

**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE**  
**3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042**  
**November 11, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**



1. **Call to Order** at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Chuck Cermak, Thadd Lewis, Dan Powell, Stacey Pyne, and Will Ziegler. Also present: Mayor Richard McLaughlin, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Treasurer Dennis Murray, Police Chief Dan Palmer, Public Works Director Chris Carlsen, Planning and Zoning Chair Joe Zeinz, Wauconda Fire District Deputy Chief Patrick Kane

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

4. **Public Comment** included: Dates of meetings need to be corrected in the newsletter.

5. **Approve Mayor McLaughlin's appoint of Julie McManus to fill the vacancy for the unexpired 2019 – 2023 trustee term of Chris Carlsen**

Discussion: Mayor McLaughlin introduced Julie McManus who has lived in town for 3 years; was born and raised in Brookfield; is an experience chief financial officer in government and in the private sector—including the Villages of Fox Lake and Bensenville.

Motion to Approve Mayor McLaughlin's appoint of Julie McManus to fill the vacancy for the unexpired 2019 – 2023 trustee term of Chris Carlsen by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Lewis  
Ayes: Trustees Cermak, Lewis, Powell, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Trustee Julie McManus was sworn in by Clerk Cooper.

6. **Committee and Department Reports**

- a. Public Works, Trustee Powell
- b. Lakes, Parks, Recreation, and Education, Trustee Pyne  
Grant report was provided by Renee Schopp [check spelling]
- c. Economic Development and Grants, Trustee Cermak
- d. Building and Zoning
- e. Police, Public Safety, and Ordinances, Trustee Lewis
- f. Finance and Administration, Trustee Ziegler

Grant report was provided by Renee Schopp: With the McHenry County American Recovery funds. \$38,000,000 for villages but must stay in McHenry County; better chance if we partner up. For example: for a teen center can partner with other McHenry County agencies. Youth Work Force, McHenry County College and other agencies. November 15 at 3:00 and 6:00 meetings. Starting to take applications December 1, 2021; would like to get it in by January 15, 2022. Asked for priorities. Trustee Cermak: Handicapped accessible piers.

Mentioned fundraiser for Creative Playtime sponsored by Color Me Mine in Crystal Lake.

7. **Consent Agenda**

- a. **Approve payment of bills totaling \$ 295,814.45**
- b. **Approve minutes from the 10/14/2021 and 10/28/2021 Village Board Meetings**
- c. **Approve payment to Berger Excavating Contractors in the amount of \$125,696.64 for work completed to date on the 2021 Water System Improvements, subject to receipt of certified records and waivers**
- d. **Approve payment to Rooney Consultants for engineering services to date in the amount of \$11,115.00 on the 2021 Water System Improvements Project**

Discussion:

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as stated by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Pyne  
Trustee Powell: Noticed the Cintas bill went down. Attorney is working on it. Had questions about

whether the Water System Improvement expenses had already been paid. Response: Not yet  
Ayes: Trustees Cermak, Lewis, Powell, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none.  
Abstain: Trustee McManus. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 8. Discussion of Village Hall roof replacement

Trustee Carlsen: Patching is holding in the rain. Trustee Cermak: Get bids/proposals for architectural plans. Work wouldn't be done until spring.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 9. Approve Option 1a of the Exchange Server Options spreadsheet in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 in 2021 and an amount not to exceed a total of \$65,000 over the period of 2021 – 2025

Discussion: Trustee Ziegler: We made a change in IT management; third party vendor is saving costs; necessary to afford needed upgrades. Three options offered: 2 of them are onsite; third is in the Cloud. Option 1 includes all of software and \$26, 276. In year 40,866 in year one and between \$3,000-\$4,000 for \$54,153. Option 1a is \$56,988 over 5 years. Option 2: \$113,938 over 5 years.. Comparison shows that we don't have the money for the Cloud solution; recommends 1a. It's still on premises but licenses will be purchased online instead of software that doesn't include upgrades.

Mayor McLaughlin: This cost is added onto current service. Response: Yes. Hardware and software is our cost. We pay for managing and supporting network. This is outside of it and we knew that when we signed the contract with Computer Help Key. Trustee Powell: This is the next level of improvements; we are paying for maintenance and support. Will we have additional costs after this? Response: Yes. There are constant upgrades. Trustee Lewis: Will have to upgrade to keep in compliance. Trustee Ziegler: Servers are old and need to be replaced to protect data. Treasurer Murray: We are currently running Microsoft 2013 and soon it will no longer be supported.

Mayor McLaughlin: If we were to go into the Cloud, will we still have to purchase hardware?  
Response: Yes. Trustee Powell: Going with Plan 1a puts us in a good position in 5 years. Trustee Lewis: You pay for backup and redundancy in the Cloud. Trustee McManus: Are we committing just to the first year? The Cloud takes you further in safety and liability; computer is watched 24 hours a day. Are we limiting ourselves in the future if we choose 1a today? Response: No. Trustee Cermak: After initial year, we will pay approximately \$47,000 per year in subsequent years. Trustee Pyne: Did we just put a new server in? Response: Yes; this is the software to put on it. Rebuild Illinois may have money for cyber security. Trustee Powell: Should we review this and act on it later? Cyber security wasn't raised until now. Trustee Ziegler: We need it now.

Motion to approve Option 1a of the Exchange Server Options spreadsheet in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 in 2021 and an amount not to exceed a total of \$65,000 over the period of 2021 – 2025 by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Cermak

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

### 10. Approve Ordinance 1638-21 An Ordinance Amending Title 1, Chapter 16, Annual Fee Ordinance, Water Service Charges, of the Village of Island Lake Code

Discussion: Mayor McLaughlin

Motion to approve Ordinance 1638-21 An Ordinance Amending Title 1, Chapter 16, Annual Fee Ordinance, Water Service Charges, of the Village of Island Lake Code by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Lewis

Discussion: Trustee McManus: I will abstain because I don't understand financials, not because I'm opposed. Trustee Powell: Have been evaluating water rates; came up with the plan to increase a little bit to help maintain our water system with safe, clean water. It is up \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons. Mayor McLaughlin clarified that the increase applies to all users. Director Carlsen suggested a video to show residents the quality of our system. Trustee Powell: We maintain an excellent water system here.

Ayes: Trustees Cermak, Lewis, Powell, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none. Abstain: Trustee McManus.

Motion carried.

11. **Mayor Comments** included: Finished our promotional video for the Village and sent it out; Christmas tree lighting coming up [December 5]. Some paving will wait until spring; in discussions with Dollar General who wants to break ground in late December. Greg in Public Works is retiring; thanked him for all his hard work; thanked veterans; attended flag ceremony at Veterans Park. Spoke with Island Foods and they said they are not staying when property is sold. Spoke to interested purchase about what we would like to see there; priority is to get another food store; congratulated Wauconda Football on their great season; will be recognizing Island Lake notables.
12. **Trustee and Staff Comments** included:  
Trustee Cermak: Welcomed Julie; thanked veterans; thanked Public Works for keeping the streets clean. Trustee Lewis: Welcome Julie; thanked veterans; appreciated the video to encourage business; congratulated Matt in Public Works for recent certification. Trustee McManus: Thanked the Board for trusting her and thanked veterans. Trustee Powell: Welcomed Julie, thanked veterans, and thanked Greg Blondin; happy Thanksgiving. Trustee Pyne: Parks and Lake Commission will take on running of ballfield concession stand to raise money. Welcomed Julie; congratulated football team; mentioned the need for vision/re-envisioning and comprehensive plan. Trustee Ziegler: Welcomed Julie McManus to the Board; congratulated Wauconda Football.  
  
Chief Palmer: Hired new clerk with law enforcement experience; had a fire on Beech St. on Monday; Officer Lane will receive a life-saving award; generator is back in the queue and is being taking care of by Public Works; Lexipol will have 200 policies rolling out. Chair Zeinz: Meeting next week on a zoning variance and review of Comprehensive Plan; will take 3-4 months on plan; potential buyer for Deals on Wheels; a developer is looking at property at Darrell and Rte. 176. Clerk Cooper: Holiday Meals and gift program is underway; Salvation Army collection will be Christmas Eve; vehicles stickers on sale December 1; office opens on Saturdays from December 4 through mid-February for sticker sales.
13. **Public Comment** included: Asked Trustee Ziegler if PC units supported new additions. Response: Yes. Question: Did other Villages have sewer and water? Response: Some did and some didn't. Mayor McLaughlin: A letter will go out to all customers to explain the increase. Director Carlsen: Superintendent is looking into Lake Michigan water for the future; Wauconda is already on it.
14. **Motion to go into Executive Session the purpose of discussing employment, compensation and performance of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and to adjourn the meeting immediately following the Executive Session** by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Pyne  
Ayes: Trustees Cermak, Lewis, McManus, Powell, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried

#### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Ziegler

Ayes: Trustees Cermak, Lewis, McManus, Powell, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none.

Motion carried at 9:06 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper