

**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE**  
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042\*  
July 22, 2021, 7:00 p.m.



1. **Call to Order** at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Chuck Cermak, Dan Powell, Stacey Pyne and Will Ziegler. Absent: Trustees Chris Carlsen, Thadd Lewis. Also Present: Mayor Richard McLaughlin, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Attorney David McArdle, Treasurer Dennis Murray, Ed McGinty, Police Chief Dan Palmer, Code Enforcer Dan Celske, Technology and Innovation Director George Muligano, Planning and Zoning Chair Joe Zeinz, Parks and Lake Chair Eric Acevedo (remotely)
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor McLaughlin
4. **Public Comment** included: Bob Carpenter recounted successful projects during his public service tenure, including: acquisition of Big Island 1978; installation of seawall around the island in 1990 and controlled burn of house; cleanup of Big Island with donations of labor and resources in 1997; Hometown Award for Big Island Project in 2001. Clerk Cooper: Praised Ed McGinty's outstanding support of the staff and compassion to residents and expressed admiration and gratitude. Attorney McArdle: Praised Ed for being a point person who filled in where an administrator would have—"a person who played all the bases.
5. **Premier Realty presentation on 4035 Roberts Road Property, Brian Cowell**  
Mr. Cowell was not present.
6. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. **Ratify Agreement with Midwest Tents & Events for Lakefest stage rental in the amount of \$ 2,925**
  - b. **Authorize Mayor to sign Enterprise Agreement to sell two 2015 Ford Explorers**
  - c. **Authorize Mayor to sign Ed's Rental Agreement in the amount of \$431.25 for National Night Out games**
  - d. **Approve Lioness request for the use of Converse Park on September 11, 2021 for annual Chili/Bonfire/Band event from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.**

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

7. **Discussion and possible action on 8/21/2021 Brass from the Past concert reschedule**  
Discussion: Trustee Pyne: 8/21/2021: Sideouts has big name bands scheduled for same evening; have communicated with the band for an alternate date. Mayor McLaughlin: The band wanted 9/4/2021; we offered other dates and the possibility to be the first June 2022 concert; will have to use Veterans Park. Trustee Powell: Suggestion to have it later in the season. Trustee Cermak: Different age group and following for Sideouts bands; doesn't see any competition; doesn't see difficulty with sound and time. Mayor McLaughlin: We have until August 3<sup>rd</sup> to respond. (No action taken.)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

8. **Adopt Ordinance # 1631-21 An Ordinance Amending Title 9, Chapter 2, Zoning Districts and Official Zoning Map, of the Island Lake Village Code**

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 1631-21 An Ordinance Amending Title 9, Chapter 2, Zoning Districts and Official Zoning Map, of the Island Lake Village Code by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Powell

Questions: Trustee Pyne asked for quick synopsis. Chair Zeinz: For all practical purposes, nothing has changed; information is now in a table and easier to navigate; has been an ongoing effort for Planning and Zoning Commission, including when Trustee Powell was on the Commission; some new additions

and overlap of B-1 and B-2 usages.

Ayes: Trustees Cermak, Powell, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**9. Adopt Ordinance # 1632-21 Appropriation for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$10,549,995**

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 1632-21 Appropriation for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$10,549,995 by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Pyne

Ayes: Trustees Cermak, Powell, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**10. Authorize Mayor to sign Consent to Transfer of Refuse and Recycling Collection Contract between the Village of Island Lake and Prairieland Disposal, Inc. to GFL Illinois**

Discussion: Mayor McLaughlin: Prairieland Disposal sold the business to a Canadian company and want us to transfer the contract to the new company; will be keeping same trucks and same staff (allegedly); want to make sure residents don't think we are bringing in another company. The only thing that is different is the name change. Trustee Ziegler: We should put a communication out.

Motion to Authorize Mayor to sign Consent to Transfer of Refuse and Recycling Collection Contract between the Village of Island Lake and Prairieland Disposal, Inc. to GFL Illinois by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Cermak

Ayes: Trustees Cermak, Powell, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**11. Mayor Comments** included: Interesting couple months [as mayor]; we are headed in the right direction. While he and Ed "buted heads", he felt they treated each other with respect. Ed was here for years and did a great job; we're moving in a new direction; praised Ed for being professional throughout everything; thanked him. We're fixing ballfields with LYAA and volunteer help. Performance Paving will come out and role them flat.

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

Trustee Cermak: Thank Ed McGinty for everything he's done and praised the job he did. Dollar General is doing site prep already; should be here within a year; new pedicure business to open in a month; new counseling business opened; thanked Bob Carpenter for the job he did for the Village and wished him good luck. Trustee Powell: Praised Ed McGinty; was patient and shared knowledge and training. Trustee Pyne: Thanked Ed McGinty; expressed appreciation that he answer all questions. We did very well on the carnival; profit was over \$7,000; Parks and Lake Commission is working well; need to replace a member who resigned; working on Porten pond issue; looking into which ponds are managed by Clarke and which by Village; were concerns about enforcement of boat fees on the lake; will meet with the Chief. Parks and Lake Commission did a scorecard on 9 parks on what maintenance and safety needs should be addressed; will work on how these will get paid for and accomplished; using 2019 Watershed as an active document; reviewed Cotton Creek data and effect on the lake; recommendation to put house numbers on lake side of house; suggestion to clear dead logs and debris out of spillway while it's dry. May need to hire additional Creative Playtime teacher. [Mayor McLaughlin clarified that Clarke was finishing out contract on some ponds.] Trustee Ziegler: Praised Ed McGinty; mentioned Ed was one of first people he met when he came to the Village; was someone to look up to; praised professionalism and thanked him.

Treasurer Murray: Told Ed it would be "hard to follow in your footsteps" and thanked him.

Chief Palmer: Thanked Ed McGinty. Chair Zeinz: Will miss Ed McGinty. Director Muligano: Was a pleasure working with Bob Carpenter; pleasure working with Ed and has respect for him. Clerk Cooper: Thanked carnival volunteers; they're the reason we get 25% of ticket sales; Ed volunteered at most Village events; looks forward to doing the Salvation Army shift with him.

**13. Public Comment** included: Bob Carpenter asked what to do with badge from boat patrol days. Response: Keep it.

**14. Approve contract with Computer Help Key or with Excalibur for IT services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 annually**

Discussion: Trustee Ziegler: Reviewed comparison with Computer Help Key, ExcalTech and George

Muligano. Partner Tech was considered but did not respond to requests. Computer Help Key (\$35,760) is significantly less than Excalibur (\$52,272). Both companies are good and similar in services. Computer Help Key had a more comprehensive proposal with medium, high and low 5-year plan. Computer Help Key did not believe firewall needed replacement at this time; wireless access points should be fine until 2023. Our servers will need to be replaced. Computer Help Key provides dedicated person and a backup. Front office prefers this over call center concept of service. Response times similar for both companies; most of the time will get help right away. Recommendation: Computer Help Key. Personal connection is one reason; Jim and Linda Keith own the company. Annual to get us up to speed: \$48,000 from Computer Help Key; \$51,000 from ExcalTech. Year over year, \$25,000 per year approximately.

Mayor McLaughlin: \$48,000 up to speed is for first year; is \$25,200 per year on top of that? Response: Some cost is infrastructure; some is service. Trustee Powell: First year roughly \$80,000; going forward, \$60,000 per year for service and improvements. From where we are today, we will be "driving a really nice car [infrastructure] in 4 years." Trustee Ziegler: In one year we will have good improvements with server replacements. Trustee Pyne: They do not service anything where hardware isn't under warranty; what is left that is not under warranty that could cost a lot of money if they replace everything? Concerned about unexpected. Are servers the only thing we would need to worry about breaking down? Response: When we get new servers, everything will be up to snuff. There is a recommendation for some computer replacements; done on a yearly bases to spread out the cost. Mayor McLaughlin: If George would have been give this 6 years ago, this wouldn't be a problem. Trustee Ziegler: When I asked for information on what \$100,000 would be spent on for IT [during budget conversations], I did not get a response. Trustee Cermak asked Trustee Ziegler for recommendation. Trustee Ziegler reiterated: Computer Help Key.

Attorney McArdle asked that an effective date be part of the motion and asked to make it contingent on legal review. Clerk Cooper: Will it include effective date and amount and duration? Response: It is accepting proposal and authorizing mayor to sign agreement. Attorney McArdle: Can the agreement be terminated? If things don't go right, 60 days may be too long. Linda Keith: A provision in agreement identifies exit strategy. Trustee Powell: Computer Help Key is our vendor currently working with George for quite some time; they know our system.

Motion to accept the Computer Help Key Proposal and authorize Mayor McLaughlin to sign the Agreement with Computer Help Key for IT Services subject to legal review in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 annually  
by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Powell

Ayes: Trustees Cermak, Powell, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Question: Clerk Cooper: Effective date? Linda Keith of Computer Help Key: We can do a quick amendment as we need to for the effective date. August 1, 2021. Attorney McArdle: The mayor will reach an agreement on that date tonight. Linda Keith will have an updated agreement ready tomorrow (7/23/2021) morning.

**15. Motion to go into Executive Session the purpose of discussing employment, compensation and performance of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)**

Discussion:

Motion to go into Executive Session the purpose of discussing employment, compensation and performance of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Cermak  
Question: Trustee Powell: Questioned content of Executive Session. Attorney McArdle clarified that we would discuss items in the motion and would do the remaining agenda item in open session.

Ayes: Trustees Cermak, Powell, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Return to open session Roll Call: Trustees Chuck Cermak, Dan Powell, Stacey Pyne and Will Ziegler.  
Absent: Trustees Chris Carlsen, Thadd Lewis.

Agenda Item #14 followed Executive Session.

**16. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Cermak

Ayes: Trustees Cermak, Powell, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper