

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042*
***Audio/Video Zoom Meeting**
January 28, 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 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Amrich
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Chris Carlsen (remote), Chuck Cermak, Trustee Harold England, Richard McLaughlin, Dan Powell and Will Ziegler (remote). Absent: none. 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 (remote) Technology and Innovation Director George Muligano, Planning and Zoning Chair Joe Zeinz (remote).
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Amrich
4. **Hughes Environmental Consulting presentation, Dan Hughes**
Rescheduled for 2/11/2021 agenda
5. **Public Comment** included: none

OLD BUSINESS

6. **Discussion: February 1, 2021 reopening the Village Office to the public**
Mayor Amrich: Office staff is ready to go; just window area open; business only.
7. **Motion to select BLA Engineering as the engineering firm for the Lakeview Drive Bridge Replacement Project and to accept the revised Scope of Services and Cost Estimates**
Discussion:
Director Bartnick: Is a box culvert planned? Jacob Thede: Based on discussions with the Village, we are proposing something more advanced; a bridge type structure, raised higher than existing bridge. Trustee Carlsen: Would like Board to drop the box culvert idea. Treasurer McGinty: We will go for a grant to cover costs; at least 80%. Thede: Village is already in line to get Rebuild Illinois funds (in effect until 2024); Island Lake has a little over \$1,000,000; will go after additional funds to cover engineering costs through IDOT; 80% is reimbursed by State. Trustee England: Do we have funds to cover our 20% of engineering? Thede: BLA would perform work on a monthly basis and bill on a monthly basis; Village would pay; BLA would submit to State for reimbursement.

Mayor Amrich: Is BLA qualified to inspect bridge? Thede: BLA could not do the inspection at this time. Scope of work from BLA does not include it; suggest Village continues with our engineering firm [Baxter & Woodman] for the March 2021. Trustee England: Will State need a more current bridge inspection for paperwork? Thede: March 2019 inspection is sufficient. Trustee McLaughlin: Is there anything else the board needs to do at this time? Thede: No.

Motion to select BLA Engineering as the engineering firm for the Lakeview Drive Bridge Replacement Project and to accept the revised Scope of Services and Cost Estimates by Trustee England, Second by Trustee Powell
Ayes: Trustees Carlsen, Cermak, England, McLaughlin, Powell and Ziegler. Nays: none.
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

8. **Motion for extend 2021 Vehicle Sticker deadline**
Discussion: Mayor Amrich suggested March 15 to give and extra month.

Motion to extend 2021 Vehicle Sticker deadline to March 15 by Trustee Powell,
Second by Trustee Carlsen

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

Motion carried.

9. **Mayor Comments** included: Some may have received letters from Congresswoman Lauren Underwood; talked to her office to put together a wish list for improvements to our water system; need well, well house and a tower; this was discussed some time ago; will submit the proposal to Representative Underwood's office for water infrastructure grant.

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

Trustee Carlsen: Thanked Trustee Cermak for looking into grants for local businesses; any help for businesses is appreciated. Trustee Cermak: RE: Grants for some of our businesses; Wauconda did them for bars and restaurants; we will look into qualifications for our businesses; franchise establishments are not eligible; will distribute to businesses that qualify. Shop Island Lake. Trustee England: Questions: Any news from Circle K or property donation? Attorney McArdle: None. Trustee McLaughlin: Rode along with Public Works snowplowing; applauds the department for the work they do. Trustee Powell: Tonight was a light meeting; we can save money up to \$1,200 per meeting if we cut down the number; it could be reallocated to parks or other projects. Treasurer McGinty: Budget Meeting next Thursday, February 4, 2021; RE: Local 150 contract; union agreed to extend for a year (through April 2021) due to COVID-19 restrictions; put contract addendum on 2/11/2021 agenda. Trustee McLaughlin: New contract negotiations are in progress for a new 3-year contract. Director Bartnick: Not much snow so far this year, but have used a lot of salt. RE: Water rates: We are at \$5.00 per thousand gallons; Elmhurst, for example, pays \$21.50. Trustee Powell: We need to improve our system; our current rates and structure have not supported improvements; need to research and evaluate it; we are probably 15 years behind. Water Superintendent Patrick Stewart is in a key position to evaluate needs. Trustee Carlsen: Sooner than later. Need to make a relevant increase; one to meet the demand for the future; need to repaint 2 towers and need complete system for northwestern part of town.

Chief Powell: Officer Sherman made a stolen car arrest. IT and Innovation Director Muligano: Need to get employees clocking in and clocking out. Trustee Powell: If we are ready to go, Mayor Amrich can send out the message to use the new system. Trustee McLaughlin: Train the department heads. Trustee Powell: Schedule a walk through for each department head. Trustee Carlsen: System needs to be implemented. Trustee England: Cover time clock so employees have to use scan system. Trustee Carlsen: Are we moving forward with work order system? Director Bartnick: We are working with them; have not input them in system. Building Official Kraly: Builder M & I of Chicago wants to purchase empty lots in Walnut Glen; has brought in plans for review and to assess costs.

Treasurer McGinty: Was given information at last meeting that a former employee was given extra money. Did the research and will share it; information was from 6 years ago; disappointed in the way it was handled and that integrity was questioned.

11. **Public Comment** included: none

12. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee McLaughlin

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

Motion carried at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper