

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
May 26, 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, Stacey Pyne and Will Ziegler. Absent: none. Also present: Mayor Richard McLaughlin, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Attorney David McArdle, Treasurer Dennis Murray, Police Chief Dan Palmer, Public Works Director Chris Carlsen, Planning and Zoning Chair Joe Zeinz, Building Official Ken Adkins; Fire Chief Patrick Kane
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor McLaughlin
4. **Public Comment** included: Mike Johnson: Question about FOIA Request on Towing Contract—why some documents were not included; concerned about enforcement of Bassler Drive parking ordinance and dismantled cars there.
5. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve minutes of the 5/12/2022 meeting**
 - b. **Approve Blue Line Professional Consultants LLC Vendor/Subcontractor Agreement for screening of sworn police personnel**
 - c. **Authorize Mayor to sign the Side Letter of Agreement between International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, and the Village of Island Lake**
 - d. **Approve draft of Water Tower Painting Bid Specifications for Water Tower Park water tower**
 - e. **Appoint Peter Pintozzi to fulfill the remainder Planning and Zoning Commission term vacated by Pete Worlatschek, expiring 4/30/2023**
 - f. **Approve Rosie and the Rivets band contract in the amount of \$1650 for July 15, 2022 Lakefest performance**
 - g. **Approve Lioness request for the use of Converse Park on October 1, 2022, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. for annual Chili/Bonfire/Band event**

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

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS

6. **Approve Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget in the approximate amount of \$ 8,825,304.00**
Discussion: Trustee McManus: Is concerned that it is not a balanced budget. Police Pension is not shown as an expense. Island Lake has had problems with finances and are building back; we need more reserves; we have \$274,000 reserve for emergencies and that is not enough; know that there is no quick fix but it is our fiduciary responsibility to start to build. Would like to add \$50,000 to reserves. Received actuarial study on Police Pension; we should give \$570,000 but we are not there yet.

Motion to approve Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget in an amount not to exceed \$ 8,825,304.00 by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Pyne

Questions: Attorney McArdle: Why is it approximate? Treasurer Murray: After the agenda came out, T-Mobile decided they want to cancel their contract early, reducing revenue. Trustee McManus: Asked that her comments not be taken as negative overall. Is concerned that it is not a balanced budget. Police Pension is not show as an expense. Island Lake has had problems with finances and are building back; we need more reserves; we have \$274,000 reserve for emergencies and that is not enough; know that there is no quick fix but it we be our fiduciary responsibility to start to build. Would like to add \$50,000 to reserves. Received actuarial study on Police Pension; we should give \$570,000 but we are not there yet. Motor Fuel Fund to pay off General Fund; it has a negative reserve currently

and can't pay back the amount budgeted.

Attorney McArdle: Those are good comments; reminded Board it is not a legal document; the appropriation ordinance is. Expressed opinion that no town in this county will catch up with pensions. Trustee Pyne: State will take over management of Police Pension June 1, 2022. We can't do much more with it; are robbing Peter to pay Paul; points are well taken; we are not in best case scenario. Trustee McManus: I would like us to see another \$200,000 cut out before we vote on it. Trustee Cermak: Agree with Attorney McArdle; we have to look at needs as they come in and we can cut at that time. We will not spend everything in it.

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

7. **Mayor Comments** included: Eastway Drive is completed and lined; enforcement for speeding and stop signs; Dollar General continues to progress; Antioch Pizza is looking into locating a restaurant here; 5 lights on 176 are now fixed by Public Works (wires sliced by real estate signs); honored Bill (Jewel manager) with a certificate for holiday meals contribution.
8. **Trustee and Staff Comments** included:
Trustee Cermak: Resident had water problem behind store; praised Public Works for work.
Trusted Lewis: Praised Public Works for handling water main break; praised Planning and Zoning for work on Comprehensive Plan. Trustee McManus: Thanked Public Works and praised Police Department. Trustee Powell: Praised Public Works for water main repair—especially Rick Beaudoin.
Trustee Pyne: \$909.18 for Hale Pond aerator; repair is accomplished and up and running; need to do something about HOAs that dissolve and turn over responsibility to the Village. Porten Pond aerator is up and running, too. Preschool is closed for the summer; have been working on Carp Fest; IDNR came out last week and they said the lake looks healthier for fish than in a long time; residents are complaining about stop sign at Juniper and Eastway—it's dangerous. Asked Chief to look into it. Chief Palmer: Has pointed out to Mayor McLaughlin that there are a number of stop signs with issues; have to follow State code; there is a rubric for the standard in the Uniform Traffic Code. It does not solve your liability; it can enhance it; we enforce what's here. Trustee Cermak: There was a Baxter & Woodman engineering study on the Juniper stop sign; it was about pedestrian crossing. Trustee Powell: Is it possible to put in a crosswalk and a yield to pedestrians sign. Chief Palmer: There are other options to solve the issues. Chief Palmer will look into solutions. Trustee Ziegler: Noticed police presence on Eastway Dr.; praised departments for working hard to do right by residents. Trustee Powell: Is speed limit issue a moving violation? Response: Yes.

Attorney McArdle: These are usually covered by Special Service Areas (SSA); trickier when you have HOAs.

Chief Palmer: Mentioned Nicasa Behavioral Center provides aid to our residents; police officers are getting fitted to watches that allow access to schools quickly; thanked board for approving Blue Line Agreement; will sent board a list of changes to State Law. Director Carlsen: Little Island Bay has a bubbler; thanked Chief Kane for providing lunch to Public Works. Treasurer Murray: Thanked Departments and Board for hard work on the budget; thanked Trustee McManus for her excellent comments; points are well taken and expressed commitment to get Village back into a good financial position. Official Adkins: Monitors Dollar General site daily; 3 new construction permit applications came in this week; busy time of the year.
9. **Public Comment** included: Resident: Commented on Juniper stop sign and people racing to make the yellow light. Resident: Mentioned nonprofit assistance for families with opioid issues; asked why only one stop sign blinks on Burnett. Response: Two hearing impaired children in neighborhood. Asked about roundabouts on Darrell. Response: Over a 3-year period. Darrell, Neville and Case. Expect 20,000 cars per day down Darrell Road.
10. **Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employment, compensation and performance of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and adjourn the meeting immediately following the closed session**
Discussion:

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 adjournment the meeting immediately following the closed session by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Powell
Ayes: Trustees Cermak, Lewis, McManus, Powell, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

11. Adjournment

Motion carried at 9:24 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper