

Village Board Meeting Agenda
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042*
January 25, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
***Audio/Video Zoom Meeting**



1. **Call to Order** at 7:00 pm by Mayor McLaughlin
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Brittany Alers, Chuck Cermak, Thadd Lewis, Stacey Pyne and Will Ziegler (remotely). Absent: none. Also present: Mayor Richard McLaughlin, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Attorney Brandy S. Quance, Treasurer Dennis Murray, Public Works Director Chris Carlsen, Engineer Steve Zehner
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Colleen Roos
4. **2024 Medical Benefits Review with Difference Card Presentation, Colleen Roos**
February 1 is Police and Administrative insurance renewal. In 2022, we moved from Blue-Cross Blue Shield to United Health Care at a savings; we have dropped to 18 covered employees from 20 last year. After negotiations, got renewal 8.5. Consulted with Treasurer Murray. Value add: Bank card with \$500 for employees; UHC Rewards Program; can earn up to \$300 gift card.

Action Items

5. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve bills in the amount of \$236,390.06**
 - b. **Approve minutes of the 1/11/2024 Village Board Meeting**
 - c. **Approve 2024 Medical Benefits Renewal with Difference Card with an increase over 2023 of 8.51% (\$22,297.44)**
 - d. **Ratify the 2024 Independent Contractor Agreement with Hughes Environmental Consulting Agreement in the amount of \$3,000 per month**
 - e. **Adopt 1678-24, An Ordinance Amending Title 7, Chapter 13, Seizure and Impoundment of Motor Vehicles; and Title 1, Chapter 16, Schedule of Fees, Fines and Penalties of the Village of Island Lake Code**
 - f. **Approve Park Rules revision to add Victory Garden Rules**

Discussion: Remove 5f as general Park Rules cover Veterans Park

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items a – e by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Alers
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Lewis, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

6. **Waive the competitive bid process and authorize Mayor to sign contract proposal with Pyrotecnico in the amount of \$21,735 for the 2024 Village of Island Lake Fireworks Display on 7/13/2024 with a reschedule date of 7/14/2024**

Discussion: Mayor McLaughlin: We'd like to have families enjoy fireworks from home.

Motion to waive the competitive bid process and authorize Mayor to sign contract proposal with Pyrotecnico in the amount of \$21,735 for the 2024 Village of Island Lake Fireworks Display on 7/13/2024 with a reschedule date of 7/14/2024 by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Cermak

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

Discussion Items:

- 7. Title 1, Chapter 16: Annual Fee Ordinance Updates**
Each department should review their fees; it would be best to do it all at once, rather than a few at a time—unless some need immediate adjustment. Mayor McLaughlin asked Trustee Lewis to oversee.
- 8. Public Comment** included: Resident: Asked why Public Comment was at the end of the meeting and expressed concern that public wouldn't be heard about upcoming votes. Trustee Pyne pointed out that the later comment allowed people to hear items to comment on. Trustee Ziegler: Can add additional comment if community is expressing interest in ahead of time. Trustee Lewis: Problem with earlier ones is that we got into discussions which were not part of comment. Resident: Put it before the Consent Agenda.
- 9. Mayor Comments** included: Working on cleaning up and developing business; disc golf development; Senior Lofts is ahead of schedule; a number of parking lots and businesses are working on repairs; we no longer requiring vehicle stickers; are working on Camp Greenleaf; has been interest expressed in grocery store property; Congresswoman Schakowsky will be coming to meet with us.
- 10. Trustee and Staff Comments** included:
Trustee Alers: Praised Trustee Pyne and Parks and Lake Commission for a successful Sled Race; looks forward to Converse Park Development; praised the company we are working with; adding on as we could afford was always part of the plan. Mayor McLaughlin has been working hard to clean up businesses. Trustee Cermak: Residents are happy about discontinuing vehicle stickers. Trustee Lewis: Praised Cardboard Sled Race; thanked Parks and Lake Commission and Lions for contributions; thanked participants; thanked Graph-Pak for cardboard. Trustee Pyne: Invited Engineer Zehner to talk about Converse Park. Engineer Zehner showed a layout for the park and playground; he mentioned communications with various manufacturers; searches for grant money to make it happen. Trustee Pyne: The company who provided Maple Ridge playground has been most responsive; have learned about procurement process and grants; need to consider what we can afford; work must stay within the parameters of the grant. We have \$180,000 of grant for equipment; engineering is \$20,000. Cardboard Sled Race went well; thanked Lions warming tent; STEM workshop went well; thanked Ashely for help with the workshop; asked for feedback for improving next year's race; Advocate Good Shepherd donated 16 helmets; met with Chief Paulus about park rules to determine what is enforceable; would like to get new signs so that signage is consistent; Earth Day Expo planning is in progress; geocaching event in Greenleaf Woods is planned; seminar on HABs may be offered with Expo; camp planning is in progress. Trustee Ziegler: Appreciates the positive progress in the Village.

Director Carlsen: Grateful that the snow has stopped; praised Steve Zehner's engineering support. Clerk Cooper: Submit ordinance suggestions to Mayor McLaughlin in time to develop them for Board action.
- 11. Adjournment**
Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Pyne
All were in favor. Motion carried at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper