

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
May 28, 2020, 7:30 p.m.



1. **Call to Order** at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Amrich
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Chris Carlsen (remotely), Chuck Cermak, Harold England (remotely) Richard McLaughlin, Dan Powell and Will Ziegler (remotely). Absent: none. Also present: Mayor Charles R. Amrich, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Treasurer Ed McGinty, Attorney Brandy Quance (remotely) Attorney David McArdle (joined remotely) at 8:45 p.m. and Technology and Innovation Director George Muligano, Sgt. Robert Blitek and Planning and Zoning Chair Joe Zeinz
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Amrich
4. **Public Comment:** none

OLD BUSINESS

5. **Discussion of July 2020 Events cancellation: July 4th Parade and Picnic, July 17-19, 2020 Carnival, July 18, 2020 Fireworks**

Trustee Ziegler: Agenda item for June 11, 2020 for cancellation of summer events. At this point, it looks like we're going down the road toward cancellation in light of the Governor's phases. Trustee McLaughlin: Will we move to Phase 4 in July. Response: Phase 4 would not allow us to have a carnival. Trustee Cermak: Cancel the series for the year; a lot of communities are cancelling events for the season for safety. If others cancel and we hold ours and that would mean more people would come to ours. Trustee Powell: Wisconsin is cancelling their state fair. Mayor Amrich: Elgin cancelled events prior; will be cancelling fireworks. Car show should also be cancelled.

6. **Update on Circle K**

Mayor Amrich: Attorneys McArdle and Quance met with Circle K representative. They are looking to recapture some of the costs of development. They are looking a tax abatement for 7 years. Attorney Quance: They attribute \$230,000 to offsite costs that should not be theirs. This can be negotiated. We are looking for the board's direction on how to proceed. Trustee McLaughlin: Do they want us to pay the money up front and recoup it from sales tax? Response: Not up front; we'd split the tax with them for the 7 years. Mayor Amrich: We had a sales tax agreement with Camping World. We did not have to pay them anything as it turned out.

Trustee England: What happens if the revenue projected is more than \$65,000 per year? I think we should move forward. Response: It would not take the full 7 years to recapture. Trustee Cermak: Agrees we should move forward. Trustee Powell asked for clarification on video gaming revenue. Response: That would not be affected.

7. **Discussion on proposed property donation by First Midwest**

Mayor Amrich: This is the 11 acres behind Walgreens and is currently zoned commercial. [Marvin Keys, attorney for First Midwest Corporation, approached the Village to see if we would be receptive to a land donation for a park.] Attorney McArdle will call Mr. Keys to see if they would consider an out and out donation. Attorney Quance: Attorney Keys indicated that he did not have the authority to make that stipulation and would talk to the property owner. Trustee Ziegler: Can there be a restriction that a park would have to be developed in a certain period of time? Trustee Carlsen: Would they consider stipulating a portion as a park?

NEW BUSINESS

8. Discussion of Parks Committee Formation

Trustee Ziegler: Wanted to get people's feedback about having a committee similar to the Events Committee: volunteers, trustees and residents who would help monitor parks and generate ideas and look for grants. Trustee Carlsen: Great idea and a way to organize the effort and put it into action. Mayor Amrich: Would you be asking for volunteers from the community? Trustee Ziegler: Yes, with a regular meeting schedule. The more minds we can put to taking care of our parks, the better off we'll be. Volunteers make have connections to help us. Trustee Cermak: Good idea to reach out to the community. Question: Would our insurance cover liability for volunteers? Response: Yes. Trustee McLaughlin: RE: Ball fields, looked at them with Trustee Carlsen; is there something more LYAA can do. Trustee Carlsen: Island Lake has plenty of parks; great idea. Add to the June 11, 2020 agenda. In response to Mayor Amrich's question about a mission statement, Trustee Ziegler said he would work on a broad statement to start and fill in details later.

9. Discussion and possible action to implement work order policies for Public Works and Water Departments

Trustee England: Was discussing budget with one of the other trustees; we need to figure out what's being done and what changes we need to make; would like to simplify the process as much as possible to allocate money and do tracking. Mayor Amrich: We do have forms already for Water Department and Public Works. [Current work orders were shared on the screen.] Treasurer McGinty: The ones used historically show what is being done. The first is more detailed; the second is used to record week's activities. Asked Trustees to review the forms and determine which is preferred. Trustee Carlsen: The first form is good; it can be simplified. Work orders can be created and allocated to a worker. We are looking to be able to justify labor costs for budgeting; might be able to use a fillable PDF. Water Department has tablets. We can determine adequate staffing. It is a great tool to make the department more efficient.

Trustee Cermak: Who will review work orders and on what schedule? Treasurer McGinty: Workers can fill them out and we would put them on a spreadsheet for review. Trustee Powell: This needs to be evaluated more to see what data we want to capture to evaluate and not at a loss of time; might be tedious at first. Trustee Cermak: Work orders would be generated by Public Works Director Bartnick. Director Bartnick: They know their daily procedures. Response: That would become the work order. Trustee England: This will help Brian to keep organized.

Mayor Amrich: We will fine tune the form. Treasurer McGinty: All the information discussed is on the first form. To record that, we'll have to design a spreadsheet to plug in the numbers; will send an email with the form for trustee feedback. Trustee Carlsen: The form is very thorough. We don't want it to be intimidating.

10. **Mayor Comments** included: We have interest in the 124 Fairfield property; weed spraying on the lake tomorrow by Clarke; was contacted by someone representing the owner of the property on Beech St—former Sheltering Oak Nursing Home; was wondering if the Village would be receptive to rezoning some of the residential lots to accommodate larger assisted living facility.

11. **Trustee and Staff Comments** included: Trustee Carlsen: Am all for whatever it takes to fix the lake; the beach at Veterans Park has eroded substantially; can we use budget money to expand the beach to allow more people to use it? Some businesses have "fake dogs" that oscillate and scare away water fowl. RE: Basketball hoops: Could we put up 2 new ones? Would be approximately \$350 per backboards and hoops. Thanked Brian and the Public Works crew for handling the storm water. Thanks to Treasurer McGinty and his crew for preparing the budget. Mayor Amrich: Beach is close to property lines of neighbors; may be able to capture 2 feet on each side. Goose droppings are a problem on that beach. Trustee Cermak: Businesses enthusiastic about reopening. A lot of people are using and enjoying the lake. We have to designate spots where people can put kayaks and paddle boards beside the boat launches. Trustee England: Spoke with Patrick Stewart about the water softener project; it's almost completed; had phone calls about storm water problems. Trustee McLaughlin: Residents were asking about ordinance on honey bees; would like to have someone come in to talk to us about it. Trustee Cermak: Know who keep bees; will contact them. Honey bees are safer than other bees and

are good for the environment. Will invite one for the June 11, 2020 meeting. Trustee Powell: Stay safe; lots of good birthday parades; plan to have a budget meeting next week; question about lake spraying: is it annual? Did we vote on it? Trustee Cermak: It's in the Lake Management Budget that was voted on. Mayor Amrich: It will be monthly this year for duckweed. Treasurer McGinty: It was in the budget and is payable over 7 months; if it doesn't work, they will come back and spray until it does. Director Bartnick: The duckweed is terrible; it's making the lake green. Trustee Ziegler: Good ideas going around; hard to bring them to fruition without a committee to move ideas forward.

Treasurer McGinty: Date for budget meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 6:30 p.m. [Subsequently rescheduled to June 4, 2020.] Public Works Director Bartnick: Storm sewers worked well, although no storm sewer can handle 4 inches of rain in half an hour; many of the problems are on the properties and not with the sewers. RE: Park Committee. Is a tax possible on each home for parks? Suggestion to wait until fall in light of developing COVID-19 situation develops. Sgt. Blitek: Lake County Animal Control Agreement; doesn't cost anything but gives access to allow them into town; McHenry County does it without an agreement; are back out on the lake doing patrols; we will be issuing stickers. IT and Innovation Director Muligano: Asked about experience with Facebook streaming meetings. Joe Zeinz: Audio can be an issue with Zoom meetings. George: Please use microphones. Trustee Carlsen: Facebook live would broaden our reach. Consider streaming after COVID-2019 restrictions. Planning and Zoning Chair Joe Zeinz: May have a zoning hearing coming up. Building Official Kraly mentioned the possibility of dividing the Fairfield property into 2 buildable lots in the R3 overlay.

12. Public Comment none

13. 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, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(12) to discuss the issue of establishment of reserves and settlement of claims and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) litigation), purchase of real estate 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and/or real estate sale price 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)

No motion; none needed.

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Powell
All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper