meters? Trustee England: They use all trucks for everything. Treasurer McGinty: It's a safety issue; if someone gets in an accident and hurts someone, we're liable. Brian: We're tight on trucks. Trustee England: You sold the Bobcat at auction; were there decent trucks for sale? Brian: If they put them in the auction, they're rough. Trustee England: A vendor just picked up a new Dakota for \$12,000. Brian: We can get 15 to 20 years out of a new one. Trustee Doehler: We all have to make sacrifices. Our residents have increased water rates. Trustee England: Should we table this and look for something less expensive? Trustee Villarreal: We are not buying 20 new computers; can we look at next year. Trustee Cermak: How many miles per year on the truck? Brian: This one's 18 years old and has 90,000.

Motion to table this to the next meeting by Trustee England, Second by Trustee Doehler

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

Motion carried.

**9. Discussion of possible amendment to Title 6, Chapter 6 of the Village Code, to increase age for possession and sale of tobacco and nicotine products: (See above.)**

**Resolution # 646-17** *A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for 2018 Lake County Block Grant Funding*

Discussion: Attorney McArdle: To be ratified at the 12/14/17 meeting.

Motion to approve Resolution #646-17 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for 2018 Lake County Block Grant Funding by Trustee England, Second by Trustee Beeson

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

Motion carried.

**10. Mayor Comments** included: Proclamation on the Illinois Bicentennial; update on the Mionske plaque at Converse Park, two sites suggested and either one will work; it will be a benchmark for future surveying; 2017 Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign; reminder that there is a single meeting in November and December; 3.6 miles of blacktopping done this year (7/10 of a mile in original, 7/10s in Westridge, 1 mile in Highwood Lakes and 1.2 miles in the Shores).

**11. Trustee and Staff Comments** included: Trustee Doehler: Wauconda Area Chamber Expo, \$130 for nonprofits, February 24, 2018, are we interested? We'd need people to staff booth. Chief Sciarrone: OfferUp MeetUp program for exchange for purchases in a location under surveillance—a safe way to make a transaction; suspicious activity report in the Village (man in van watching children who took off when resident tried to take a picture). Trustee England: Letter from Highwood Lakes Association thanking the Village for street resurfacing. Trustee Villarreal: List of equipment from George Muligano, more than half donated. Trustee Burke: Received question about available properties in the Village and pointed them to the website. Trustee Cermak: Shop Island Lake; appreciates working with office staff.

Wayne Schnell: New construction is down; good job by Brian on new building; Ed McGinty: Last time we replaced computers, we donated the old ones to schools. George Muligano: The computers are very old. Sandy: Dell and Goodwill have programs. Brian Bartnick: New building is nearly complete; we're figuring out shelving. Chief Sciarrone: Two of new officers got compliments on the way they conducted themselves on traffic stops; in another meeting we will put forth a resolution about air support; we have a list of those who have signed with that company. Ed McGinty: Talked to George Roach about assistant.

- 12. Public Comment** included: Mary Schuman: Thanked Village for support with the gardens this year. It made for a successful gardening year. 35 families; 23 returning; 13 new. For 2018, we have 19 returning gardeners; only 19 plots to be rented. Resident: Do we have an idea of what will happen with smoking age? Response: Board is in not in agreement with the change.
- 13. Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing acquisition of real estate 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and appointment, employment, compensation and performance of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)**  
Motion to return to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion acquisition of real estate 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and appointment, employment, compensation and performance of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) by Trustee Doehler, Second by Trustee Burke  
Ayes: Trustees Beeson, Burke, Cermak, Doehler, England and Villarreal; Nays: none  
Motion carried.
- 14. Motion to return to Open Session and possible action on the Executive Session Discussion**  
Motion to return to Open Session by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee England  
Ayes: Trustees Beeson, Burke, Cermak, Doehler, England and Villarreal; Nays: none  
Motion carried.  
No action was taken as a result of Executive Session
- 15. Adjournment**  
Motion to adjourn by Trustee Villarreal, Second by Trustee Cermak  
All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper