

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
January 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m.



1. **Call to Order** at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk Cooper. Scout Savannah struck the gavel.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Trustees Chuck Cermak, Thadd Lewis, Julie McManus, Dan Powell, Stacey Pyne, Will Ziegler. Absent: none. Also present: Clerk Georgine Cooper, Treasurer Dennis Murray, Attorney David McArdle, Public Works Director Chris Carlsen, Code Enforcer Martin Horn, Planning and Zoning Chair Joe Zeinz, Fire Chief Patrick Kane

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Girl Scouts Daisy Troop # 1268

Motion to appoint Trustee Cermak Mayor Pro Temp by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee -
Ayes: Trustees Cermak, Lewis, McManus, Powell, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

4. **Public Comment** included: none

5. **Mayor's Address** rescheduled due to absence

6. **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

7. **Consent Agenda**

- a. **Approve payment of bills in an amount not to exceed \$214,000**
- b. **Approve Minutes of the 12/08/2022 and 12/20/2022 Village Board Meetings**
- c. **Ratify authorization for Mayor to sign Water Well Solutions proposal for recommended Well #9 repairs and installation in the total amount of \$262,627 (\$200,000 of which was approved at the 12/20/2022 Special Meeting)**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Ziegler
Questions: Trustee Powell: Asked if everyone understood the increase in cost. Response: Yes.
Ayes: Trustees Cermak, Lewis, McManus, Powell, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Action Items

8. **Authorize Mayor to sign Lake Fest band contracts**

- a. Bella Cain for headliner performance on Friday, July 7, 2023 in the amount of \$8,500
- b. Two Beer Tommy for opening performance on Saturday, July 8, 2023 in the amount of \$1,400
- c. Hi-Infidelity for headliner performance on Saturday, July 8, 2023 in the amount of \$4,500

Discussion: We have not yet received the contract from Bella Cain.

Motion to table action item #8 by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee McManus

Discussion: Director Carlsen pointed out funds were raised and that the bands needed to be locked in or we would lose them.

Motion Rescinded by Trustees Ziegler and McManus

Motion to approve Item 8 as stated pending attorney review of Bella Cain contract by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee McManus

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

9. Authorize Mayor to sign Engineering Proposal for Professional Engineering Services for Lake Michigan Water Allocation Application in the amount of \$75,000

Discussion: Attorney McArdle: Suggests pending attorney review of proposal

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign Engineering Proposal for Professional Engineering Services for Lake Michigan Water Allocation Application in the amount of not to exceed \$75,000 pending attorney review by Trustee McManus, Second by Trustee Powell

Questions: Trustee McManus: Is this a budgeted expense? We have not looked at water rates yet and we should review that going forward. There was not a rate increase last year. Trustee Ziegler: We do that during budgeting.

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

10. Police Chief Search: Update on process and progress

Trustee Lewis: Outlined process for search for new Chief of Police; consulting with Mayor, Chief and other municipalities. Will be advertising with police associations and accepting resumes and be reviewing resumes with Chief Palmer and Treasurer Murray to determine which will be interviewed. Will share synopsis of interviews with the Village Board. Hope to complete resume process by end of January, interviews in February and select new chief in March. Trustee McManus: What salary level are we offering? Treasurer Murray: We are analyzing what the market will bear. Chief Palmer: You need to pay more than what current sergeants are earning.

11. Mayor Comments absent

12. Trustee and Staff Comments

Trustee Cermak: Have concerns about one of the parks on Fern near Channel; will have a survey done. The cost will come out of the General Fund: Other Professional Services. Trustee Powell: Clarify: Some street lights are ComEd; some are ours. ComEd has not had the response time we would like to fix theirs. Trustee Pyne: New Events committee of volunteers; good collaboration with Parks and Lake on the cardboard sled event; keep working together. Trustee Ziegler: Not a lot of snow but Public Works did a good job on what we have had; praised Treasurer Murray.

Director Carlsen: Building Official is out of town; Walnut Glen and Prairie Woods new construction going well; Official Adkins has set up rigorous inspections on new builds. Well #9 should be online by next meeting; having a camera look at the aquifer. Extra cost on Well #9 was for the old steel pipe and should hold us until we can get on Lake Michigan water. Will meet with Mayor McLaughlin and Crown Family representatives on future of Island Lake and their land. Chief Palmer: 7 candidates for written testing; numbers down from prior years—a problem many municipalities have; cost of policing is going up everywhere; will affect future budgets. Chair Zeinz: Will be meeting next week and updating new Comprehensive Plan. Treasurer Murray: Quarterly tax reports are out; 1099s will come out after next payroll; budget work will start after that. Clerk Cooper: Should look ahead to getting plats of survey for a variety of small pieces of public land with an eye to getting it on the tax rolls; ComEd contact information is on our website. Chief Kane: Responded to question about where ambulances transport.

13. Executive Session personnel

None.

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Ziegler
All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper