

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
November 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m.



1. **Call to Order** at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Brittany Alers, Thadd Lewis, Stacey Pyne. Absent: Trustees Chuck Cermak and Will Ziegler. Also present: Mayor Richard McLaughlin, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Attorney David McArdle, Treasurer Dennis Murray, Police Chief Jennifer Paulus, Director of Public Works Chris Carlsen, Fire Chief Patrick Kane.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Larry Loos
4. **Public Comment** included: Mike Bell of Aira Fitness presented an idea for a private gym fitness pod for placement in a public park; in Fox Lake they lease the spot: \$69 - \$97 monthly membership; 24/7 hours; ½ hour to an hour time slot—if no one is waiting, may stay longer; Mayor McLaughlin asked about privacy during work out. Response: Can do it. Attorney McArdle: Any other towns in the area? Response: Only Fox Lake at this time. Have lights and camera security. Have motion sensor camera system that watches inside. Is open all year round.
5. **Committee and Department Reports**
 - a. Public Works, Director Carlsen
 - b. Lakes, Parks, Recreation, and Education, Trustee Pyne
 - c. Economic Development and Grants, Trustee Alers
 - d. Building and Zoning, Director Carlsen
 - e. Police, Public Safety, and Ordinances, Trustee Lewis
 - f. Finance and Administration, Treasurer Murray

Action Items

6. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$ 166,582.99**
 - b. **Approve minutes of the 10/26/2023 meeting**
 - c. **Approve Mayor's appointment of Alissa Rzepecki to the Parks and Lake Commission**
 - d. **Approve Lions request for use of parks for 2024 events**
 - e. **Adopt Resolution 689-23 A Resolution Establishing Village of Island Lake 2024 Regular Meeting Dates for the Village Board and Commissions**
 - f. **Waive the competitive bid process and authorize Mayor to sign Jetco, LTD. proposal for upgrades and repairs to the water tower at 3720 Greenleaf Ave. in the amount of \$25,115**

Discussion: Director Carlsen: Westridge Water Tower has not had major service for a long time; expansion joint seized 2 years ago when the weld broke; expansion joint needs to be replaced and other maintenance needs to be done; access ladder must be replaced.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Pyne
Ayes: Trustee Alers, Lewis, Pyne and Mayor McLaughlin. Nays: none. Motion carried.

7. **Adopt Resolution 690-23 Granting Dowell Road Right of Way to Lake County Division of Transportation and Approve Temporary Construction Easement Agreement between Lake County Division of Transportation and the Village of Island Lake**

Discussion: Director Carlsen: Where Dowell meets Darrell; to do roundabout, they will need to remove a house and barn and reroute Dowell; they need the right of way and have a chunk of our property for a time and then will come back to us. Attorney McArdle: Where is the Dowell Road vacation? Director Carlsen: It's not available yet.

Motion to adopt Resolution 690-23 Granting Dowell Road Right of Way to Lake County Division of

Transportation and Approve Temporary Construction Easement Agreement between Lake County Division of Transportation and the Village of Island Lake by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Alers

Ayes: Trustee Alers, Lewis, Pyne and Mayor McLaughlin. Nays: none. Motion carried.

8. Adopt Ordinance #1673-23 An Ordinance Levying Taxes for All Corporate Purposes for the Village of Island Lake, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois for the 2023 Tax Levy in the amount of \$ 1,532,458

Discussion: Treasurer Murray: We are under the 5% cap; the cap applies to the actual levies from McHenry and Lake Counties.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #1673-23 An Ordinance Levying Taxes for All Corporate Purposes for the Village of Island Lake, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois for the 2023 Tax Levy in the amount of \$ 1,532,458 by Trustee Pyne, Second by Trustee Lewis

Ayes: Trustee Alers, Lewis, Pyne and Mayor McLaughlin. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Discussion Items: None

- 9. Public Comment** included: Resident complimented work on the parks; Chanel Park was surveyed; needs to be delineated so public knows where the boundaries of the park are. Lion Tina Loos thanked everyone for coming out to help with events; special thanks to Director Carlsen; asked Village to waive the food truck fee for planned food truck rally as it is an impediment to vendors.

Put waiver of food truck fee for rally on the 12/14/2023 Agenda.

- 10. Mayor Comments** included: Praises for Public Works team for recent water main break; received a letter from a resident praising; Public Works is working with ComEd on street lights; praised Ashley Piltz for Trunk-or-Treat that had a great turnout; Fire and Police Commission is working to get new officers; praise Trustee Pyne for grant work. Will be getting

11. Trustee and Staff Comments included:

Trustee Alers: Praised Trunk-or-Treat success, thanked Ashley Piltz; interested in private gym. Trustee Lewis: Praises for Trunk-or-Treat; congratulated Director Carlsen's son who signed a letter of intent to play Division 1 basketball. Trustee Pyne: Praised Trunk-or-Treat and Fall Fest; mentioned Craft Fair on Nov. 18 and 19; tree lighting on Dec. 2; visited dispensary to see the progress; submitted grant for Converse Park.

Chief Paulus: Looking forward to McHenry County Shop with a Cop; State guaranteed we would have new camera system in 6 months; will stay away from Rte. 176. Director Carlsen: Received quote from original builder: \$432,000; doesn't include labor; we can look at other systems with a Castle theme; Maple Ridge will be complete at end of next week. Treasurer Murray: Thanked Board for approving levy; reminded that the single meeting months may require consent from board for bills that need to be paid out of the cycle. Chief Kane: Keep your smoke detector batteries fresh. Clerk Cooper: Wished Mayor McLaughlin happy birthday; reminded people to be grateful.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Pyne, Second by Trustee Lewis.
All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper