

Village Board Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
May 12, 2022, 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, Julie McManus, Dan Powell and Will Ziegler (remotely). Absent: Trustee Stacey Pyne. Also present: Mayor Richard McLaughlin, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Attorney David McArdle, Treasurer Dennis Murray, Sgt. Gainer, Public Works Director Chris Carlsen, Building Official Ken Adkins, Planning and Zoning Chair Joe Zeinz, Fire Chief Patrick Kane
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor McLaughlin
4. **Swearing in of New Commission Members: William Koostra and Mark Conning, Planning and Zoning Commission; Michael Shrader and Martin Horn, Fire and Police Commission**
William Koostra, Mark Conning and Michael Shrader were sworn in. Martin Horn was not in attendance and will be sworn in later in the office.
5. **Presentation by Jeff Clow of Faith Acres**
Jeff and Jodie Clow; have been serving since 2006 helping people in need; Faith Acres Foundation: Sharing Center Food Bank and Party; partners with Northern Illinois Food Bank; have sites in Wauconda and Crystal Lake. In emergencies, provide food and clothing. Have been having an extended fundraiser on Fridays and Saturdays; hope to have more inside space for sales but currently don't have the funds; Raised \$12,000 last summer; asking to have outside "yard sales" and signage. Mayor McLaughlin stated he would have an answer next week
6. **Public Comment** included: Tim Brody: presented material on speed bumps/humps; was not in favor of them; recommended testing them on Burnett Road. Mayor McLaughlin stated that we would do what is safe for the community; the engineers will review and do a study. Fire Chief Kane asked to be included in a study; doesn't know of any other Village around that has them.
7. **Committee and Department Reports**
 - a. Public Works, Trustee Powell
 - b. Lakes, Parks, Recreation, and Education, Trustee Pyne
 - c. Economic Development and Grants, Trustee McManus
 - d. Building and Zoning, Trustee Cermak
 - e. Police, Public Safety, and Ordinances, Trustee Lewis
 - f. Finance and Administration, Trustee Ziegler
8. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve payment of bills totaling \$ 219,793.05**
 - b. **Approve Minutes of the 4/28/2022 Village Board Meeting**
 - c. **Approve Mission Statement**
 - d. **Approve contribution in the amount of \$500 to District 118 Future Business Leaders of America toward expenses for the National Competition in Chicago in June 2022**
 - e. **Approve Intergovernmental Agreement for the Collaborative Use of the Lake County Law Enforcement Records Management System between the Village of Island Lake and the County of Lake acting in concert with the Lake County Sheriff for an annual fee of \$2,100**

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

Question: Trustee Ziegler: Are we saving money with the IGA? Trustee Lewis: Yes, and it will help with man hours for FOIA requests; more people on street instead of doing admin tasks

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

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS

9. Approve Ordinance 1498-22 Amending Title 1, Chapter 16, Temporary Water Service Fees

Discussion: Director Carlsen: We had an outdated ordinance for contractor temporary water use; we set it slightly higher than surrounding areas; it will not affect our residents. It's a burden on our water system to sell to contractors.

Motion to approve ordinance 1498-22 Amending Title 1, Chapter 16, Temporary Water Service Fees by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee McManus

Trustee Powell: Reiterate that it is a temporary charge for contractors—not for residents. The Village is losing money at the current rates. It increase will not impact the residents; it will help them.

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

10. Discussion/direction on transfer of Village of Island Lake bank accounts

Mayor McLaughlin: Blackhawk bank is closing the Island Lake facility; Treasurer Murray is looking into option. Treasurer Murray: Blackhawk said they would move our accounts to the McHenry branch; we need a local bank. Trustee Lewis: Try to keep it local. Trustee Powell: Why don't we consider 5/3? Response: Will look into all.

11. Discussion of and possible motion to accept the proposed property gift from Sunil Puri, authorize the Mayor, Clerk and Village Attorney to sign the Gifting Agreement along with the attached Operating and Easement Agreement Exhibit and sign all necessary closing documents

Discussion: Mayor McLaughlin: We have been looking into this for a long time. It's the property behind Walgreens. We can make it a park; we can put Village buildings there. Former Trustee England and I went to Rockford to discuss it. Attorney McArdle: You've seen the agreement before; we cannot get \$50,000 within 90 days; will work on the [timeframe] wording; we will have to take care of the property; the stormwater retention will become our maintenance and Puri will take care of drains, etc.; we would take private drive; we should go review where the stakes from the survey are; the donor is willing and motivated. Director Carlsen: Drainage is set up well; we can take a brush hog and mow a 6 foot path; keep the path mowed at this time; no additional cost to residents; storm drains are there; 2-tier detention; good erosion control; inlets and outlets are clear.

Attorney McArdle asked if we should tie the money to the new fiscal year budget. Response: Yes. Trustee Lewis asked if long term maintenance would be an issue. Director Carlsen: No, just regular maintenance and upkeep. Mayor: We'll have further discussion on plans for the land. Trustee Cermak asked about the depth of the retention pond and if we are going to shore it up—with rocks similar to the one on Burnett Road? Director Carlsen: Good idea; will look into it; as we improve our equipment, we will be able to mow better. Attorney McArdle: Additional requirement to name the park after him and all marketing materials contain his name. Trustee Lewis asked if it is a municipal building, does it have to be named.

Motion to accept the proposed property gift from Sunil Puri, authorize the Mayor, Clerk and Village Attorney to sign the Gifting Agreement along with the attached Operating and Easement Agreement Exhibit and sign all necessary closing documents with edits that the attorney deems appropriate by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Lewis

yes: Trustees Cermak, Lewis, McManus, and Ziegler. Nays: Trustee Powell. Motion carried.

12. Appoint Mayor Pro Tem while Mayor McLaughlin is out of town from May 30 to June 3

Discussion: The mayor will be starting May 28.

Motion to appoint Trustee Dan Powell Mayor Pro Tem while Mayor McLaughlin is out of town from May 28 to June 3 by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee McManus

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

13. Mayor Comments included: Opened Victory Garden; Girl Scouts came out; ADA plot is completed; more raised beds to be added next year; Water Tower Park tower is scheduled to be painted; Building Department is working on getting residents to clean up yards; talked to Chief Palmer about getting rid

of abandoned cars; street lights on 176 and Beech St have been out; the Island Foods real estate signs pierced the lines. Tax bills are out; notice the small portion that the Village gets. Walnut Glen has a Homeowners Association now; management company will turn it over to the residents. Invited Governor Pritzker to come here; he may be available in a month.

14. Trustee and Staff Comments included:

Trustee Cermak: Thanked Building Department; report shows that residents are trying to improve property. Trustee Lewis: Thanked the residents who come out to meetings and educate us on our community; thanked new commissioners and encouraged more people to come forward. Trustee McManus: Want to add the cost of a new air conditioner. Trustee Powell: Thanked Director Carlsen and Dan Hughes for taking care of our water system; thanked Mayor for attending JAWA; thank Director Carlsen and Joe Zurawski for marking trouble spots on Burnett Road that must be addressed before paving; have been in water and plumbing, including drinking water for 20 years; people do not always understand all the standards for water; we have no violations and good water; our water is quality. Trustee Ziegler: Treasurer Murray just received notice that back benefits are due since the Local 150 contract was signed. Treasurer Murray: When we signed new Local 150, the fees became due (prior had expired in May 2020); got them to take off the interest charge. \$23,655 is owed. Consensus of the board to pay; we owe it. We are doing our best with tax dollars. Director Carlsen: Looking forward to completing road properties; ball fields; will be addressing the lake.

Official Adkins: We are writing citations for abandoned vehicles; have had 2 removed already; neighbors should not have to look at these; not a revenue generator; it costs us to enforce; working to get Save More Gas Station cleaned up. Chair Zeinz: Welcomed new commission members. Treasurer Murray: Finance Committee will have a public meeting on budget then will send it to the board. Clerk Cooper: 5/26/2022 Agenda Items: possible Berkots grocery store presentation, Creative Playtime Windows, Blue Line Professional Consultants LLC Agreement for screening of sworn police personnel; last FBLA Meals for All on Wednesday., May 18.

15. Public Comment included: Resident talked about issues on Woodland Circle properties; concerned about a tree ready to come down; trash is blowing around; noticed boats and cars parked on grass. Response: Code Enforcement is looking into it. Resident of Waters Edge: Is there a way to keep construction traffic from turning around in the neighborhoods? Thanked Building Official Adkins for looking out for the site and making sure the owners maintain the store. Official Adkins: Will talk to the construction crew about it. Resident: Concern about construction traffic in Walnut Glen. Walnut Glen HOA was not dissolved; they lost non-profit status. Director Carlsen: Started conversation about opening Gate B; it is not our property so Pulte has to do it.

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak Second by Trustee McManus
All in favor.

Motion carried at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper