

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



1. **Call to Order** at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk Cooper
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Brittany Alers, Chuck Cermak, Thadd Lewis, Dan Powell, Stacey Pyne and Will Ziegler (remotely). Absent: none. Also present: Clerk Georgine Cooper, Police Chief Jennifer Paulus, Public Works Director Chris Carlsen, Treasurer Dennis Murray, Building Official Ken Adkins, Attorney David McArdle, Engineer Steve Zehner, Fire Chief Patrick Kane
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Sarah Serio Wiora

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

4. **Public Comment**

5. **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

6. **Consent Agenda**

- a. **Approve minutes of the 9/28/2023 meeting**
- b. **Approve payment for 2023 MFT Resurfacing Program to Peter Baker & Son in the amount of \$287,914.81**
- c. **Authorize payment to Black Lagoon Pond Management for replacement and installation of Volcano Power Unit including propeller in the amount of \$3,971.81**
- d. **Approve and accept Bartnick, Inc. estimate to excavate and replace broken fire hydrant and to backfill around the replacement hydrant in the amount of \$8,220**
- e. **Authorize Mayor to sign Memorandum of Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150 RE: Step Placement of Street Technician Dennis Adkins**
- f. **Authorize Mayor to sign Memorandum of Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150 RE: Step Placement of Street Technician Michael Paulus**

Discussion: Attorney McArdle asked to remove items e and f from Consent Agenda and to handle them separately.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda a – d as stated by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Pyne
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Lewis, Powell and Ziegler. Nays: Pyne. Motion carried.

Add to e. and f. “as he deems appropriate”.

Questions: Attorney McArdle: Asked for items e and f to be pulled because Mayor is not present and Mayor and Attorney did not and Attorney did not have chance to discuss it prior to the meeting; one agreement is in front of you and the other has not arrived; wanted to make sure it is clear; not sure whether Mayor wanted to pull them because the second agreement didn't arrive; don't feel comfortable tabling them without knowing his thinking. Recommend to authorize Mayor to sign as stated subject to executing them at his discretion—if the Board wants to approve them; he could then choose to bring them back to the Board. Trustee/Mayor Pro Temp Cermak: We only have the one agreement. Attorney

McArdle: You could make the assumption that they are the same format, but don't know that for a fact. Trustee Lewis: Clarified that it is similar to when we approve an agreement subject to attorney review. Trustee Powell asked if the employees were already working and clarified that it was a paperwork technicality that needed to be worked out. Recommended that trustees review the contract wage scale and put it on hold until they have full understanding.

Motion to approve authorize Mayor McLaughlin to sign the agreements of 6 e and f at his discretion by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Alers.

Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Lewis, Powell and Ziegler. Nays: Pyne. Motion carried.

Discussion Items: None

7. Mayor Comments absent

- 8. Trustee and Staff Comments** included: Trustee Alers: We have been working on Converse Park for years; wooden structures don't last; Fort McHenry was a partial rebuild; the park has to come down; we are looking into what we can do to keep some of original design, but it is out of our league. Trustee Cermak: The equipment needs to be what's best and safest for the Village; bring it to a meeting if you have questions. Encourages people with issues to come to meetings instead of complaining on social media. Trustee Lewis: Thanked residents for coming out; Lions Fall Fest this weekend.-Trustee Powell: Getting ready for cold weather. Trustee Pyne: We need to know where union scale is and where people fall on it; hope that the Mayor understands what he is signing; do not want to have issues with Local 150. We have the Village's interest in mind for Converse Park; playgrounds have a life of about 15-20 years; Parks and Lake Commission has been working on the park for almost 3 years; wooden structures are hard to keep in good condition; Fort McHenry cost \$214,000 for partial rebuild; our grant is \$205,000; the playground we chose for Converse is \$120,000; look at Parks and Lake Commission Minutes to see discussions. Trustee Ziegler: Thanked Treasurer Murray for his work.

Chief Paulus: Found old bicycles in shed; Mi Casa will rebuild them and give them to families in need; Officer Szkiluk has finished his training; new scheduling software is working; 24/7 training sessions are available for those who work other shifts. Director Carlsen: Converse Park issue is not new; people will be excited when the new park is in. Official Adkins: Code Enforcement is working to get our business area cleaned up; have a contractor who is willing to donate soil/fill for Converse.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Powell, Second by Trustee Alers.

All were in favor. Motion carried at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper