

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
February 13, 2020, 7:30 p.m.



1. **Call to Order** at 7:31 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 Chief Dan Palmer, Director of IT and Innovation George Muligano and a Wauconda Fire District Representatives Fire Marshall Mike DaValle and Deputy Chief Patrick Kane.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Amrich
4. **Public Comment** included: Resident asked a question about number and placement of street lights, and who decides; expressed concern about some dim and nonfunctional ones; misses the star being lit. Mayor Amrich explained that some are Village maintained and some—in original part of town—are ComEd responsibility, some of older lights. Resident asked about how former building commissioner left employment and expressed concern about social media comments by him; would like to see Island Lake progress; suggested Village of Island Lake enhance the Facebook page with daily posts.
5. **Suez Water presentation, Bill Murphee**
Mayor Amrich: Suez maintains water towers. We have two water towers that will need to be repainted—the one in Fox River Shores first. Bill Murphee of Suez Water in Batavia provided a PowerPoint presentation, including background on Suez and condition of Village of Island Lake water towers. Water Superintendent [Patrick Stewart] contacted Suez. The tank is 250,000 gallons. Year 1 would be baseline renovation.
Trustee McLaughlin asked the longevity of the tank if no maintenance were done. Bill Murphee Response: We can renovate it to that it is in “like new” condition. It’s important to know that the over coating window is short. If it waited a year, it would need to be reevaluated. Another option is to blast it off now at more expense.
6. **Flanagan Real Estate presentation, Dan Flanagan**
Mr. Flanagan was not available this evening.
7. **Committee and Department Reports**
 - a. Public Works, Trustee England
 - b. Lakes, Parks, Recreation, and Education, Trustee Ziegler
 - 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
8. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approval payment of bills totaling \$318,369.81**
 - b. **Approval of minutes from 1/09/2020 and 1/23/2020 Village Board Meetings**Discussion:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Powell
Question: Trustee McLaughlin asked if a great deal of the \$318,369.81 is attorney fees. Treasurer McGinty clarified that it’s our normal business and that the \$24,000 is the last of the arbitration attorney cost. Attorney McArdle clarified that arbitration attorney cost is not covered by insurance; litigation costs are.
Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, England, McLaughlin, Powell and Ziegler. Nays: none.
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

9. Discussion of 2018 Fire Code adoption

Trustee Cermak asked for clarification on which buildings. Fire Marshall DaValle: Would like it on all new construction. Question: On a 1,600 sf house? Response: Yes; it's \$1.35 per square foot. Question: On mini homes. Response: Our ordinance has specifications on square footage. Direction for attorney to prepare ordinance: Trustee Cermak would be in favor for safety; one life is worth more than the cost. Trustee McLaughlin: Will that discourage home builders and buyers? Response: Surrounding areas—for example, Lake Zurich, Lake Barrington and Crystal Lake. Building Official Kraly: It will be factored into base cost of home. Trustee Powell: For it. Trustee Ziegler: Adding a sprinkler system could deter people from buying homes; expense and ongoing cost. DaValle: Eight to ten fires per year in district; about half in Island Lake. Clerk will do an informal survey of Lake County Area Clerks to see what others do. Trustee England: Concerned that it will deter building; more incentive for builders to come if costs are kept down.

10. Motion to proceed with a vote on a one year moratorium on the issuance of additional video gaming licenses in the Village

Discussion: Trustee Cermak: Would like to first vote on moratorium, then on Island Foods inclusion. Trustee England: At this point, we aren't voting whether Circle K and Island Foods will get a license; we are considering excluding them from a moratorium. Will other party that is interested have grounds to sue us? Keep in mind when you vote to exclude anyone from the moratorium. Attorney McArdle: Any one can sue. Trustee Cermak: Anyone can come in and make presentation to the board.

Motion to table items 10 and 11 to the next meeting by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee England
Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, England, McLaughlin, Powell and Ziegler. Nays: none.
Motion carried.

11. Motion to adopt one of the following proposed Ordinances Imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance of Additional Video Gaming Licenses in the Village:

Alternate A—only permits continuation of existing video gaming operations and Circle K; or
Alternate B—only permits continuation of existing video gaming operations, Circle K and Island Foods. Tabled (above.)

NEW BUSINESS

12. Mayor Comments included: Two items for Executive Session

13. Trustee and Staff Comments included: Trustee Carlsen: A potential coffee shop business is interested in the former Wauconda Bank property; basketball hoops are leveled; Brian Bartnick helped on a Sunday morning; increase patrol on Hale and 176 between 5:00 and 8:00 a.m.; street lights need improvement in that area; front door needs to have a time adjustment; the door stays open when someone pulls it open; would like to be included in impact fee discussions. Trustee Cermak: Received information about possible new business; would like to drive around and show him properties; feels we should not get involved in social media discussions not on our page; let them come to the meeting with questions. Trustee England: Asked about how many budget meetings were last year [about 8]; can we have department heads there for meetings? Mayor Amrich: They come for the ones that address their budgets. Treasurer McGinty: It's not wish list meetings; the department heads work with the trustees. Trustee McLaughlin: Employee review and discipline review sheets need to be put together; would like to have it ready for April; questions about LYAA use of fields; should review maintenance responsibility for those who use the fields. Trustee Ziegler: Will work on it; some responsibilities are the Village's. Trustee Powell: Looking forward to budget season.

IT and Innovation Director Muligano: Thanked board members who use their microphones; provided an update on age of main servers; and stressed need for replacements; wants the Board to be aware that

this needs to be addressed at budget time; will be asking for a \$50,000 solution. Trustee Carlsen: We have to be aware of life cycles on equipment and put together an analysis and plan to be proactive. Trustee Carlsen: How much of it can be co-located? Consider whether we need to have servers here or can have a service. Response: Virtually all of it. Trustee Powell: Can we do a 3-year cycle of maintenance? The Board understands what you are trying to do. Will the same backup be available long term?

- 14. Public Comment** included: Resident of Walnut Glen asked if the platted lot sizes or other specifications would change. Mayor Amrich responded that this was about impact fees—not about changing plats. Resident: What impact would passage of sprinklers have on fire district expenses? Resident: T-Mobile and Sprint merged; complaints from Walnut Glen about uncut grass came about an area that was supposed to be a park. Park was supposed to be dedicated to the Village. Trustee Cermak: The Village did not accept it because we didn't want to maintain it at that time. Resident wished Trustee Ziegler well. Resident asked for update on Circle K.

Three drawings: First drawing is what Circle K would like to do; road to align with driveway by McDonald's. \$300,000 approximately for first plan; McHenry County plan is over \$1,000,000. Will meet with Circle K on Monday, February 17, 2020. Circle K needs to negotiate with County; 2:00 p.m. Will need to be posted. Mayor Amrich, Trustee England and Trustee Cermak will go.

- 15. 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)
Discussion:

Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employment, compensation and performance of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), by Trustee McLaughlin, Second by Trustee Powell

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

Motion carried.

Open Session called to order at 10:17 p.m.

Roll Call on return to Open Session: 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

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

Former building commissioner posts [on personal social media] that he will act as a liaison with the police and public works department and is giving people advice about permits. He can post that. He cannot present himself as a Village employee. He texted Treasurer McGinty on personal phone during working hours threatening that his attorney is paying close attention and Ed should cease and desist "whatever he thought I was doing". [Ed does not post on social media, per the police report.] Attorney McArdle asked what Ed would like him to do. Mayor Amrich dealt with it. He also sent texts to trustees about possible doing code enforcement work.

Trustee Powell asked if Attorney McArdle is his lawyer. Response: No.

Attorney McArdle reiterated the importance of meeting with Circle K.

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Cermak

All were in favor. Motion carried at 10:26 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper