

**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE**  
**3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042\***  
**\*Audio/Video Zoom Meeting**  
**January 14, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**



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

1. **Call to Order** at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Amrich
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Chris Carlsen, Chuck Cermak, Richard McLaughlin, Dan Powell and Will Ziegler. Absent: Harold England. Trustee England joined the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Also present: Mayor Charles R. Amrich, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Attorney David McArdle, Treasurer Ed McGinty, Police Chief Dan Palmer, Public Works Director Brian Bartnick, Building Commissioner Russell Kraly (remotely) Technology and Innovation Director George Muligano, Planning and Zoning Chair Joe Zeinz (remotely).

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Amrich

4. **Presentation on 2021 Health Insurance, Colleen Roos**

Colleen Roos: Last year we changed carriers to Blue Cross, which was a savings. Renewal is Feb 1. Blue Cross wanted a 10% increase. We have an increase in dependents; she has 35 years of experience; her office negotiated down to a 4.5% overall increase. Health Reimbursement Account is part of plan. Our fully insured premium is lowered with the HRA. United Healthcare had a comparable plan but were coming in 7% over. Humana was higher. Recommendation is to renew Blue Cross plan.

Trustee McLaughlin asked Treasurer McGinty about his review of plan. Response: Yes, and plan is phenomenal with only the 4.5% increase. Complimented Colleen for the work she has done over the 10 years she has been working with us.

5. **Presentation on 706 E. Burnett Rd property, Attorney John Clery, Brad Bollington, Bonnie McFarlane (by Zoom)**

Attorney for Damian Retro, contact buyer for 19 acre site; contingent upon rezoning to ORI with a special use. 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. hours of operation.

Trustee Carlsen: Will you plan to put other buildings and have a repair shop? Response: Currently planning storage; may expand later. Trustee Cermak: Which portion of the property would you expand on? Mayor Amrich: How many trucks a day? Response: Right now we have 23 trucks; depends on market and how fast we will grow. Mayor Amrich: Will they be loaded or empty? Just redid Burnett Road and am concerned about damage from trucks. Response: Smaller trucks than Hummel; mostly not loaded; 2 or 3 times a month if a truck breaks down. Trustee McLaughlin: Your trucks or are you renting space? Response: It may be possible to rent space on 19 acres, but most would be for me. Attorney McArdle: Do you own the property right now? It's not attractive from the air. Will the property be cleaned up and only trucks stored outside? Response: Will not store materials or pieces of trucks outside. Trucks and excavation equipment. Trustee Cermak: Fuel tanks? Response: No. Trustee England: Any tax benefit? Response: Only real estate taxes. Attorney McArdle: No decision will be made here; petition to be filed with Planning and Zoning. Trustee Cermak: What would be the set back to where equipment would be? Is there a farm behind your property off Neville Rd.? Response: Golden Oaks. Response: Would be behind the existing house; for safety, nothing on the front; would have screening.

Mayor Amrich: Go forward with Zoning Board; our concerns are Burnett Rd. Trustee Carlsen: Do we currently have a commercial vehicle sticker? Response: No.

6. **Public Comment:** none

Mayor Amrich asked to move up Agenda 9 about the reopening of Creative Playtime.

## 7. Committee and Department Reports

- a. Public Works, Trustee England
- b. Lakes, Parks, Recreation, and Education, Trustee Ziegler
- c. Economic Development and Grants, Trustee Cermak
- d. Building and Zoning, Trustee Carlsen
- e. Police, Public Safety, and Ordinances, Trustee McLaughlin
- f. Finance and Administration, Trustee Powell

## 8. Consent Agenda

- a. **Approval of payment of bills totaling \$ 149,471.35**
- b. **Approval of minutes from the 12/10/2020 Village Board Meeting**
- c. **Approval of payment to Rooney Consultants in the amount of \$19,050.00 for engineering fees for 2020 MFT Road Work**
- d. **Ratification of the Intergovernmental Agreement COVID-19 Relief Fund with Lake County**
- e. **Ratification of the Enterprise lease agreement of 12/11/2020 for 3 additional police vehicles**
- f. **Motion to adopt Ordinance 1623-21, An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2020 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Waterworks Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2014 of the Village of Island Lake, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois in the amount of \$92,880.00**
- g. **Reappointment of part-time police officers: Richard Colasuono and Richard Aguilar**
- h. **Grant permission for the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) to conduct their 2021 cookies sales program in the Village of Island Lake from January 6 – March 21, 2021**

Discussion: Trustee McLaughlin: Is item “c” for the entire project? Response: Yes. Trustee Powell: Comes out of MFT fund? Yes. Mayor Amrich: Item “f” is a final payment.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Powell

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

Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 9. Discussion of and possible action on reopening of Creative Playtime

Trustee Ziegler: The board approved reopening Creative Playtime when District #118 opened.

Carmen Brush: District #118 will open January 25. We are currently running Zoom with 8 people; down from 18 we started with. Spoke to preschools that are currently open and they have not experienced problems. There are many opportunities for parents to enroll elsewhere. Would be one class on Tuesdays and Thursdays; masked and distanced at tables; no parents entering building or any closer than end of sidewalk. Children will be temperature and symptom checked; would have 1 unisex bathroom for 8; would open both bathrooms if we get 15. Staff would clean classrooms and common touch areas before and after children enter. Free play time would be masked. No snack time to avoid contamination. Asked about COVID-19 grant for cleaning. Cleaning person to empty garbage, mop and clean washrooms and hallways.

Asking permission to continue if District #118 closes down. Asking to forego cost of extra cleaning time with Village part-time cleaner.

Trustee McLaughlin: Has Creative Playtime ever paid for cleaning before? Response: No. Treasurer McGinty: I don't know what the State says about opening in a public building. If the State is in mitigation and we open in violation, we could lose our CURE funding. Trustee Carlsen: Have resources find out the answer. Carmen: Three of the preschools are churches. They would be sharing space with the office. Trustee Carlsen: If we are not violating any mitigations, we should open. Trustee Ziegler: The park district preschool is in a separate building. Trustee Carlsen: We need to have better air circulation that meets code requirements.

Trustee McLaughlin: Would not want to lose our program. Trustee Ziegler: Feels safe bringing just the children in; kids are masked. Trustee Carlsen: If we take air quality measures, we should be able to open. There are commercial quality steamers available. We have not looked into them; we should.

Trustee England thanked Carmen for keeping program alive; would like to keep it going. We should make the air quality and light purchases to make it safe. Carmen: Parents will understand if State would not allow it. Private ones are operating. Kids are good about keeping masks on. Would like to move forward. Would limit it to 12; same kids 2 days per week. Hoping to open for camps in the summer.

Motion to reopen on February 2, 2021 and to stay open as long as the Governor allows, subject to confirmation that the Village will not risk losing the CURE funding by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee England

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

Motion carried.

**10. Motion to select BLA Engineering as the engineering firm for the Lakeview Drive Bridge Replacement Project and to accept the 11/06/2020 Scope of Services and Cost Estimates**

Discussion: Trustee England: BLA was going to redesign the scope; we have not yet received it. We will have meeting with BLA when we receive it. Trustee Powell: They compiled a very large list of numbers. Let's be clear to him what we want. Trustee Carlsen: We need to make sure we are meeting the timelines. Trustee England will reach out

Motion to table until the 1/28/2021 meeting by Trustee England, Second by Trustee England

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

Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

**11. Discussion and approval of the 2021 Health Insurance Renewal Contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois**

Motion to approve the 2021 Health Insurance contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee England

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

Motion carried.

**12. Discussion of and possible action on the sale of the 124 Fairfield property, including a possible realtor listing agreement**

Discussion: Trustee Cermak: We had it on the market before; a Baird and Warner agent would like to list it. Attorney McArdle: Minimum would be \$27,200.

Motion to list the 124 Fairfield Road property with Baird and Warner by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Carlsen

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

Motion carried.

**13. Motion to grant the request of the Island Lake Lions Club for use of Eastway Park for a February 6, 2021 Ice Fishing Derby, contingent upon compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders**

Motion to grant the request of the Island Lake Lions Club for use of Eastway Park for a February 6, 2021 Ice Fishing Derby, contingent upon compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders by Trustee England, Second by Trustee Carlsen

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

Motion carried.

**14. Mayor Comments** included: Good news on Walnut Glen; will let Russell Kraly share it. Asked about status of Circle K (they put up nice buildings) and property donation. Attorney McArdle: Circle K moving forward and waiting for county approvals; no response from owner on property donation.

**15. Trustee and Staff Comments** included: Trustee Ziegler: Thanked those who worked holiday lights display; used donations to purchase the lights; hope to increase the amount of lights next year. Trustee McLaughlin: Who does the dispatch for Lake Zurich? Chief Palmer: We need to renew our agreement.

Trustee Carlsen: We should think about air quality. If there is grant money available, we should get it to help us meet code requirements. Trustee McGinty: There may be money available due to pandemic. Trustee Powell: Excited about 2021; looking forward to working with each department. Trustee Cermak: Visit local businesses. Shop Island Lake. Clerk Cooper: Vehicle sticker sales in progress; receiving calls RE: Prairieland. Director Bartnick: Going to do new flooring in an area of PD; if commercial flooring, it would be double the \$1,500 for noncommercial flooring—similar to what is in the chief's office. Chief Palmer: Officer in academy did not pass physical test; thanks for squads and for reappointment of officers.

Building Commissioner Kraly: Mark McLaughlin of M & I homes will purchase 50 to 60 lots in Walnut Glen; expects to start building in April; will review the 9 plans in advance; will discuss fees; 2-3 years for build out. Trustee McLaughlin: Wants to meet with Brian on work order; would like hours broken down to be able to estimate hours for various tasks for next year's budget. Director Bartnick: Provided examples from last Monday's work. Trustee Ziegler: Write down the hours and have them entered. Trustee Carlsen: We need to help people be successful; there is always resistance to new procedures. Trustee Powell: Are we more concerned with work order or time capturing? We can capture codes for key items; we can do it like the Water Department; would like a seasonal list of typical work; we need to capture information and data. Trustee Ziegler: Start somewhere; add detail as you go along. Treasurer McGinty: If we take the categories they work in, they can log time in categories. Trustee Powell will share Excel document from Water Department. Muligano: Time and Attendance system may be able to do this. Trustee Powell will meet with Brian and Trustee England.

Mayor Amrich thanked the Salvation Army bell ringers: raised approximately \$665. Trustee McLaughlin: Find out about reopening office.

**16. Public Comment** included: none

*Note: The Village Board will not return to open session after the Executive Session because there will be no action taken following the Executive Session.*

**17. 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 to adjourn the meeting immediately following Executive Session.**

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 to adjourn the meeting immediately following Executive Session. Ziegler, Second by Trustee England, Second by Trustee \*\*  
Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, England, McLaughlin, Powell and Ziegler. Nays: none.  
Motion carried.

**18. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper