

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
January 11, 2018, 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; Absent: none
Also present: Mayor Charles R. Amrich, Village Clerk Georgine Cooper, Director of Public Works Director Brian Bartnick, Treasurer Ed McGinty, IT Manager George Muligano, Police Chief Anthony Sciarrone, Attorney David McArdle and Wauconda Fire District Representative
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Amrich
4. **Public Comments** included: Sam Cicero: The light is out at intersection of Lakeview Drive and Route 176 (ComEd has been called, per Brian Bartnick); Will Ziegler: Complimented Water Department; he forgot to disconnect hose and it burst. Patrick Stewart noticed it and disconnected the hose.
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
6. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approval payment of bills totaling \$ 186,864.77**
 - b. **Approval of minutes from 12/14/17 Village Board Meeting**Discussion: Trustee Villarreal: Question on Expense Report: Is the cost for batteries? Treasurer McGinty response: No, the AEDs needed to be replaced. Trustee Doehler: Is the retired computer used to replace the evidence computer one of ours? George Muligano: Yes.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated above by Trustee Doehler, Second by Trustee Burke
Ayes: Trustees Beeson, Burke, Cermak, Doehler, England and Villarreal; Nays: none
Motion carried.
7. **Motion to approve Resolution # 648-18 Authorizing to Acquire by Negotiation or Condemn Vacant Property for Public Purposes**
Discussion: Attorney McArdle: Board authorized resolution for \$10,000. The contract stated we would pay \$10,000 plus expenses but would not include taxes. Seller should have paid 2017 taxes of \$1,000. At closing on December 30, he said he thought he would get the \$10,000. We will try to get the County to abate the taxes. (He spoke to the Treasurer and Assessor.) By authorizing the condemnation proceeding, it allows us to proceed with condemnation if we don't close for \$11,000. If we get the abatement, we will pay \$10,000. We had a verbal agreement regarding the taxes. Survey and closing expenses we agree to pay in the contract.

Trustee Villarreal: What happens if we pursue condemnation? Attorney McArdle: We might pay less for the property. Trustee Cermak: I agree with proceeding this way. Trustee Villarreal: I find it unusual for someone to get up from the table if he thought he was getting \$10,000. Building Commissioner Schnell: He has had numerous ordinance violations on the property.

Trustee Villarreal: If the property gets condemned, he'll still be paid for it. Trustee England: It could also be valued for more. Attorney McArdle: First step is to close.

Motion to approve Resolution # 648-18 Authorizing to Acquire by Negotiation or Condemn Vacant Property for Public Purposes by Trustee Burke, Second by Trustee Beeson

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

8. Motion to approve Ordinance #1570-18 An Ordinance Amending Title 1 Chapter 16, Annual Fee Ordinance of the Island Lake Village Code

Discussion: This makes 4B commercial water connection consistent with 4A residential

Motion to approve Ordinance #1570-18 An Ordinance Amending Title 1 Chapter 16, Annual Fee Ordinance of the Island Lake Village Code by Trustee England, Second by Trustee Doehler

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

9. Discussion of Possible Traffic Study for Eastway and Forest Drive

Chief Sciarrone: 121 and 106 traffic citations on Eastway; the greater the population, the more violations there will be. Trustee Doehler: The current sign doesn't reflect that cars are pulling out of driveways. An improved sign and flashing light would help. It's becoming more treacherous at that intersection. We polled the neighbors (6 houses) and everyone was concerned. I am asking that the Village pay for a traffic study. A sign on Juniper went up without a traffic study. Do we need to have a study to change the sign? Chief Sciarrone deferred to David McArdle. Trustee Burke: What happens in a traffic study? How much does it cost? Treasurer McGinty: Approximately \$3,200. Attorney McArdle: You don't need a traffic study to change a warning sign. Trustee Doehler: Can you put a stop sign at a place that isn't an intersection? Trustee Cermak: Put a blinking sign that says hidden driveways.

Mayor Amrich: Can we acquire a sign? Brian Bartnick: I ordered signs.

10. Discussion of A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Air Support Mutual Aid Agreement and the Existence and Formation of Air-One by Intergovernmental Cooperation

Air-One is a support system that uses helicopters. They help with missing children, natural and manmade disasters, search and rescue, among other things. There is no cost. We just need to sign an agreement. One of our officers is a volunteer ground crew member. We have a list of departments that have signed the agreement. Trustee Burke: Do we do this every year? Chief Sciarrone: This will be the first time. Trustee Villarreal: What's required besides signing? Chief Sciarrone: We would need an officer to volunteer, and we already have that. Place on the 1/25/2018 Agenda for vote.

11. Mayor Comments included: Met with our Village Engineer RE: Kemper Valve new entrance; with turn lanes it will be more complicated than originally thought; next Tuesday will meet with Baxter and Woodman regarding road work in the original part of town. Feds will be releasing money later and we may need a midterm financing. Also to be discussed at the meeting: Turn lane at Roberts and 176 necessitates relocation of water main. Lions Club Fishing Derby is February 3. Lion Tom Stiegler wants to use an ATV that is inconsistent with our ordinance (his has steering wheel; ordinance requires handlebars); would Board consider allowing? Trustee Beeson: It's not an ATV; it's practically a car. Trustee Villarreal: Would we be sued if we give permission and it sinks? Attorney McArdle: Yes. It will be used to help manage the event. It weighs 1650 pounds. Get insurance information and a hold-harmless paper. Put it on the Agenda for the 1/25/18 meeting. Other concerns: Trustee Doehler: Even with a hold harmless, if someone gets injured, we are still liable. Trustee Villarreal: We allow snowmobiles; if one goes down, can we be sued? Trustee McArdle: My opinion is that you will be sued if someone goes down. Trustee Burke: If it's a Lions event, aren't they insured? Yes.

Police Dispatch: We received a letter from Lake Zurich Dispatch. Chief Sciarrone: I'm getting a price quote from Fox Lake Dispatch. Lake Zurich went up. Mayor: Contact departments and get updated numbers. Fire Department is still with Lake Zurich and are happy with them. Is the Wauconda Police

Department thinking of switching?

Thanked volunteers for Red Kettle collection. We did have a little bit of a problem. The Salvation Army didn't leave us bells and vests. So this doesn't happen again, Brian and Georgine collaborated on our own bells.

- 12. Trustee and Staff Comments** included: Trustee Doehler: The Village of Round Lake does fireside chats with state officials and representatives; would we like to try it out for Island Lake? It would give residents an opportunity to talk about issues with others besides the Board. Mayor Amrich: The Lake County Municipal League is having an event on February 10. I'd like to see more residents come to board meetings. Trustee Villarreal: I think it's a good opportunity for people to be in touch with other representatives. Trustee Doehler: It can be a less formal, less intimidating situation. Trustee England: Try it; it doesn't cost anything. Trustee Doehler: Question for Trustee Cermak: Can we get a developer interested in organizing temporary share offices for business starting up to rent an office space. Trustee Cermak: Will call the realtor to see if there would be anyone interested in them. Trustee Burke: Ghost companies take advantage of that. Trustee England: An Aldi store would be great for the town.

Trustee Beeson: It's good to be back after the New Year. At last night's Lions Meeting, they voted to donate \$500 to Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets. Trustee England: Question RE: Baxter and Woodman Reports: Who is in charge of following up with them about completion of projects? Mayor: Many projects are long. Treasurer McGinty: District #118 reimburses for the project. Trustee Beeson: Are there any other projects that get reimbursed? Response: Yes, they pay an engineering retainer. Mayor: That also goes for associated attorney fees. Trustee Cermak: For Brian: Will you take a look at night to see what lights are out? Brian: I have a list of lights out. Question for George about cameras. George: Make a decision if you want to have it recorded on the cameras. Question: Can you disable them? Yes, with a switch.

Trustee Burke: We had 20 Christmas meals and 28 bags of gifts; expressed appreciation for the residents of Island Lake who are generous with gifts. Commissioner Schnell is on 24-hour call; he had 20 such calls in the middle of the night. I'd like to see him take the Village car home so it can be garage kept and only has to go about an extra mile a day. Commissioner Schnell: I have tried it a few times and I don't mind keeping it at home. Trustee Villarreal: Question for George: Will we be purchasing the additional ten computers? Response: Yes. They're budgeted and we'll buy them in a batch. Treasurer McGinty: There are IRS regulations on personal use of cars. Ed will look up the regulations to make sure the Village is compliant. How does this compare to Chief taking care home? (It's in the Village.) Ed: The car is taxable income from the time you leave your work. Ed and David McArdle will look into it.

Trustee Doehler: Keep in your prayers former trustee Deb Jenkins who is experiencing health issues.

Public Works Director Bartnick: Happy Birthday to the Mayor. Chief Sciarrone: Community Watch, McHenry County Sheriff's Department representative gave a talk on cell phone safety. Treasurer McGinty: It's the time of year to work on the budget. We'll set up a meeting for the end of the month. Patrick [from Wauconda Fire District], Battalion Chief: David Geary is a new fire chief. Mike Wahl retired.

- 13. Public Comment** included: Sam Cicero: Suggested an ad in the newspaper similar to Village of Harvard one-page ad for encouraging business to come to town. Mike Johnson: Eastway discussion: is it possible to put signs on both sides of Eastway? Brian: I ordered 2 signs.

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Doehler
All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper