

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
December 12, 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, Richard McLaughlin and Dan Powell; Absent: Trustees Harold England and Will Ziegler. Also present: Mayor Charles R. Amrich, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Attorney David McArdle; Public Works Director Brian Bartnick; Building Official Russell Kraly; Treasurer Ed McGinty, Police Chief Dan Palmer, Planning and Zoning Chair Joe Zeinz and a Wauconda Fire District Representative
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Amrich
4. **Public Comment** included: Resident asked about the status of Circle K. Attorney Response: Need to hear from the State of Illinois regarding access/curb cut; will hear from McHenry County after that.
5. **Presentation on Health Insurance Quotes and motion to authorize execution of the health insurance contract by Mayor Amrich**
Colleen Roos: United Healthcare has been incumbent carrier. Originally came back with a 7% increase; negotiated them to 3% increase. Blue Cross/Blue Shield came in with a competitive quote; it would be a 7% annual savings over the United Healthcare quote. \$22,460 savings from new United Healthcare quote. Recommends renewing with UHC for 1 month for January 2020 and transfer to Blue Cross for February 1. Coverage deductibles and benefits are the same; will offer PPO and HMO. The renewal dates would be based on a February to January calendar.

Motion to authorize execution of the health insurance contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield by Mayor Amrich by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Cermak
Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, McLaughlin and Powell; Nays: none. Motion carried.

6. **Committee and Department Reports**
 - a. Public Works, Brian Bartnick
 - b. Lakes, Parks, Recreation, and Education (none)
 - c. Economic Development and Grants, Trustee Cermak
 - d. Building and Zoning, Trustee Carlsen
 - e. Police, Public Safety, and Ordinances, Trustee McLaughlin
 - f. Finance and Administration, Trustee Powell
7. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve payment of bills totaling \$312,601.39**
 - b. **Approve minutes from, 11/14/2019 Village Board Meeting**
 - c. **Motion to adopt Resolution 662-19 establishing the 2020 meeting dates**
 - d. **Motion to grant permission for the Girl Scouts of Northern to conduct their 2020 Cookie Sales in the Village from 1/8/20 – 2/2/20 and 2/28/20 – 3/22/20**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated by Trustee Carlsen, Second by Trustee Powell
Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, McLaughlin and Powell; Nays: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

8. **Motion to adopt Ordinance # 1602-19 *An Ordinance Amending the Village of Island Lake Village Code Title 9, Zoning Regulations, for Adult-Use Cannabis*, Ordinance # 1603-19 *An Ordinance Amending the Village of Island Lake Village Code Title 6, Police and Public Safety Regulations, for the Criminal Offense of Public-Use Cannabis* and Ordinance # 1604-19 *An Ordinance Amending the Village of Island Lake Village Code Title 3, Business Regulations, Chapter 1, Municipal Taxation, Imposing a Municipal Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax, not to exceed 3%***
Discussion: Attorney recommends maintaining Section 5 B c of 1602-19 of the ordinance. Add "dispensaries" to prohibitions in 5 B c of attorney recommended language. Special Use can be granted by the Board. It is unlikely that growers would come here. Benefit to Village is the real estate tax; the dispensaries will account for sales tax. Trustee Carlsen: You can set your own permit fees, similar to liquor license fees. Medicinal sales do not generate sales tax. Current medicinal facilities do not automatically get recreational license.

Purpose of 1603-19 is to permit cannabis that is currently prohibited. 1604-19 imposes the 3% tax—maximum currently allowed.

Motion to adopt Ordinances 1602-19, 1603-19 and 1604-19 as stated above with the change in by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Carlsen

Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, McLaughlin and Powell; Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 9. Motion to adopt Ordinance # 1605-19** *An Ordinance levying taxes for all corporate purposes for the Village of Island Lake, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois for the 2019 tax year, in the aggregate amount of \$ 1,365,020*

Discussion: Treasurer McGinty The levy is so that we can get the real estate taxes from the counties; if it's under 5%, you don't have to have public meeting about it. We make not reach that number but we must levy it to collect it.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 1605-19 An Ordinance levying taxes for all corporate purposes for the Village of Island Lake, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois for the 2019 tax year, in the aggregate amount of \$ 1,365,020 by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee McLaughlin

Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, McLaughlin and Powell; Nays: none. Motion carried.

- 10. Discussion of video gaming licenses**

Mayor Amrich: We had discussed it at last meeting; would like to continue the discussion and hear concerns. Trustee Cermak: RE: Island Foods request for gaming. They have been here over 40 years; I think it would be good faith to help an existing business but not new ones; would like to help Island Foods stay. Trustee McLaughlin: If we do it for one, we would have to do it for others; opinion is that we have enough; have concerns about it being a store and families being in there.

Attorney McArdle: Setting aside Island Foods, Trustee McLaughlin suggests a moratorium on video gaming. It would have to be applied uniformly. We can issue pour licenses and prohibit video gaming. Mayor Amrich: What if an existing business has video gaming and sells? Would the new business have them? Response: You would have to stipulate in the ordinance. Mayor Amrich: Moratorium on gaming machines alone—not liquor license. Attorney McArdle will prepare a draft of a moratorium for the January 9, 2020 meeting.

- 11. Mayor Comments** included: A potential purchases of Lucky Slots wants to put in a restaurant and expand into the next unit; asked him to come to a meeting and make a presentation. Wished all a Merry Christmas.

- 12. Trustee and Staff Comments** included: Trustee McLaughlin: Residents asked if Prairieland can extend leaf pickup next year. Trustee Powell: Thanked volunteers who helped with Star Lighting and Tree Lighting; happy New Year. Carlsen: Matthews Middle school won conference [get other off recording. Trustee Cermak: Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.

George Muligano: Ask for Board's input on backup on social media—a \$200 a month cost; doesn't think it's feasible to do it ourselves. Surveyed tech people and municipal clerks; 7 or 9 are doing it. We can extract data by special request. Are we culpable if we don't archive. Attorney McArdle: This issue came up in Richmond and they decided to drop Facebook. Crystal Lake has a full-time person—nearly \$50,000—staff member to monitor it. Attorney: If you allow comments, you have to save comments. Trustee Powell: We need to do it; shop for quotes. Trustee Carlsen: Train the administrator; websites are archaic; look at the demographic. Attorney McArdle: Can you work with Facebook to prevent comments? George will research if Facebook can be informational—without comments. Trustee Powell: Set parameters and don't allow posts. Joe Zeinz: Merry Christmas to all. Russell Kray: Merry Christmas. Fire Chief: Keep the wreath red; a white light bulb means a fire related to Christmas decorations

- 13. Public Comment** included: none

- 14. 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)

Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employment, compensation and performance of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), and, pending litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Powell
Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, McLaughlin and Powell; Nays: none. Motion carried at 8:49 p.m.

Return to Open Session at 9:40 p.m.

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

15. Motion to terminate the 2/19/2019 towing contract with D&L Midwest, Inc., DBA Marathone Towing

No motion and no action taken.

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Powell

All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper