

**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE**  
**3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042\***  
**\*Audio/Video Zoom Meeting**  
**July 23, 2020, 7:30 p.m.**



**Mayor Amrich has made a public** determination that an in-person meeting of the Village Board and staff will take place. However, due to COVID-19 health restrictions, it is practical and prudent that audio/video Zoom participation be permitted.

1. **Call to Order** at 7:36 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 Brandy S. Quance, Police Chief Dan Palmer, Technology and Innovation Director George Muligano, Director of Public Works Brian Bartnick, Building Official Russell Kraly (remotely), Lake Management Chair Ken Wick (remotely) and Planning and Zoning Chair Joe Zeinz (remotely)
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Amrich

4. **Presentation by Prairieland, Steve Schweinsberg**

Mr. Schweinsberg distributed a proposal sheet; clarified that yard waste is included in the proposal ala carte. Leaf vacuuming would be additional charge per month. 20% discount for seniors; yard waste individual stickers \$3.10. \$126.01 will be annual unlimited yard waste subscription (if separate). Electronic curbside will be once per year; smaller totes would be discounted service; back door service option of \$25. Price offered in January was \$17.00 per month. Recycling rate has risen 250% for processing. Currently 536 subscriptions to yard waste. 7,000 stickers sold to date; 3061 households billed. Tonnage reports: 34% higher in yard waste volume compared to similar towns. Yard waste and garbage account for higher price than offered in January. Trustee Carlsen: What benefit is it to the Village to have Prairieland bill? Schweinsberg: We have better control of service if we bill. Trustee Powell: We are fronting the bill. A benefit to having Village do it is that many seniors pay in person. Trustee Carlsen asked Attorney Quance if we lose leverage if Prairieland bills? Response: No.

Trustee Carlsen asked for cost savings to Prairieland billing. Trustee Powell: Cost to get rid of yard waste. Schweinsberg: 900 pounds per house? Mayor Amrich: What about townhomes yard waste? Schweinsberg: I would pick it up. Trustee Powell: By letting Prairieland bill including yard waste, we would have \$1.20 increase. Mayor Amrich asked about townhomes. Schweinsberg: Townhomes get a 10% discount for limited service; will need a sticker for anything outside can. Trustee Ziegler: Every resident will get a tote at no cost? Response: yes. We are trying to go automated. Currently has 7 trucks in the Village; would take it down to 4 trucks. Mayor Amrich: Treasurer McGinty had questions but is not here. Schweinsberg: Contract is up 12/31/2020. Trustee Powell: Option B (with Prairieland billing) will save money for residents and the Village. Mayor Amrich asked if Prairieland collected up front. Response: Yes, with a 45-day payment due date. Trustee Cermak: If Prairieland bills, the Village gets no profits. Do we bring anything in above what we pay? Response: No. Mayor Amrich: If the Village bills: \$21.33 per month with recycle and yard waste; if Prairieland bills \$19.93. Trustee Powell: We save residents \$15,575 (annually). Trustee Carlsen: Offer tote-cleaning service? Response: Tote switch out for \$25 charge. Trustee England: Contract duration? Response: 5-year; annual CPI increase.

Board asked for cost analysis between Prairieland bill option and Village billing option.

5. **Public Comment** included: Questions about senior discount and what would prevent residents from independently contracting for service. Mayor Amrich: We have a weight limit on trucks.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**6. Motion to approve the Fourth Continuation of Effective Dates of the April 2, 2020 Proclamation by the Mayor of Local Disaster Emergency COVID-19 Funding in the Village of Island Lake**

Discussion: Mayor Amrich: Will cover us to 8/27/2020 for eligibility for federal funding. Trustee Powell: If the State of Illinois declaration is over, would ours be? Attorney Quance: No. Ours can continue. Nothing disbursed yet. With counties under 500,000 population, municipalities are receiving per capita; over 500,000 have more leeway. Lake County is entering into IGAs with municipalities; for McHenry County, municipalities will be contacted. Trustee Powell: Could we use any money to restore parks that have been unused? Response: No. Trustee Carlsen: We should open up contact with Lake County Treasurer Holly Kim.

Motion to approve the Fourth Continuation of Effective Dates of the April 2, 2020 Proclamation by the Mayor of Local Disaster Emergency COVID-19 Funding in the Village of Island Lake by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Powell

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

Motion carried.

**7. Discussion of and direction to staff regarding bee keeping ordinance**

Discussion: Commissioner Zeinz: Quarter acre wasn't adequate in the opinion of Planning and Zoning; recommended to keep ordinance as is; it couldn't come back as they already voted on recommendation. A beekeeper spoke with other communities and professional organizations about what they do and got information about high-density beekeeping; has gathered more information; other communities have laid it out. Liability RE: stinging: honey bees aren't interested in stinging if you're not interfering with hives; can resource existing ordinances and regulations; many communities are successfully doing this. Beekeeping season is over until spring. Trustee Ziegler: Are bees disturbed by barking dogs? Response: No. Question about Africanized bees? They are more aggressive. Trustee Ziegler: Honey bees are non-native; do they compete with other natives? Response: They are an agribusiness. Trustee Ziegler: Was opposed to this and am now for it. Question about Planning and Zoning vote: At 6/18/2020 meeting, Commission voted 5-1 to recommend maintaining current ordinance prohibiting beekeeping in the Village.

Commissioner Zeinz: Can we revisit it for larger properties? Mayor Amrich: We would have to amend current ordinance; we need to provide direction for new one. Trustee McLaughlin: Will research. Trustee Carlsen: How do we regulate? Trustee Powell: Want to know parameters and action plan. Look at sample ordinances, especially Elgin model.

**8. Discussion of and possible action on First Midwest Group property donation**

Discussion: No additional responses from attorney from First Midwest Group. Trustee Carlsen: Ask David McArdle to reach out again and have information by next meeting

**9. Discussion of and possible action on Food Truck Ordinance draft**

Discussion: Trustee McLaughlin will provide feedback to Attorney McArdle on draft ordinance. Place on next Agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**10. Motion to adopt the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Island Lake and the Wauconda Township Highway Department for a Portion of Oakford Farm**

Discussion: Mayor Amrich: The Village annexed property that would require us to maintain the road. In this case, Wauconda Township has agreed to maintain it. Attorney Quance: Township Road Commissioner has agreed to the agreement. Trustee England: What do we give up? Response: Nothing. Public Works Director Brian Bartnick: They have been maintaining it. There is no advantage to the Village to maintain it. Trustee Powell: We would still have access to the property. Response: Yes. Mayor Amrich: We receive taxes from that area. [Those homes are not in the Village of Island Lake.]

Motion to adopt the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Island Lake and the Wauconda Township Highway Department for a Portion of Oakford Farm by Trustee England, Second by Trustee Ziegler  
Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, England, McLaughlin, Powell and Ziegler. Nays: none.  
Motion carried.

**11. Motion to authorize Mayor Amrich to sign the 2020 Contract Amendment Skinners' Amusements Contract Addendum for 2021 Carnival Dates**

Discussion: Trustee Ziegler: Am researching this. Skinner has done an excellent job; problem is that we can't get the dates I want. For Island Lake, we made more revenue off the carnival in June than we made any other year. Residents liked it. Has contacted 3 other vendors; waiting to hear. Trustee Carlsen: Talk to Pat Skinner about a multi-year contract. It was a problem that dates were inconsistent.

Motion to [table] until the August 13 meeting] signing the 2020 Contract Amendment Skinners' Amusements Contract Addendum for 2021 Carnival Dates by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Ziegler  
Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, England, McLaughlin, Powell and Ziegler. Nays: none.  
Motion carried.

**12. Discussion of and possible action on Before and After School Club Program and Creative Playtime for the 2020-2021 School year during COVID-19 Phases**

Discussion: Trustee Ziegler: Presented Recreation Director Lori Tanzillo's report outlining restrictions and parameters of program. Trustee Ziegler: Program is run at Cotton Creek School; wouldn't be cleaning expense to the Village. RE: Creative Playtime: Carmen is reaching out to parents with various models. Response thus far is in favor of Zoom initially and reconsider in October. Creative Playtime Director Carmen Brush: We are looking for the possibility of reaching out to parents in October and if schools are open, to have onsite classes—to follow the school model. Trustee Ziegler: If Creative is separate from the building, Director Brush and Mayor Amrich could make decision; since it is attached to the building, it could pose a risk here; would she have to come back to the Board. Trustee Carlsen would like to look at other plans. Director Brush: Because we share the building, we are following the CDC and Illinois Department of Health guidelines; would use separate entrance and do temperature checks; no parents' access and an additional screening during the session. We will change procedures to comply with changes in CDC and State guidelines. Majority of parents are interested in Zoom classes at first. If we did a blend of in-person and Zoom; we will need to evaluate what additional expenses we will have. PreK is on board to offer in-person. Trustee Carlsen: Has had feedback from parents that they want their kids to have in-person experience. Brush: We would have started with the school calendar; we start preparing in February; agree that face to face is better for bonding; last year's students had 6 months of bonding before going to Zoom. Trustee Carlsen: Do you have any statistics showing that it is harmful for face-to-face? Brush: No.

Trustee Powell: Gigi's is now doing online learning; some are losing ground; they are not yet open; they are doing a national outreach. Robert Crown has pushed back opening. District 118 has asked for parents' decision for school model by July 24. Trustee Ziegler: The Wauconda preschool has not yet opened.

Public comment: Hope Village will keep program running. Trustee England: Creative Playtime is a great program and we need to keep it going.

Motion to approve Before and After School Program and Creative Playtime as stated in recommendations from Village of Island Lake program directors for the School year during COVID-19 Phases by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Ziegler  
Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, England, McLaughlin, Powell and Ziegler. Nays: none.  
Motion carried.

**13. Mayor Comments** included: Good feedback on the fireworks; August 1, 7:00 p.m. Donovan Carter Proclamation Reading at Converse Park; would like to see us keep Village Hall closed to public until

next meeting; Trustee McLaughlin: What are others doing? Trustee Carlsen: Businesses are open; social distancing and masks. Trustee McLaughlin: Limit access. Trustee Powell: Allow limited access with social distancing. Trustee Carlsen: Staff in office should wear masks. Mayor Amrich: We have many people who want to come in and pay bills and chat; want to minimize contact; we have a small office and people are close together. Trustee Powell; Open with limited access to front door only. Trustee Ziegler: Have not heard any complaints about office not being open. Masks required; barricade non-accessed areas. Consensus to open.

Cleaning service: Request proposals use current vendor until new proposals.

**14. Trustee and Staff Comments** included:

Trustee Carlsen: Many parks need immediate attention; need equal attention to the lake. Haven't mulched for 2 years. Trustee Cermak: Asked Director Bartnick about evaluation of parks conditions. Do Converse first. Director Bartnick: Acorn will evaluate parks at \$650 per. Trustee England: Conflicting feedback about lake treatment. The treatments have helped. Other area lakes have the same problems. Trustee McLaughlin: Where do we stand with money to do park improvements? Do we have anything in the budget for it? Converse Park is a well-used park. There are people who want to use baseball fields. Who owns land between Southport Village and the Fox River? Trustee Powell: Did 2 hours of weeding with volunteers at Converse Park; needs backhoe work. Maple Park can be done with volunteers. The roof at Converse Park needs work. Ball fields need work. There is no maintenance program. Will call someone he knows about Converse Park inspection. Thanked all who came out to do the work at the parks; will be going to Maple Ridge Park this weekend; thanked Brian and Public Works for getting beaches ready for fireworks. RE: Lake—every lake around has same problem we have; same results from treatment or non-treatment. At 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in August, we need to consider cancelling the Clarke [Aquatics] Agreement and putting the money into other parks. It's time to make park improvements. Building plans for Rte. 12/59 in Wauconda; make it attractive for people to move here.

Public Works Director Bartnick: Director Bartnick: Semi-load of certified playground mulch is \$1,500; that would re-mulch Converse. Natural mulch composts. The parks weren't open [during Phase 3] then were opened. We didn't have time to prepare. Put fresh sand on beaches. Silhouette coyotes are placed on beaches. IT Director Muligano: Fireworks: Had 2,000 live stream views. May be over 6,000 by now. Some no longer want to be on paddle boards in Island Lake. Planning and Zoning Chair Zeinz: What's the board opinion of recreational non-highway vehicles? They have a top end speed of 38mph. Trustee Powell: Was Planning and Zoning member Michele Friedrich concerned about it? Consensus is to start with golf carts only. Mayor Amrich doesn't care for either one; would like to keep streets for cars. Trustee England: Wanted this to help bring parts of the Village together.

**15. Public Comment:** none

**16. Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of** discussing employment, compensation and performance of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and pending litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)  
Motion as stated above by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Powell  
Ayes: Carlsen, Cermak, England, McLaughlin, Powell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Open Session Call to order at 10:58 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, England, McLaughlin, Powell and Ziegler. Also present: Mayor Amrich, Clerk Cooper and Attorney Quance.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session

**17. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Cermak  
All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper