

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
July 13, 2023, 7:00 p.m.



1. Call to Order

- 2. Roll Call** Present: Trustees Brittany Alers, Chuck Cermak, Dan Powell, Stacey Pyne, Will Ziegler.
Absent: Trustee Thadd Lewis. Also present: Mayor Richard McLaughlin, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Treasurer Dennis Murray, Public Works Director Chris Carlsen, Police Chief Jennifer Paulus, Building Official Ken Adkins, Fire Chief Patrick Kane

3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Joe Villarreal

4. Public Hearing: Village of Island Lake Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Appropriation Ordinance

Call to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin
Treasurer Dennis Murray

Village Board Questions and Comments explained that the Appropriation Ordinances is our legal document that sets legal—cannot exceed—limits for spending.

Public Comment: Jennifer Villarreal asked if budget summary will be available. Response: It is on the website.

Motion to close the Public Hearing by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Powell.

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

- 5. Public Comment** [after Agenda Item 7, Committee Reports] included: Jennifer Villarreal: Is anyone aware that the spillway plate has been lowered to within two inches of minimum level? First inquiry was in 2020 about plate level. Distributed to the board pictures of spillway. We appear to be losing water; appears to be below drought level. Who would touch it without Administration approval? Director Carlsen: No one has manipulated it; new locks were installed by Public Works; record drought; record lows are also affecting Bangs Lake; 3 beaver dams on creek that limits inflow; we are at summer waterflow. If we break beaver dams, it will interfere with the Channel work. The lake is ½ an inch from the original engineered level. Director Carlsen offered to go out to the dam with Ms. Villarreal.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. **Ratify consensus for payment of June 2023 bills in the amount of \$192,205.68 plus additional \$16,801.83 for a total of \$224,809.14**
- b. **Approve minutes of the 6/22/2023 meeting**
- c. **Approve renewal of annual Lexipol Service Agreement for Annual Law Enforcement Policy Manual and Daily Training Bulletins in the amount of \$8,334.57**
- d. **Approve payment to Water Well Solutions for Well No. 9 Repairs in the amount of \$164,967**
- e. **Adopt Ordinance 1668-23 Amending Title 6, Chapter 2 PART TIME POLICE DEPARTMENT, 6-2-1 CREATION; MEMBERSHIP of the Village of Island Lake Code**
- f. **Waive the competitive bid process and approve budgeted equipment purchase of a 2023 WaterGator Lake Weed Harvester with Sickle Cutter Attachment from Lake Weeders Digest, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$45,000**

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Powell

Question: Trustee Powell: Total bills number doesn't add up. \$192,205.68 + 16,801.83 = \$209,007.51. Motion amended by Trustee Ziegler and second amended to reflect the amount of \$209,007.51 for 6a

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

7. Committee and Department Reports

- a. Public Works, Trustee Powell
- b. Lakes, Parks, Recreation, and Education, Trustee Pyne
- c. Economic Development and Grants, Trustee Alers
- d. Building and Zoning, Trustee Cermak
- e. Police, Public Safety, and Ordinances, Trustee Lewis
- f. Finance and Administration, Trustee Ziegler

Action Items

8. Discussion and direction regarding extension of 3521 Eastway contract sale condition of water connection from December 31, 2023 until June 30, 2023

Discussion: Buyer paid connection fee on 7/13/2023 and will connect by the original date of 12/31/2023. Attorney will set closing for next week.

9. Adopt Ordinance 1667-23 Village of Island Lake 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Appropriation Ordinance in the amount of \$8,303,951

Motion to adopt Ordinance 1667-23 Village of Island Lake 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Appropriation Ordinance in the amount of \$8,303,951 by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Alers
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Powell, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

10. Approve the Robinson Engineering Proposal for On-Call GIS Services and Updates to Water GIS Data and other GIS Tasks As Needed in an amount not to exceed \$10,000

Motion to approve GIS Data and other GIS Tasks As Needed in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Pyne
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Powell, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

11. **Mayor Comments** included: Secretary of State Mobile Unit will be here on 7/18/2023; dispensary sign is up, furniture is delivered; will open in a few months. Fireworks are 7/15/2023; they will be on the lake unless a contingency plan is needed in the future. Roadwork will begin July 25 on Portsmouth and Debden, then Porten and Kelly. Newbury Village will be next year. Spoke to developer about Island Foods property; Island Lake hasn't grown and business attracts businesses. Businesses are reluctant to come in due to fees from Northern Moraine Water Reclamation District. Developer of the Senior Lofts took the second project out of town; has been meeting with state senators and representatives about it. Great Lake Fest this year. Public Works is nearly fully staffed; thank Public Works for Lake Fest work. Thank you to Betsy Murray for Lake Fest work—including fundraising.

12. Trustee and Staff Comments included:

Trustee Alers: Thanked Treasurer Murray and Public Works. Trustee Cermak: Thanked Treasurer Murray; Lake Fest a success; good turnout, good bands, good work by Mayor; next year bigger and better; we need more business. Trustee Powell: Thanked Treasurer Murray for comprehensible budget; praised Lake Fest; thanked volunteers, especially Lions Club and Public Works. Trustee Pyne: Thanked Treasurer Murray; enjoyed 4th of July parade and picnic and thanked residents and Tina and Larry Loos; Mutton Creek project is back on track. Trustee Ziegler: Thanked Treasurer Murray for putting together our budget; he has done well; good to see numbers improving and should set us up for the future.

Director Carlsen: Picnic was a success; especial thanks to Tina and Larry Loos; 1,000 hot dogs and 500 pounds of French fries served; WaterGator will do much that WeeDo did not; will reach bays down to 3" of water; Parks and Lake Commission is doing a great job; Robinson Engineering is research Janet Dr. water main. Chief Paulus: Excited about driving WaterGator; enjoyed Lake Fest with good crowd and no major incidents; change of personnel in department in records; will lose full-time officer to part-time; testing for new officers resulted in two of three passing tests; Fire and Police Commission is working on lateral transfer language but our salary structure needs to change to attract experience

officers. Treasurer Murray: Thanked for the praise and praised Board and department heads; a wonder team; State of Illinois will likely pay for WaterGator as a capital improvement; thanked everyone for Lake Fest.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Ziegler.
All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper