

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
December 14, 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, Stacey Pyne, Will Ziegler (remotely). Absent: none. Also present: Mayor Richard McLaughlin, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Attorney David McArdle, Police Chief Jennifer Paulus, Treasurer Dennis Murray, Fire Chief Patrick Kane
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Tina Loos
4. **Committee and Department Reports**
 - a. Public Works, Director Carlsen [by Trustee Alers]
 - 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

5. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$ 212,524.09**
 - b. **Approve minutes of the 11/09/2023 Village Board Meeting**
 - c. **Adopt Ordinance 1674-23 *An Ordinance Amending Title 1, adding Chapter 18, Establishing Employees' Right to Paid Leave to the Village of Island Lake***
 - d. **Waive the Village fee for food trucks at the Lions Club Food Truck Rally on 9/07/2024 at Converse Park [Water Tower Park]**
 - e. **Approve McHenry County Law Enforcement Regional Training Center Membership in the amount of \$6,000**
 - f. **Adopt Ordinance No. 1675-23 *An Ordinance Amending Title 7, 7-7-3 PROHIBITED PARKING AREAS of the Village of Island Lake Code***
 - g. **Permission for SHER EDLING LLP to file paper work for Village to opt out of PFAS**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda a-g as stated by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Lewis
Question: Trustee Alers: What is PFAS? Attorney McArdle explained that it is a chemical that has entered some water systems. The federal government has imposed requirements and some municipalities had to drill new wells. Two companies are currently being sued. The federal government will regulate wastewater next; recommendation is to opt to be eligible for future money; current suit amount is minimal. Question: Trustee Cermak, on 1674-23; do hours accumulate on first day of employment? Treasurer Murray: 90 days after start. Trustee Cermak: The Board would have to agree to carryover. Treasurer Murray: Fulltime employees can roll over maximum 40 hours. Normally, a parttime employee would not accumulate 40 hours. Even if you have 80 hours accumulated, you can only roll over 40 hours. The State requires us to pay out what is accumulated if an employee leaves. Trustee Lewis: Do you accumulate it as you accumulate time? You are only allowing 1 additional week. Treasurer Murray: You are not liable for sick time payout. Trustee Pyne: The rationale was to allow parents to attend, for example, school scheduled meetings; the roll over allows them to do it. Trustee Lewis: Under our current policy, we have the 40 rollover hours.

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

6. **Adopt an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1596-19 (*Annexing the Island Lake Property, LLC property to the Village of Island Lake*) to Provide for Exhibit A.**
Discussion: Attorney McArdle: This is a proposed amendment to the annexation at Route 176 and

River Road in 2019; there was no map attached. This resolves that. Kelley's Market it working diligently to meet requirements and open.

Motion to adopt an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1596-19 (Annexing the Island Lake Property, LLC property to the Village of Island Lake) to Provide for Exhibit A by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Alers

Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Lewis, Pyne and Ziegler and Mayor McLaughlin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

7. Discussion on the status of Before and After School Club 2024-2025 and Camp Greenleaf 2024

Trustee Pyne: Wanted to consider this in plenty of time for parents to make other arrangements.
Treasurer Murray: Club is making money; Camp lost \$6,000—partly due to starting the process late. It's time to consider budget. Trustee Cermak: How many kids will be served? Is there enough staff?
Trustee Pyne: 40 is a good number. Staff ration has to be 1/10. We should be fine getting staff. We need to put a deadline for enrollment and cancel if it is not full; will need to increase cost. Mayor McLaughlin: Would give it another chance for one more year; begin planning. Trustee Lewis: As of March 2024, we will know if it's a go.

8. Public Comment included: Tina Loos: Food Truck rally will be at Water Tower Park, not Converse.

9. Mayor Comments included: Thanked Board and departments for good work Fire District; volunteers at Spaghetti with Santa and Tree Lighting; wished all happy holidays. Congresswomen Jan Schakowsky will come to Island Lake next week to learn more about Island Lake and our needs. Senior holiday dinner went well thanks to volunteers—special mention of Peter and Liz Nelson. Morton Arboretum grant may be available for trees. Senior Lofts going well. Road work went well; Newbury Village will be next year. Maple Ridge Park is complete; Trustee Pyne completed application for Converse; it will cost more than the grant so we will have to consider what we can get with the money we receive. Vehicle stickers eliminated [except for boats and golf carts/ROVs]; disc golf course in process; Boy Scouts will be building benches. Westridge water tower will be undergoing repairs; may be small decrease in pressure. Are looking for increasing parking for Veterans Park at the end of Hillside Drive; need it for larger events. Senator McConchie is trying to get legislation passed to require voting for Northern Moraine Water Reclamation District board. The owner of BP expects to close on the Savemore Gas property; wants to work with the Village to see what goes there next.

10. Trustee and Staff Comments included:

Trustee Alers: Spaghetti Dinner with Santa was a hit; the coordination with parade was a good; Village had a lot of great progress this year. Trustee Cermak: Thanked those who attend meetings and all who work to make it a better Village. Thanked department heads for their good work. Trustee Lewis: Enjoys the star on the water tower; enjoyed the tree lighting and spaghetti dinner; thanked Public Works for holiday decorations; wished a happy and safe holiday to all. Trustee Pyne: Had a lot of good successes this year; it's good to get to December and see what we've achieved; pleased with calendar of events out with the water bill; happy holidays. Trustee Ziegler: We've had a successful year; are up \$150,000 from last year and continue to improve; happy holidays.

Chief Paulus: Thank you for approving training center membership; had a lot of raccoons with distemper and are having animal control handle it; participated with Shop with a Cop with McHenry County. Treasurer Dennis Murray: Early to mid-January the auditors will be out; all but one Blackhawk Bank (now First Midwest Bank) account has been closed; Chief Kane: Keep us red—no fires for the holidays.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Lewis.
All were in favor. Motion carried at 7:48 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper