

**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE**  
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042  
June 8, 2023, 7:00 p.m.



1. **Call to Order** at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Brittany Alers, Chuck Cermak, Thadd Lewis, Dan Powell, Stacey Pyne and Will Ziegler. Absent: none. 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 Lisa Norland
4. **Public Comment:** none
5. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. **Approve minutes of the 5/25/2023 meeting**
  - b. **Approve Mayor's appointment of Commission Members**
    - i. Parks and Lake Commission: appoint Lisa Norland for 3-year term; reappoint Trevor Mock for 3-year term
    - ii. Planning and Zoning: reappoint Joe Zeinz for 5-year term [Mayor asked to table]
  - c. **Authorize Mayor to sign DEJÀ VU, Inc. contract in the amount of \$1,000 for 6/15/2023 Concert in the Park**

Discussion: Table 5b ii.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated [with 5b ii tabled] by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Lewis

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

6. **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**

7. **Approve 2023-2024 FY Budget in the amount of \$8,088,153**

Discussion: Treasurer Murray thanked all Department Heads who worked hard to put together the budget. Budget is for guidance; appropriation is the legal document

Motion to approve the 2023-2024 FY Budget in the amount of \$8,088,153 by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Powell

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

8. **Adopt Resolution 687-23 A Resolution Regarding Allocation of Video Gaming Revenue**

Discussion: Amount/%age needs to be filled in; the approved budget figures in 10%.

Motion to adopt Resolution 687-23 Regarding Allocation of Video Gaming Revenue allocating 10% by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Alers

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

9. **Ratify Mayor's signature on Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. in the amount of \$21,735 for the 2023 fireworks display (consensus at 5/25/2023 for approval)**

Motion to ratify Mayor's signature on Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. in the amount of \$21,735 for the 2023 fireworks display by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Cermak

Question: Trustee Pyne: Does the money come out of the General Fund if we don't raise the money? Can we continue to fundraise after the fireworks? Response: Yes and yes. Trustee Powell: How many years have we fallen short? Response: Last year. Treasurer Murray: In past years, all events were in one pool; it is separated it out now. The money generated out of all events should be positive and should cover the cost.

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

## Discussion Items

### 10. Water System Costs and Rates Analysis

Trustee Ziegler: We need to raise our water rates to keep up with costs and maintain our system. Trustee Powell did an analysis two years ago and there were \$10,000,000 in projects still undone. We need to make improvements before we get Lake Michigan water and we need to think ahead. We received ARPA funds for the water tower repainting project. Current rate is \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons; rates increased to \$8.50, it would result in about \$200,000 additional revenue. We should revisit each year. We need to think about the next 5 – 7 years. Trustee Pyne: We need to do something with all the water main breaks. Trustee Ziegler: Mayor McLaughlin: Still have some of the lowest rates around.

Trustee Powell: Would like to reevaluate all our needs over the next 5 years; then we can estimate where we need to be. I agree with \$8.50 but we need to show the evidence. Director Carlsen: Suggests making an informational video of our system and needs so that residents understand. Trustee Pyne mentioned the example of the complexity of the Janet Drive water main work. Trustee Powell: It is a \$2,000,000 expense for the water main and involves additional costs for cutting into the road. Director Carlsen: It can be approximately \$240,000 for the road cost.

Trustee Powell asked about loans or funding options. Treasurer Murray mentioned bonds as an option; typically, you can't repay debt with federal money; no such restriction on bonds that are not debt. Next steps: Complete full analysis with pricing and compare to Trustee Ziegler's analysis.

11. **Mayor Comments** included Déjà vu concert on June 15; drug drop off sponsored by Rep. McLaughlin's office on June 17; Lake Fest has a good line up; Fireworks on July 15 [rain date: July 16]; hearing good feedback on cleaning up of properties; excited about what's going well in the Village. Thanked volunteers for park volunteering. OSRAD grants no longer prohibit alcohol, per IDNR.

12. **Trustee and Staff Comments** included: Trustee Alers: Congratulated new Commission member. Trustee Cermak: Welcomed Lisa Norland. Trustee Lewis: Welcomed Lisa Norland; thanked Parks and Lake Commission for their work and Trustee Pyne for her work to get Camp Greenleaf going; praised the Memorial Day Commemoration; encouraged residents to be safe this summer. Trustee Powell: Congratulated new Commission member; praised our departments and mentioned the welcome police presence; asked Trustee Pyne share needs for parks work and suggested creating a spreadsheet. Trustee Pyne: Dorothy Beach was closed today; McHenry County posts signs—Lake County does not; focus on Channel Park, then playground grant—will need help with figures and details. Channel Park cleanup on 6/11/2023 at 9am. Trustee Ziegler: Excited about new business and Parks and Lake Commission work; thanked Public Works and Police Department; all departments looking great.

Director Carlsen: Thanked the Board for new John Deere mowers and chipper. Darrell will be closed for roundabout project; have concerns about truck traffic on Dowell. Treasurer Murray: Thank you for budget approval; will start on appropriations ordinance; looking forward to working on water finances. Official Adkins: Senior Lofts moving forward; will be going to Beech Street to prepare for ground breaking; Case and Darrell: preparation for roundabouts going on; excited about all the permits being issued. Chief Paulus: Trying to meet people and players; will work on National Night Out; will meet with Calvin Clay of EMA, RE: Lake Fest. Clerk Cooper: Newsletter insert for July water bill deadline moved up to accommodate insertion of annual water quality report information.

### 13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak Second by Trustee Ziegler  
All in favor. Motion carried at 7:54 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper