

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
March 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, Absent: Will Ziegler. Also present: Mayor Richard McLaughlin, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Treasurer Dennis Murray, Public Works Director Chris Carlsen, Sgt. James Gainer, Fire Chief Patrick Kane
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Boy Scout Troop 127
4. **Pacific Rim Foundation Presentation: Cultural Center**
Family is 50 years in Lake County. Would like to build a cultural center diagonal from [Thornton's] and on Slocum Lake; bought the property with vision of a center to house programing that focuses on the "circle of life" from Asian culture; facility would have programming for seniors including art and movement classes and children's programming including language, music and movement. Would be open to all. Would have educational/lecture opportunities that are usually offered in the city. Have preliminary architectural plans for a one-story building backing up to the lake with natural and garden space; development would have low traffic impact; indoor and outdoor activity spaces and dining space. Plan to partner with local non-for-profit groups.

Question: Will there be a kitchen? Response: Yes.

5. **Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Aggregate Collaborative (NIMEC) Presentation**, Adam Hoover
Mr. Hoover: Introduce the Aggregation Program two years ago. The Board expressed interest, but power rates were up. Currently, the rates 9.7 cents is what we pay at home. Possible rates with aggregation could be per 7.5 cents (all green) or 7.9 cents. ComEd rates will come out in April. If ComEd is lower, the Mayor will not sign. It is a 13-month deal starting in August, so that if ComEd rates dropped we could get out of the aggregate. Gurnee and Lake Zurich and other surround communities have it. Service still comes from ComEd. Do you want lowest rate or slightly higher green energy rate? Single private companies sometimes raise the rates during the program duration. Average resident savings would be approximately \$100 -- \$200.
6. **Public Comment** included: Ed Venner thanked the Village on behalf of the Lions for use of the lake for the Ice Fishing Derby; Lions were able to fund 5 kids to camp.
7. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve Minutes of the 3/09/2023 Village Board Meeting**
 - b. **Authorize Mayor to sign the Clarke Environmental Management, Inc. 2023 Mosquito Management Program service agreement in the amount of \$157 per treatment for Veteran or Converse Park and \$2,100 per treatment for community-wide**

Discussion:

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

Questions:

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

Action Items

8. **Authorize Mayor to sign 1664-23 An Ordinance Authorizing Renewal of Aggregation Program for Electrical Load with NIMEC for the lowest rate option subject to it being than the ComEd rate.**
Discussion:

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign 1664-23 An Ordinance Authorizing Renewal of Aggregation Program for Electrical Load with NIMEC by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Cermak

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

9. Authorize Mayor to sign Keystone Hatcheries Fish Stocking Agreement in the amount of \$3,200

Discussion:

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign the Keystone Hatcheries Fish Stocking Agreement in the amount of \$3,200 by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Pyne

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

10. Update on status of Summer Camp and Before and After School Club

Mayor McLaughlin: After conversations with our attorney and finance director, we are the only Village who has this a municipal program and comes with liability risks. We like to have programs for our kids, but we need to evaluate how it is best done. If residents want programs, consider a funded Park District.

Trustee Pyne: Opposed to eliminating summer camp; is late for families to find options; wouldn't server the public well. Trustee Cermak: How much would the fees go up to accommodate insurance; what would be minimum/maximum attendance? Response: \$20 per child; 20/40; without 40, there could be a loss; will have enrollment numbers by end next week [March 31]; would offer only full week attendance. Trustee Powell: Have we a cost analysis that includes income vs. all costs; need to be net \$0; have lost money in past years. Trustee Pyne: In 2022 were over budget due to bus repair costs; insurance coverage would be for both programs: from \$2,000 - \$4,000. Mayor McLaughlin: How will it be staffed; who will run it? We should fix the broken system before going forward. Response: Before and After School Club staff is willing to do it. We need 4 – 5 adults. Trustee McManus: If Trustee Pyne can pull it together and we can balance it financially, am in favor of trying it one more time. Treasurer Murray: We have lost money every year. Last year's loss: \$6,000—due to bus repairs and impact of pandemic. Prior years were over \$10,000. Part of prior losses came from frequent field trips—up to 4 per week. Trustee Lewis: Give the benefit of the doubt for 2023; would like a report at the end of 2023 camp and reevaluate offer for 2023. Mayor McLaughlin: Would an additional lawsuit cause our insurance to drop us? Treasurer Murray: It's possible.

Trustee Powell: Do it this year and see if it's a make or break; if we lose money again, don't continue. Additional insurance policy lessens risk; will scrutinize program to see if it works. Trustee Pyne: Bring activities in-house for safety and costs; will reach out to families to see if they would enroll. Board would like to see numbers and plan. Trustee Pyne: Club is not in question at this point.

11. Mayor Comments included: Events Calendar is out; Code Enforcement is out around town; have had an issue with dog waste at parks; looking for a fulltime records supervisor for Police Department; Comprehensive Plan draft is complete—thanks to Joe Zeinz and his team. Trustee Pyne received the State's 2023 Lake Guardian Award.

12. Trustee and Staff Comments included: Trustee Cermak: Property at Fern Drive was not properly transferred; are getting it properly recorded; praised Public Works for cleanup. Trustee Lewis: Have finalized list of candidates; will be conducting interview on Friday, Monday and Tuesday; records clerk should be LEADs and FOIA proficient. Trustee Pyne: Will call LRS to see if they will provide dog waste stations; grant for erosion control at Channel will switch to north side where there is more need; have volunteers for creating a geocaching program to help with park work; will be a take-a-break at Culver's this weekend to learn about geocaching. Treasurer Murray: Budget work continues; will have a working draft to Board next week in advance of a Finance Meeting; our auditor's firm has merged with another. Director Carlsen: Plenty of free mulch available; praised the work of Tammy Sizemore, Building Department admin; attended conference in Springfield to see training offered; sat in House gallery where Mayor McLaughlin was recognized and applauded for work with outreach with other mayors. Chief Kane: Asked for updates on Senior Lofts, gas station and dispensary. Response: Will break ground in a month; MCDOT is looking for entrance and egress for gas station; will be stringent about building codes for dispensary. Clerk Cooper: Newsletter at printer to be inserted in April Water Bills.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Pyne
All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper