

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
April 23, 2020, 7:30 p.m.



1. **Call to Order** at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Amrich
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Chris Carlsen (remotely), Chuck Cermak, Harold England (remotely), Richard McLaughlin (remotely), and Will Ziegler (remotely). Absent: Dan Powell. Also present: Mayor Charles R. Amrich, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Treasurer Ed McGinty, Attorney David McArdle (remotely) and Technology and Innovation Director George Muligano, Police Chief Dan Palmer (remotely) Chair of Planning and Zoning Joe Zeinz (remotely)
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Amrich
4. **Public Comment** none

OLD BUSINESS

5. **Budget Update** by Treasurer McGinty

Mayor Amrich: COVID-19 is throwing us a curve. We do not have a good grasp on what finances will be for the first quarter of the fiscal year. We will need to make changes in how we do things. We need to be conservative on how we spend our money. It will not be as good as 2019.

Treasurer McGinty: The current issue is the revenue we get from the State of Illinois: video gaming, income tax, sales tax. McHenry is deflecting real estate tax for those who don't have escrow accounts until September. They estimate that 67% have escrow; others don't. We get \$2 million dollars from the State. I'm going through budget line items for non-recurring items and making sure they are not in our new budget. The 187 page document lists all transactions from 2019-2020 budget. What we get will from the state is a mystery at this point.

Trustee Powell joined the meeting (remotely) at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Amrich: The federal government has created giveaways for businesses but there is nothing for smaller municipalities and townships.

Trustee Carlsen: Does the 2nd round of stimulus take into consideration municipalities? Response: No.
Trustee Carlsen: Are there measures we should take in all departments? Response: We are keeping expenditures low. We are only buying essential things to keep the Village moving. Trustee England:

Trustee McLaughlin: Some businesses are having to furlough. Treasurer McGinty: We are working on a budget with little revenue. Trustee Carlsen: We need to create an A, B, C scenario for actions we need to take. Treasurer McGinty: As long as we keep costs down, we can make our payroll; but we may have to look at that later.

Trustee Powell: Are we cutting overtime in all departments? Response: Yes.

Mayor Amrich: We get a per capita revenue per person. It's based on people who are employed and unemployment is down. Motor fuel tax is down.

Trustee England: You must now wear masks indoors in public places. General discussion of availability of masks. Chief Palmer: We now have a supply of 3 types of masks.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion of and possible action on 2020 Village of Island Lake Events

Mayor Amrich: We all have to keep our distance and keep our faces covered.

Trustee McLaughlin: Do it month to month. May events would be cancelled and likely June. For the fireworks, if we have to pay anyway, we can postpone. Distancing may continue into July. For ones we know can't have, cancel. Trustee England: We need to look at expenses. Trustee Ziegler: Locked into fireworks by contract.

Attorney McArdle: Melrose has a contract. We negotiated with them last year for a price of \$17,500 for a shorter display. If we cancel, we owe him 50%. Wynn Cramer provided an addendum to the contract. He bought fireworks last January and they are stored and usable. He had to pay insurance premium for the year, whether he does displays or not. Mr. Cramer would like to know by May 1 what we're thinking, if we want to reschedule and by June 17 if we want to cancel for 2020. We can make a 50% down payment for 2021. Trustee Carlsen: We haven't ever cancelled the fireworks. We have time before July to consider.

Trustee England: What happens if he has our deposit and goes out of business? We cannot have large gatherings.

Trustee Powell: I think it's too early for us to make a decision about cancelling. For the good of the Village, we should keep it on.

Trustee Carlsen: I would cancel all events that cost the Village money. Trustee England: We need to free up funds.

Mayor Amrich: Concerts in the Park: No one under contract for 2nd Friday of June and August. Memorial Day event. Trustee Carlsen: We would be violating State order to have it. 4th of July parade and picnic. Trustee Ziegler: We have to prepare and get food that would go to waste. Trustee Powell: Let's make a decision on that at the beginning of June. It will lift spirits if it's allowed. Keep it simple and do the best we can.

Carnival: July 17, 18 and 19: Spoke to Pat Skinner of Skinner amusements. She said most are playing it by ear. Trustee McLaughlin: We have a window to consider. Trustee England: Play it by ear. We'll have to see what the governor has to say.

Attorney McArdle: We need to approve the addendum to give us leeway in the contract. It is a fair extension of the contract. We will have to pay the deposit. If you don't sign the addendum and don't have fireworks, you pay 50% of the contract for nothing. The only thing I might change is the duration of 1 year for giving him a contract to 15 months.

Trustee England: We want to have them this year. If we get a second wave, it may be worse than this time. If we got this over the winter, we could be shut down for another 6 months. Trustee McArdle: It will complicate things. If it goes on that long, we'll have bigger problems than this contract. Trustee McLaughlin: We'll have a better idea in May. Consensus that we'd like to have fireworks this year, even if it is postponed to fall.

Trustee McArdle: The addendum says you'll reschedule in a year. Trustee Powell: If a scheduling conflict arises, we'll have to work around it. Trustee McLaughlin: Let's not cancel if we don't have to.

Trustee Ziegler: We need to agree on addendum. Trustee Palmer: We can consider the fireworks at the June 11 meeting.

Motion to approve the Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc. Addendum to the August 12, 2019 contract by Trustee Carlsen, Second by Trustee Powell

Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, England, McLaughlin, Powell, Ziegler.
Motion carried.

7. **Mayor Comments:** Thank you for being available this evening. Stay safe. We were hoping to get OSRAD grant to improve parks but the money was not appropriated by the State.

8. **Trustee and Staff Comments**

Trustee Carlsen: Attorney McArdle just did this in McHenry [making Island Lake a golf cart community]; do what we can to support our local businesses; community is eating quite well; hear from businesses that they are struggling; good to see Public Works crews and Water Department working. Attorney McArdle: Invite the McHenry chief to a meeting. Chief Palmer will look into what it entails.

Trustee Cermak: Tattoo parlor will close at the end of the month; we hope not to lose more business.

Trustee England: RE: Creative Playtime online classroom; proud of Carmen Brush, Creative Playtime Director, and teacher Nancy Sell; what would we think of making Island Lake a golf cart community; while kids aren't allowed to use playgrounds, can we upgrade them? Is parking lot going forward; are we going to make parking for other parks? (Response: Parking lot was done today.) George Muligano: Creative Playtime Zoom sessions will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; teacher Nancy Sell did a great job.

Trustee McLaughlin: Hearing from people about field use; lots of people using restaurants for takeout; tattoo parlor is closing; help our businesses; do the video clips for Island Lake Strong. Trustee Powell: Misses everyone; hopes everyone is doing well; heard about good turnout for sergeant exam; good to see everyone is trying to keep things together. Trustee Powell: Have Chief Palmer contact the McHenry chief prior to meeting.

Trustee Powell: Commended office staff for pulling together and taking care of the office and thanked George Muligano for supporting staff through Zoom and helping people work from home who need to.

Chief Palmer: All passed sergeants exam; squads came in and getting ready for the street; all in department are healthy; we have equipment, face masks, gloves and hand sanitizer.

Attorney McArdle: Treasurer has contacted 4 entities about insurance; process is moving forward.

McGinty: We should have quotes in a couple weeks. Planning and Zoning Chair Zeinz: Stay safe and remember our food pantries.

9. **Public Comment** included: none

10. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Powell.

All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper