

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
February 23, 2023, 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, Will Ziegler (remotely). Absent: none. Also present: Mayor Richard McLaughlin, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Treasurer Dennis Murray, Attorney David McArdle, Sgt. James Gainer, Planning and Zoning Chair Joe Zeinz
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Ed Venner
4. **Public Comment:** Resident mentioned speeding traffic around town.
5. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve Minutes of the 2/09/2023 Village Board Meeting**
 - b. **Approve Baxter & Woodman Engineering Proposal for Comprehensive Plan Map Updates in the amount of \$3,500**
 - c. **Adopt Resolution 684-23 A Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer to Waive the MFT Fund Payback to General Fund of the Village of Island Lake**
 - d. **Approve 2023 Field Use Agreement between the Village of Island Lake and Wauconda Area Youth Soccer Club**
 - e. **Approve Island Lake Lioness request for use of facilities for Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast**

Discussion: Pull 5c from consent agenda.

Motion to approve the Consent items a, b, d and e by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee McManus
Question: Attorney McArdle: Which maps and why the expense? Response: Maps for the Comprehensive Plan; converting old CAD files into GIS so they are compatible with data from the counties. Trustee Pyne: Does this include surveys of our small parcels of land? Response: These are Comprehensive Plans maps, not individual parcel plats. Trustee Cermak: RE: Item d: Did we get contract back [from WAYSC]? Response: No, but it will be approved if they want to use it.
Ayes: Trustees Cermak, Lewis, McManus, Powell, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Action Items

6. **Adopt Ordinance 1662-23 An Ordinance Granting a Zoning Variation for the Property at 111 W. Burnett Road, Island Lake, Illinois**

Motion to adopt Ordinance 1662-23 An Ordinance Granting a Zoning Variation for the Property at 111 W. Burnett Road, Island Lake, Illinois by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Cermak
Ayes: Trustees Cermak, Lewis, McManus, Powell, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

7. **Adopt Ordinance 1663-23 An Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Island Lake Village Code Relating to Outside Parking or Storage of Heavy Vehicles and Other Code Amendments**

Discussion: Attorney McArdle: This amends the chart for outdoor storage, making outdoor storage of any nature a special use. Trustee Powell asked how the ordinance would affect people who drove their work vehicles Intended for heavy trucks—not box trucks; don't want to prohibit work trucks. Trustee McManus: Correct the Ordinance number on the ordinance.

Attorney McArdle will provide information on plates/weights to the board by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Cermak

No vote: Attorney McArdle will bring it back to the board for 3/9/2023 Agenda.

8. **Authorize Mayor to sign McHenry County Crimes Against Children Taskforce Intergovernmental Agreement between the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office and McHenry County Law Enforcement Agencies**

Discussion: Some officers are paid by grants and smaller departments don't have funds to do this. It is to help investigation of those offenses through State's Attorney's Office; is cancellable at any time

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign McHenry County Crimes Against Children Taskforce Intergovernmental Agreement between the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office and McHenry County Law Enforcement Agencies by Trustee McManus, Second by Trustee Powell

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

9. Discussion and update on Camp Greenleaf Summer Camp and Before and After School Club Programs

Discussion: Mayor McLaughlin: Most places have a park district that handles programs like this spoke with our treasurer, our attorney and other mayors. The liability is too great; we need to protect the Village. We could ask residents to pass a referendum for a Park District if we want amenities and programs like this. Trustee Powell: Do Park Districts take out annual liability insurance? Response: Yes. They are separate entities. Most municipal insurance services do not cover recreational. Attorney McArdle: MCMRA [municipal insurance pool] covers police, streets and public works. Trustee Pyne: Last year we took out a separate insurance policy for Creative Playtime. We would have to do an additional insurance for camp; would cost approximately \$2,000. We have 40 families who use Before and After School Club who need the program to work; Camp provides the same service. Five counselors said they would be willing to work camp for the \$13 per hour. We needed to cancel in time for families to find other options. Trustee Lewis: If we raised fees to cover additional insurance, it would be an additional \$50 per child. That does not include additional fees for employees. If the families still wanted to participate it would be up to an additional \$100 per child. Would the families be able to cover the additional costs if fees were raised to cover? Mayor McLaughlin: Wauconda Park Districts has openings for summer camp, but not enough employees. Attorney McArdle: At that rate of pay, you need to make sure you have qualified people; the liability is great.

Mayor: We don't have a qualified person to run camp. Trustee Pyne: We run events ourselves with alcohol and there are risks with that. Trustee Lewis: We are taking on liability for anything that happens to a child; the employees are personally responsible as well. We should get a real quote for insurance for the recreational program. Trustee McManus: What is the difference between Camp and Club? Treasurer Murray: McMRMA covers municipal activities; will ask them about additional coverage. Trustee Powell: How do you pass requirements about—for example—drinking water? Need to quantify taking on responsibility for children. Trustee Pyne: We are working on DCFS application. We have reduced the number of field trip/offsite. Trustee McManus: Need to understand costs and risks including how Club and Camp are different from the other things we do with kids. Attorney McArdle: It's important to know what is covered and what is not covered. Trustee Lewis: If we don't have proper coverage, even the Camp employees are liable; for any programs going forward, insurance costs must be part of the fees. Trustee Pyne: Training is required. Trustee McManus: Can we help Wauconda with staff so they could accommodate our campers? Mayor McLaughlin: I will talk to them. Trustee Cermak: Are all the children in camp residents of Island Lake? Trustee Pyne: A few are from Holiday Hills and Mylith Park. Mayor McLaughlin: What liability does Cotton Creek School have? Is it possible to have an outside agency run club? Trustee Pyne: They would have to have their own DCFS clearance. We have not have anything happen so far. Trustee Powell: Would not want to run camp here. Water pipes need replacing; we need to pass DCFS. Trustee Pyne: We used bottled water in the past and the DCFS application is in process.

Treasurer Murray: It was a transitional year coming off the pandemic. \$2,800 Club Loss; \$6,000 loss for Camp—some because of bus repairs. Recreation prior was losing over \$40,000. The numbers would not offset liability at current prices. Mayor McLaughlin: We would need qualified adults who are paid appropriately to be in charge of children. We need to charge enough to cover the costs. I prefer not to put the Village in a liability situation for these dollars. Trustee Powell: We need to figure out insurance, clearances, checks and balances and liabilities; need to do due diligence.

Will have updates for the March 9, 2023.

10. Mayor Comments included: Has anything been done with Fern Drive property? Trustee Lewis: Some property is still in the defunct Island Lake Property Owners Association; we need to sort out paperwork; one easement is actually a dedicated roadway that we need to vacate. It involves other Village property as well. (1975 was the transaction; basement search needs to be done.) Trustee Cermak researched at

the assessor's office.) Resident comment: Asked about 20 feet. Trustee Lewis: There is a 15" strip that is dedicated as roadway but has never been used that way. Mayor McLaughlin: Thanked Public Works for work during the storm; will continue to pick up brush at the roadside. As of March 1, Village Hall will be closed from 12:30 – 1:30. Portsmouth, Debden, Wayside and Kelly are the streets that will be done for 2023 MFT.

11. Trustee and Staff Comments included: Trustee Cermak: Praised Public Works; Cotton Creek to Darrell Road, then Mutton Creek. Trustee Lewis: Praised Public Works; mentioned success of Cardboard Sled Race. McManus: Praised our Police Department; special shoutout to Officer Reese. Trustee Pyne: Will be at Parks and Lake meeting in March so will be absent from March 9 meeting. Spoke with Baxter & Woodman for topographical survey for Mutton Creek Project; no work will start until survey is back. Trustee Powell: Praised Public Works. Trustee Ziegler: Thanks to Public Works for the hard work on the streets. Chair Zeinz: Hope to wrap up Comprehensive Plan at the March meeting. Mayor McLaughlin: Will step up enforcement on vehicle stickers; will set up spot checks in various locations. Treasurer Murray: Director Carlsen has his budget in; waiting for other departments.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Lewis.
All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper