

**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE**  
**3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042\***  
**\*Audio/Video Zoom Meeting**  
**May 14, 2020, 7:30 p.m.**



1. **Call to Order** at 7:33p.m. by Mayor Amrich
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Chris Carlsen (remotely), Chuck Cermak, Richard McLaughlin (remotely), Dan Powell (remotely) and Will Ziegler (remotely). Absent: Trustee England. 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) and Planning and Zoning Chair Joe Zeinz
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Amrich
4. **Public Comment** none
5. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. **Approval payment of bills totaling \$ 384,188.64**
  - b. **Approval of minutes from the 4/07/2020 Special Meeting and the 4/09/2020 and 4/23/2020 Village Board Meetings**

Trustee England entered the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

6. **Discussion of Melrose Pyrotechnics contract and addendum**

Mayor Amrich: We had an agreement with Melrose Pyrotechnics in August of 2019. Attorney McArdle: I contacted Wynn Cramer on behalf of the Village to negotiate putting off the fireworks for a year. Wynn offered the 15 months extension. We were going to hold signing the addendum until the June 11 meeting to see where we stood on the event. Trustee England contacted Attorney McArdle with an idea for a counter offer. Trustee England: No problem with the original agreement. We did not have to put down a deposit. Now with the limitations on public gatherings, if we cannot do the fireworks because of a governor order, we may not be able to do them; another outbreak may put us further than 15 months. We will have the deposit sitting around; am not comfortable with having the money sitting there. If Melrose goes out of business, we are out the money. Trustee McLaughlin: We have a signed contract; doesn't want a suit. Trustee Powell: We need to do right by the Village and the vendor; concern with the third addendum is that there is no mention of timeframe in proposed new addendum. Attorney McArdle: There is no date because it would give us the option to choose a date because we may not get next year. Trustee England: Want to limit our risk here; we are not looking to cancel; we are looking to reschedule. Trustee Carlsen: We did the August contract because of a misunderstanding in the prior year. Attorney McArdle: In the original contract, we pay within 30 days of the show. There is a rescheduling [after rain date]. Trustee Powell: Addendum 2 has a 50% deposit. Trustee Carlsen: The question is are you going to have fireworks. Trustee Powell: Fireworks will cause people to gather.

Attorney McArdle: Mayor Amrich does not have to sign the addendum until June 18—30 days before display. Then we will know more about what phase we are in. June 11 Agenda
7. **Motion for Continuation of Proclamation of Local Disaster Emergency [expires May 14, 2020; currently; required for Federal reimbursement eligibility]**

Discussion: Mayor Amrich: At the last meeting, the board wanted to reconsider it May 14.

Motion for Continuation of Proclamation of Local Disaster Emergency to through June 11[date] by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Powell  
Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, England, McLaughlin, Powell and Ziegler. Nays:  
Motion carried

## NEW BUSINESS

**8. Motion to approve partial payment to Manusos General Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$20,808.00 for the Water System Improvements Softener No. 1 Underdrain Replacement Project**

Discussion: Mayor Amrich: This is part of the water softening system in Fox River Shores plant. We have 4 systems and this is the third we have done. Trustee England: We paid \$100,000 plus \$40,000 for the work last year. Why is this more? Response: Construction costs go up; the price was lower last year because the vendor was able to fit it in. Trustee Carlsen: Has anyone checked if the project is the same as the previous year? It is more than just an underdrain. Trustee Powell: There are items in the project of significant costs. Treasurer McGinty: This is not same as the project we did on the emergency basis. They were the lowest bid. Trustee Powell: This is what Baxter & Woodman does for us. Trustee McLaughlin: Asked to see other bids.

Motion to approve partial payment to Manusos General Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$20,808.00 for the Water System Improvements Softener No. 1 Underdrain Replacement Project by Trustee Carlsen, Second by Trustee Ziegler  
Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, England, McLaughlin, Powell and Ziegler. Nays: none.  
Motion carried.

- 9. Mayor Comments** included: Spoke with Marvin Keys, attorney for First Midwest Corporation that owns the 14 acres behind McDonald's. They are having difficulty marketing it so they would like to keep two out lots and have a write off/donation of 11 acres for a park, adjacent to Veterans Park; asked trustees to go look at the property. Attorney McArdle: This is the first time I have seen someone dictate our use. General discussion followed about feasibility, care of it, possibility as natural area and value to the Village. Owner of Savemore Gas Stations said he is going to sell; received a call from someone who is interested in putting in a gas station; connected them with each other. Next Thursday will make a CDBG presentation with Steve Verseman for 2020 Block Grant; asking for money for roads and curb repairs in 3 cul-de-sacs. Will go to Lake County to seek money for road work including for the rest of the Village Hall. Obtained a letter of credit for \$300,000 from Blackhawk Bank for any needs during the pandemic.
- 10. Trustee and Staff Comments** included: Trustee Carlsen: Some projects need to be done by professionals (our public works); too risky for volunteers. I would be willing to help. RE: Walked the baseball fields with Brian Bartnick to see what projects need to be done there. If LYAA does not use the fields, what are the alternatives to have baseball? If LYAA is going to use the facilities, they need to do maintenance. RE: Golf carts, has had feedback that people like the idea. Would ask Joe Zeinz for recommendations for appropriate areas. Raised issue of chickens.

Chief: Has 2 sample ordinances for golf carts from other towns. Recommend meeting with those who are interested in this and preparing presentation to Board.

Trustee Cermak: Went around to businesses today; restaurants are doing well with carry out; we have a couple of businesses going out of business; tanning salon was sold (new owner will keep it open); 3-D Bowl may be closed for another month; feeling the lack of video gaming funs. Trustee England: Brought up that it is an opportune time to work on equipment while parks are closed; there is sealing and painting to be done on replacement wood; are we still planning on putting additional parking at parks. Response: We are planning spaces at Dorothy Beach. (Trustee McLaughlin: Question about payroll reimbursement from Water Fund; would volunteer for park work. Residents expressed concerns that some of the restaurant employees were not wearing masks; can we require them to wear masks?

Response: It is a health department issue. Chief Palmer: It is a guideline; can ask an officer to go speak to them; clarified that there is no statute. Trustee Powell: Chickens and Trustee Ziegler. Mayor Amrich: Converse Park was built by volunteers; we have limited personnel and time to do projects. RE: Soccer field discussions, Grek Park is a good location for soccer practice; RE: Chickens, has information about surrounding towns and what they do; hears from those who want them and those who don't.

Trustee Powell: A lot of villagers are promoting our businesses on their Facebook pages; good to hear positive reports; brought up last week about mulch at Grek Park; resident cleaned up graffiti on slide there. Georgine will send chart with links on surrounding municipalities and set up a Survey Monkey survey. Trustee Cermak: If you allow chickens, what else will people want to have?

Trustee Ziegler: Received a note from LYAA President Justin Lentz that season is cancelled due to COVID-19; they will still maintain fields this year. (Trustee Carlsen volunteered to help with fields). Trustee Carlsen: Think about fees for use of fields. There are teams who would pay to use them. We can have more use of the fields and funds to maintain them.

Attorney McArdle: Contacted attorney for Circle K saying it's a good time to get paperwork done; has not heard back.

Chief Palmer: Three new squads delivered; a fourth one coming; the three we have are set up by George Muligano.

Treasurer McGinty: Will distribute copies of the draft budget tomorrow; based on the expenditures of last year; all revenues and expenses for each fund are in it. It gives a detailed picture of where the Village spends money. Review them and contact Treasurer McGinty with questions.

**11. Public Comment** included: Trustee Carlsen ran into a former resident at UL; thanked Mayor Amrich and Trustee Cermak for service in fire department

**12. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee McLaughlin.  
All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper