

**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE**  
**3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042\***  
**\*Audio/Video Zoom Meeting**  
**August 13, 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 by the public also be permitted.

1. **Call to Order** at 7:30 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, Treasurer Ed McGinty, 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. **Public Comment** included: Residents asked questions and expressed concerns about the lake, and asked how to help. Other residents' comments: Would like there to be some way for citizens to be involved; how do to get funding started and if material is flowing in from Golden Oaks Farm; if we can use the WeeDoo more. Lake Management Chair Ken Wick: We can budget for more cleanup in the next year. We have worked on duckweed Treatment has been successful but out lake is stagnant and warm. We don't have the funds to treat more; it needs to be dredged. We would need to do a sediment study but we don't have funding for it; study requires EPA and Army Corps of Engineers approval; sediment study is the first step and can be done for approximately \$10,000. Trustee Carlsen: We have to look at what is flowing into the lake; dredging is expensive and would require a referendum to raise funds; could have people poll residents; look at Midwest Organics to see what testing is done; asked if there were grants available for 303D.

Trustee Powell: We put an additional amount into the lake this year of \$50,000; residents need to know we allocated money; walked up Channel Park to view Mutton Creek; it's shallow. We should look at buffers to what flows in; mentioned speaking with the Illinois EPA last fall and that said it would require going up against the Farm Bureau. To look at dredging we are looking at millions of dollars. Trustee McLaughlin mentioned the need to stop it where it's coming from and we may need a public meeting to determine course of action. Trustee Ziegler mentioned the need to consider the whole Mutton Creek Watershed. In conversation last October, we know it will be millions. Public Works Director Bartnick mentioned use of WeeDo is labor intensive; helps duckweed but algae is another story.

Mayor Amrich recalled the 1988 drought story when Village lowered the lake and we had drought and the bays and channels dried up. We got a "swamp cat" from a local contractor to clean out bays and channels; organizations raised money; had many volunteers; was a major undertaking. The community got involved and that's why it was successful. Trustee McLaughlin: With the \$50,000 we put in, what's left and can we use \$10,000 for it. Trustee Powell: We are locked into the contract this year; we can consider for next year. Wick: We have one treatment left to fulfill the contract. They don't do further treatments without an evaluation and new contract. Contract was to take care of duckweed. Toxic algae can be treated one day and back the next; with the lake so shallow and warm, it will be a problem. All Lake Committee Members live on the lake; are doing the best job they can with the funding. Trustee Powell: In October, the survey price was \$18,000 for the deeper study. Wick: Hydrographic survey was \$15,000. Simple survey can be done for under \$10,000. Trustee Powell: Clock is ticking. Automatic renewal is listed in the contract. Wick: Board should move forward with notice. Lake Committee is willing to consider improvements. Trustee Powell: We need to factor in budget next year what needs to

be done to make improvements. Trustee Wick: Use of fertilizer in watershed affects the lake. Trustee Carlsen: We need the kind of treatment coming into our lake as we have going out of it (Cotton Creek Marsh.) Wick: Am not employed—and never have been—by Golden Oaks Farms; can't speak for them. Trustee Ziegler: Want to clear up 303D list; our lake is impaired aesthetically; not anything else, according to EPA. Other categories are listed as good, including aquatic life; as a board, we want to fix the lake; we need a comprehensive plan made public and need to understand exactly what we need to do; understand the dredging is need (5.3' average depth); some farms have already installed buffers; big issue; it's a tough fight; farmers have a right to farm. Wick: Am willing to make contact with Golden Oaks Farm; they are an open door and would give a tour upon request. They have always been a good neighbor to the Village. Resident asked if Board would vote on a hydrographic study. Trustee Ziegler: The study won't give us the root causes. Wick: Reiterated that Sediment study is the first step. Trustee McLaughlin: Why was the lake closed? Wick: Lake isn't shut down but beaches are; Health Department closes it from e-Coli. As a courtesy they did an algae test; runoff of goose waste and phosphorus cause e-coli. Wick: Algae blooms can crop up at any time and go away quickly.

## 5. Consent Agenda

- a. **Approval of payment of bills totaling \$ 232,457.98**
- b. **Approval of minutes from the 7/09/2020 and 7/23/2020 Village Board Meetings**
- c. **Authorize Public Works expenditure replace dump bed for Truck #5 not to exceed \$4,400.00**
- d. **Authorize Mayor Amrich to sign the agreement with Gold Shield retainer agreement at an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00**
- e. **Authorize Mayor Amrich to sign the 2020-2021 Senior Busing and Transportation Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Wauconda Township in the amount of \$13,740.00**

Discussion: Trustee McLaughlin asked if it needed to be done at this time. Is it in the budget? Treasurer McGinty: There is money in the budget for maintenance of vehicles. Trustee England: Question about 3d: We worked with the Chief; agreement is needed to memorialize work done so insurance kicks in; formalizes the verbal. Trustee Powell: RE: 3c: Send out 4 requests to make sure we get at least 3. Director Bartnick: We tried to get 3 but they didn't come through.

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

## OLD BUSINESS

### 6. Discussion and possible motion to adopt Ordinance # 1614-20, *An Ordinance Amending Title 3, adding a Chapter 14, Food Trucks Vendors of the Island Lake Municipal Code*

Discussion: Trustee McLaughlin: Brought it up to control food trucks; worked with Attorney McArdle. If for a Village event, would need permit and health department license. Attorney McArdle: Not a perfect ordinance; it's a start. Other than ice cream trucks, didn't have food trucks in the past but are popping up now. Private events on private property are exempted. Trustee Ziegler: Wording sounds like you could throw it up on Facebook to invite people. Attorney McArdle: Wait to see if there are abuses before revising.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 1614-20, *An Ordinance Amending Title 3, adding a Chapter 14, Food Trucks Vendors of the Island Lake Municipal Code* by Trustee McLaughlin, Second by Trustee Powell-  
Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, McLaughlin, England, Powell and Ziegler. Nays: none.  
Motion carried.

### 7. Discussion and direction on First Midwest Group proposed property donation

Attorney McArdle: Points 5 and 6 are good. Point about 90 days is critical. Consider storm water detention. Public buildings are allowed. Trustee Carlsen: It's free property. Mayor Amrich: It is currently zoned for commercial development; it may not happen for 5 or 10 years but it could bring a user to

create jobs and sales tax. It sounds good to have another park but we are having difficulty taking care of the ones we have. We would be responsible for retention areas. Trustee Powell asked Director Bartnick: There will be maintenance; if we get it, people will want a sidewalk. Trustee Carlsen: There are other commercial properties along 176; there is commercial property for sale in the Village. Trustee Powell: Think 25 years down the road. We can use it for municipal buildings. Trustee England: I would like to ask for more than 90 days to match \$50,000? Attorney McArdle: If it's a split vote, Mayor Amrich will vote.

Motion to have Attorney McArdle draw up real estate contract for First Midwest Group 11 acres asking for 12 month window for matching donation by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Carlsen  
Trustee Powell: Clarified that sales of alcohol at an event would be allowed on this donated land  
Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, McLaughlin, England, Powell and Ziegler. Nays: none.  
Motion carried.

**8. Discussion of and possible action on the 2020 Clarke Aquatic Services Inc. contract**

Discussion: Trustee Powell asked Lake Management Chair to contact Clarke about next year's treatment and lake study to have information for next meeting. Wick: We have other needs for next year's budget; all we had was lake treatment for this year; what level of treatment? Asked for direction from Board; will reach out to metropolitan planning area; Channel Park land is eroding into the lake. Trustee Powell: Would like to work on budget with Wick; get survey quotes back for next meeting and maintenance cost for treatment. Trustee McLaughlin: Would like to spend money on remedies for long term rather than chemicals; channel ideas for a more permanent solution. Trustee England: Are there agencies we can contact about testing? Wick: We can only test what we own. Trustee McLaughlin: Will get information on a Lake County lake management conference to Wick.

Motion to table until the next meeting by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee McLaughlin  
Ayes: All in favor. Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, McLaughlin, England, Powell and Ziegler. Nays: none.  
Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**9. Discussion and direction with regard to Quality Based Selection of engineers for Lakeview Bridge Project**

Discussion: Village Engineer Steve Verseman of Baxter & Woodman will be at the August 27, 2020 meeting. We have considered rebuilding the Lakeview Bridge; it is showing signs of deterioration. Grant is available for 80% of engineering; we have to front the money and be reimbursed.

**10. Motion to authorize Mayor Amrich to accept the Baxter & Woodman proposal in an amount not to exceed \$3,700 for Waterford Way WTP Pre-chlorination Permit Assistance**

Discussion: Trustee England: Has not talked to Patrick. Trustee Carlsen: Have him come to next meeting to discuss

Motion to table item 10 until next meeting by Trustee England,  
Second by Trustee -McLaughlin  
All in favor. Motion carried.

**11. Mayor Comments** With regard to parking lot by post office, owner went out for bid to improve parking lot. Building Official Kraly asked property owner for a date.

**Trustee and Staff Comments** Trustee Cermak: Businesses are doing well. Trustee Powell: Good to see residents helping with parks; had a lot of help from Public Works with rototilling and mulching; encouraged people to visit Converse Park and Maple Ridge Park; considering next location for improvements; if you see trash, pick it up and if you see weeds, pull them; complimented Building Official Kraly on his work and mentioned positive feedback from residents. Trustee McLaughlin: Have we heard anything from Dollar General. Response: No. Have we sent out other waste hauling quotes?

Response: Were sent out; will be back in September. Trustee McLaughlin: Would like to see swings replaced and continue to improve parks. Chief saved us money. Trustee Carlsen: Thanked Mayor, Clerk and George Muligano for Donovan Carter event. Trustee Ziegler: Thanked Trustee Powell for parks care.

Survey Monkey: Trustee Powell and Clerk Cooper will work on survey questions. Building Official Kraly: Property cleanup and improvement going on during Pandemic time. Public Works Director Bartnick: Crew is working on trees with branches hanging in the street. Planning and Zoning Chair Zeinz: Next week will continue discussion of non-highway vehicles. Lake Management Chair Wick: Will coordinate with George Muligano on next Lake Management Meeting. George Muligano: Three ways to clock in electronically. Consensus by Trustees to use the electronic system.

**12. Public Comment** Resident thanked Mayor, Wick, and Board for making the lake a priority.

**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) and pending litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)  
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) and pending litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) after a 5-minute break by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Carlsen

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

Motion carried.

Return to Open Session at 10:54 p.m. 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, Technology and Innovation Director George Muligano

No action taken as a result of Executive Session.

**14. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee McLaughlin  
All were in favor. Motion carried at 11:01 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper