

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
January 23, 2020, 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; Building Official Russell Kraly; Treasurer Ed McGinty, Police Sergeant Robert Blitek, Planning and Zoning Chair Joe Zeinz, Director of IT and Innovation George Muligano and a Wauconda Fire District Representative Mike DaValle and Chief Patrick Kane.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Amrich
4. **Public Comment** included: Resident: Asked about vehicle sticker reduced rate for persons with disabilities similar to senior citizen rate. Resident mentioned that if you are permanently disabled, you can get a disability from the State of Illinois and that could be used as verification. Calvin Clay, EMA Director, thanked Wauconda Fire District for donation of radios.
5. **Presentation by Prairieland Disposal & Recycling**
Steve Schweinsberg presented a proposal to extend the contract beyond the 12/21/2021 expiration date to 12/31/2025. Trustee Carlsen expressed concern about eliminated seasonal yard waste subscription. Response: Prairieland could provide a 95 gallon yard waste toter for subscription. We don't have many subscriptions. Trustee McLaughlin: Do you provide leave vacuuming service; once you start it, you have to stick with it; it will increase the rate by \$2.00 per household per month. It includes leaves only and must include all households. The Island Lake proposed rate is the cheapest Prairieland hauls. Trustee Ziegler: Likes the idea of the toter for yard waste with stickers on the side. Trustee Cermak raised the issue of extending the seasonal pick up into December. Response: We can extend it two weeks into December. If Board approves extended contract, all homes will have garbage toters within 30 days. Each home will have recycle and garbage toters. Trustee Cermak praised Prairieland for helping a resident who was struggling get the garbage to the curb. Residents will be able to choose garbage toter size. Still unlimited service for garbage; will be able to put out a garbage can with overflow; can also rent an additional toter for \$5.00 a month. Will take out landscape cart. Added expense in building; some savings on insurance.

Attorney McArdle: Will check Village ordinance regarding competitive bid requirements.

OLD BUSINESS

6. **Discussion of 2018 National Fire Code, continue**
Mike DaValle, Deputy Fire Marshall of the Wauconda Fire District, showed a video comparing fire damage in room with sprinklers and room without. The purpose of home fire sprinklers is to get the occupants make it out safely. Trustee Cermak: What size of home would you recommend for requirements? Response: I would make it every new home; this village is diverse with home size. National average for cost is approximately \$1.50 per square foot; this area is approximately \$1.25. Based on 2 sprinkler heads running for 10 minutes. Lake Barrington has holding tanks for water (not municipally supplied water); tanks are typically in basements. Wauconda doesn't currently require them. Lakemoor is considering them. Trustee Cermak: What about houses on slabs? Response: Will need to build a space. Ongoing cost will be backflow testing. Trustee Cermak: How many structure calls have you had in the last year? Response: Ten. Building Commissioner Kraly: The cost is considerably less and the systems are considerably better. The issue is more saving a life than saving a house. Approximate cost—depending on the size of the house can be \$2,500 - \$3,000. One sprinkler head covers a 10 x 10 room. The only sprinklers that activate are the ones in rooms where there is fire; set off by temperature, not smoke. Trustee Powell: \$1.34 per square foot is reasonable and will save a life.

Water damage is less expensive than fire damage and has a faster move-in time.

Mayor Amrich: Our current code is from 2000; time to update; place on agenda for the next meeting.

7. Discussion of and motion to exclude Island Foods from the temporary Video Gaming moratorium

Discussion: Robert Wagner of Excel Entertainment representing Island Foods. They are going to be in grocery stores. Island Foods has a lot of traffic. Trustee Cermak: Island Foods qualifies as far as serving food and having an area for video gaming. They would need to change liquor license type from B to A. They have handicapped access washrooms. I don't see any reason not to do. Piggly Wiggly in Antioch has it and others will be doing it in the future. Richard McLaughlin asked about fully operational kitchen; sometimes you have to say when. Island Lake Liquor was denied 4 times; wants to be fair. Response: Island Foods has fully operational kitchen. Trustee Cermak: Do not recall Island Lake Liquors coming to a meeting with a request. Trustee Carlsen: Other businesses in town want to have video gaming; is there a potential for them to come with legal action? Attorney McArdle: They would have to demonstrate that they invested financially relying on the possibility. Trustee Cermak pointed out that the Village Board limits liquor licenses and can control gaming that way; no pouring license, no video gaming.

Trustee McArdle: Law stipulates that the mayor votes in a tie or if three vote in favor of it. Trustee Carlsen can choose whether or not to vote. Trustee Carlsen: I saw Island Foods has made a big effort to renovate the store. The gaming should be in the alcohol section of the store and not in view of families. Island Lake Liquors has an established business; I would like to see a better plan before we decide. Do we set the lines up now and have people abide by them? We have an opportunity to control it. Trustee Carlsen: I hear complaints from customers about having gaming in the restaurant; more customers ask why we have it than customers who use it. Shared numbers on dollars played at establishments in Island Lake. \$21,000,000 is amount played in Island Lake and our parks need help. Response by Mr. Wagner: People will spend their disposable income, not put it in their pockets. Trustee McLaughlin: If we did the moratorium for a year, we could revisit in a year and have a lottery and be fair to everyone. Trustee Ziegler: From an Island Lake perspective, this is not going to draw more money to the Village; it will just move it around. It doesn't feel right to me to have it in the grocery store.

Attorney McArdle: If you were to vote to include Island Foods as an exception, it doesn't mean they will get a pour license and gaming. That is a later step. It just provides an exception to the moratorium.

Motion to allow video gaming at Island Foods by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee McLaughlin
Discussion: Trustee Carlsen: Will be have to approve Island Foods for a liquor license before giving them video gaming. Withdrawn by Trustee Cermak and second withdrawn by Trustee McLaughlin.

Motion to exclude Island Foods from a temporary gaming moratorium by Trustee England, Second by Trustee McLaughlin.

Ayes: Trustees England, McLaughlin and Ziegler. Nays: Trustees Cermak and Powell and Mayor Amrich. Abstain: Trustee Carlsen

Discussion: Trustee Cermak: We'll have to add them to exclusions in item 8

Agree to recall the motion and vote for item 7 and table item 8 to the next meeting.

8. Motion to adopt Ordinance # 1607-20 An Ordinance Imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance of Additional Video Gaming Licenses in the Village of Island Lake, Illinois with the following exceptions to the moratorium.; including Island Foods

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 1607-20 An Ordinance Imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance of Additional Video Gaming Licenses in the Village of Island Lake, Illinois with exceptions for Circle K and Island Foods Motion by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee McLaughlin; motion and second withdrawn by Trustee Cermak and Trustee England

9. Discussion of Impact Fees, continued

Mayor Amrich: Would like to get developers to come in and finish up lots in subdivisions and get more houses on the tax rolls; building has been stagnant. Trustee England: We have substantial fees on top of construction fees for new building. We don't have much building going on. Lag fees need to go away. Clarification by Treasurer McGinty: We don't charge them. Mayor Amrich has not heard back from Superintendent Cole. Mayor Amrich would like to know the Board's wishes to discuss with the school districts. Would like to get rid of other impact fees. Trustee Ziegler: We had a discussion with a builder and said we would reduce fees, but they went away without building. Commissioner Kraly: Builders price houses based on the fees. Schools and libraries are hurting for money. The impact fee helps make up the lag in receiving tax money. Island Lake is not the only community hurting [with new builds]. Volo is the exception. Round Lake built 2 or 3 homes last year. Attorney McArdle: There is no way to prove savings are passed on to the home buyer. Trustee Carlsen: Mundelein is doing a lot of building.

Trustee England: We can try it for a year. We have unfinished sidewalks and overgrown lots in areas. We need to talk to school districts and see if they can hold off for a year. Attorney McArdle: Clarified that the board makes the decision on impact fees, not the districts; impact fees are municipal code power. Trustee Ziegler: When Kim Meyer came in, I explained to him the historic fluctuations in school enrollment.

Mayor Amrich: Do we want to leave them where they are? Trustee Ziegler: Don't think it's fair to charge Lake Impact fees; some don't use the lake and can't store their boats on their property; would like to hear from school districts. Trustee McLaughlin: It has helped some communities to eliminate impact fees; stimulating building will result in more tax money for districts. Attorney McArdle: School districts often agree with eliminating the fees.

Commissioner Kraly: The builder doesn't pass on the savings to the buyer. The builder makes more profit.

Mayor Amrich: Had spoken to Dan Coles before and he understands the Village controls the fees.

Trustee Powell: Does \$7,000 on a \$300,000 house really matter? Find someone interested in building first, then decide. Have potential builders negotiate with us. How much can we reduce impact fees excluding school impact fees? Village fees are \$4,000 and have costs with serving the homes.

We receive none of the school impact fees. Can have a moratorium for a year or have a reduction for a year.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Motion to adopt Resolution 663-20 Repealing 662-19 and Replacing the 2020 Meeting Calendar

Discussion: Rationale is to save time and unnecessary cancellation

Motion to adopt Resolution 663-20 Repealing 662-19 and Replacing the 2020 Meeting Calendar by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Powell

Question:

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

11. Mayor Comments included: Proclamation for School Choice Week;

12. Trustee and Staff Comments included: Trustee Ziegler: It's great to be back and appreciates everyone's encouragement; this is some of the best medicine. Trustee England: Good to have Will back. Trustee Powell: Good to hear Will's voice; can we have a no soliciting sticker for residents who don't want solicitors. Trustee Carlsen: Shout out to Recreation Coordinator for Lori Tanzillo for the basketball open gym; shout out to Donovan Carter, senior who is going to break a scoring record; #1 scorer in our conference. Trustee Cermak: To clear up moratorium issue, was looking at an earlier draft; we received \$80,000 from video gaming last year. George Muligano: Will be recycling about 15

old computers that are in the server room and other electronics. Sgt. Blitek: Some equipment has to be returned to the State (was part of a grant). We have disposed of over 200 pounds of drugs per month; we are the only department around that takes sharps; proposing 10 new cameras that will be a great improvement; clearer and with more functions; found a federal grant program to pay for hardware. Treasurer McGinty: Sharps are taken care of by Prairieland

Lucky Slots did not need a permit to reface the sign. Commissioner Kraly will look into business that is making dog biscuits and treats.

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)

No motion.

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Powell
All were in favor. Motion carried at 9:58 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper