

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
September 26, 2019, 7:30 p.m.



1. **Call to Order** at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Amrich
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Chris Carlsen; Chuck Cermak; Harold England; Richard McLaughlin, Dan Powell and Will Ziegler. Absent: none. Also present: Mayor Charles R. Amrich, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Attorney David McArdle; Public Works Director Brian Bartnick; Treasurer Ed McGinty, Building Official Russ Kraly, Police Chief Dan Palmer, Lake Management Chair Ken Wick, Planning and Zoning Chair Joe Zeinz and a Wauconda Fire District Chief Patrick Kane
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Amrich
4. **Public Comment** included: Comment on Agenda Item #6: Budget restraints would prohibit it and the lake doesn't generate income for the Village. Comment on the reason for the sediment survey: if the Village wants to get grants to do the work, this is the first step; the lake is a huge beautiful park used by many people; it's a mistake not to take care of it. Additional comment: It is the starting point for work on the lake; some people feel that if they don't live on the lake, they shouldn't pay for it. Additional comment: Give circumstances of the lake and the heavy rains, it's time to look at grants; the Army Corps of Engineers need to be involved. Additional Comment: University of Illinois offered a number of years ago to do the study; they want to know what the cause of the condition of the lake; IDNR wants issues to be addressed.

OLD BUSINESS

5. **Approve request from Island Lake Area Lioness Club for use of Converse Park on Saturday, October 19, 2019, for their rescheduled annual Bonfire/Chili Event starting with setup at 4:30 p.m. and running from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.**

Discussion: New date for rain out

Motion to approve request from Island Lake Area Lioness Club for use of Converse Park on Saturday, October 19, 2019, for their rescheduled annual Bonfire/Chili Event starting with setup at 4:30 p.m. and running from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. by Trustee England, Second by Trustee Carlsen

Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, England, McLaughlin, Palmer and Ziegler; Nays: none.

Motion carried.

6. **Discussion of and possible motion to approve the Mapping Network bid in the amount of \$16,200 for the hydrographic survey and sediment study for the Island Lake**

Discussion: Trustee Ziegler: Ken briefed him on the reasons for this; it's a lot of money all at once. It's a plan for the future; the survey is good for many years going forward. It's the namesake and we need to continue to protect and take care of it. Other lakes around us have these conditions also. It hasn't been dredged in many years. Trustee McLaughlin: How long does it take to do the survey? Would like to do a study of where all the sediment is coming from and spend money closer to the time of dredging. Lake Management Chair Wick: A couple days to do survey; and a little longer to get the data recorded. The Village engineer looked for grants and there aren't any out there at this time; will provide a 9-lakes watershed study done by EPA. It's a cumulative effect over time. The survey is good for 10 years.

Trustee Carlsen: We should look at a study of what goes into the lake. There are places upstream of our lake with algae. Trustee Cermak: We have good fish in the lake and people swim in it. What's bothering people is what's on top, not what's on the bottom of the lake. We need to look at where it comes in the lake. Use the money to address the algae, the "weedoo" to clean up what's on top. There's no money in the State for dredging. Put a buffer where the algae comes from the east. . Lake Management Chair Wick: Phosphates and sediments on the bottom feed algae and duckweed; we won't eradicate the duckweed, but can slow it down. Duckweed likes warm water; the deeper the lake, the cooler the water.

Public Works Director Bartnick: We're just getting the new Vector in service yet; with the big rains, the duckweed washed across the lake toward the dam; we pushed some along and over the spillway with

boat propellers. Trustee England: I support doing something but I'm not sure if this is the right thing right now; need to keep having discussions. Lake Management Chair Wick: We could use it up to 10 years from now. We can't apply for grants until we have the data to tell what we need to do; the survey will give us data. Trustee Cermak: Use money now to hire people to do summer work of cleaning the top of the lake. Trustee Carlsen: Create a work order system for doing the work. Trustee Powell: Would like to see the study of the watershed; were there any other bids? Lake Management Chair Wick: We contacted 4 other companies and they were not willing to provide a bid and to come out to do the study.

Motion to table Item #6 to the October 10 meeting by Trustee McLaughlin, Second by Trustee Powell
Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, England, McLaughlin, Powell and Ziegler; Nays: none.
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

7. **Motion to authorize Mayor Amrich to sign the McHenry County Gang Task Force Intergovernmental Agreement**

Motion to authorize Mayor Amrich to sign the McHenry County Gang Task Force Intergovernmental Agreement by Trustee Carlsen, Second by Trustee Powell
Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, England, McLaughlin, Powell and Ziegler; Nays: none.
Motion carried.

8. **Motion to authorize Mayor Amrich to accept the Chicagoland Paving bid in the amount of \$89,000.00 for the 2019 MFT Maintenance Program**

Discussion: Mayor Amrich: These are the streets we will do this year.

Motion to authorize Mayor Amrich to accept the Chicagoland Paving bid in the amount of \$89,000.00 for the 2019 MFT Maintenance Program by Trustee England, Second by Trustee Carlsen
Question by Trustee McLaughlin: Do we have the locations? Trustee Carlsen: Can we get the locations in an email? Trustee England: We had a map last year of priorities. Mayor Amrich: We need the streets to be in low to moderate income areas to get CDBG money.
Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, England, McLaughlin, Powell and Ziegler; Nays: none.
Motion carried.

9. **Motion to authorize Mayor Amrich to accept the Chicago Construction Services bid in the reduced amount of \$34,068.00 for the 2019 CDBG ADA Improvements Program subject to the Lake County Department of Community Development approval**

Discussion: Mayor Amrich: This is cement entrance coming into the Village Hall to make it ADA compliant and the door opener. Trustee McLaughlin: Why is it that much lower? Brian Bartnick: We are getting our roadwork part done by our road contractor and are doing some of the work ourselves.

Motion to authorize Mayor Amrich to accept the Chicago Construction Services bid in the reduced amount of \$34,068.00 for the 2019 CDBG ADA Improvements Program subject to the Lake County Department of Community Development approval by Trustee Carlsen, Second by Trustee Powell
Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, England, McLaughlin, Powell and Ziegler; Nays: none.
Motion carried.

10. **Mayor Comments** included: We need to keep in mind that the lake is our namesake and our largest park; was recently asked by a new resident why the Village was named *Island Lake*. Trying reach Dr. Cole about impact fees; met with Mr. Rim whose property we needed to annex the Camping World property. Mr. Rim is thinking about putting a nursing home there.

11. **Trustee and Staff Comments** included: Trustee Carlsen: See everyone at Oktoberfest. Trustee Cermak: Would like to see money spent on cleaning the top of the lake; dredge if we find money for it. Trustee England: Having a clean, nice lake benefits the whole town. Similar to the school system, there is a benefit to those who don't use them. A beautiful lake is good for home values; the lake is important to our reputation as a Village. We need to get building in this town; good to discuss impact fees. Trustee McLaughlin: Excited about Oktoberfest; seems to be a lot of excitement about it. Trustee Powell: Agrees with Trustee England's comment on the lake; look at next year's budget. Trustee Ziegler: First annual Oktoberfest on October 4 and 5; activities for all ages.

IT and Innovation Director Muligano: Bought first Island Lake in 1978 on the lake; now have several properties in the family and they love the lake; stopped using it 3 years ago; Oktoberfest is beginning of a great tradition. Joe Zeinz: Next Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting [10/17/19] will be the public hearing for cannabis. Wauconda Fire Chief Kane: Push in of the new fire engine at Station 2; specifically designed for Island Lake. Lake Management Chair Ken Wick: We have an inflow and outflow so that we cannot do the same solutions as a smaller lake without moving water. We have money in the budget for it. We have had toxic algae in our lake. Chief Palmer: Received notification National Prescription Opioid Litigation is in the courts and we are in the class; will provide additional information as it comes.

12. Public Comment included: Suggestion to contact universities to help with studies on the lake—for example Northeastern Illinois University. Suggestion to consider and SSA for money for the lake. Mayor Amrich: We received \$2.1 million 20 years ago; we are ahead in progress. Expressed appreciation for lake and the work that Ken Wick has done. ILPOA was formed for the people on the lake; the Village needs to address the issue of lake accessibility for more residents. Resident question about status of Circle K. Attorney McArdle: Received an email from developer with a list of issues. We need to work with McHenry County Board and McHenry County Division of Transportation; suggest setting up a meeting with them to address our concerns. It's costly to place the burden on the development of one lot to make the improvements; will set up a meeting when he hears back from the developer.

13. Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employment, compensation and performance of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), appointments, pending litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), purchase of real estate 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and/or real estate sale price 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)

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by Trustee Cermak, Second Trustee McLaughlin

Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, England, McLaughlin, Powell and Ziegler; Nays: none

Motion carried.

Return to Open Session and call to order at 9:27 p.m.

Roll Call: Trustees Chris Carlsen; Chuck Cermak; Harold England; Richard McLaughlin, Dan Powell and Will Ziegler.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak Second by Trustee Carlsen
All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper