

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
June 27, 2024, 7:00 p.m.



1. **Call to Order** at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Brittany Alers, Chuck Cermak, Steve Deasey, Thadd Lewis, Stacey Pyne and Will Ziegler (remotely). Absent: none. Also present: Mayor Richard McLaughlin, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Attorney David McArdle, Engineer Steve Zehner, Treasurer Dennis Murray, Public Works Director Chris Carlsen, Police Chief Jennifer Paulus, Building Official Ken Adkins, Fire District Chief Patrick Kane
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Charlie Friedrich
4. **Eagle Scout Sensory Panels Project for Maple Ridge Park, Charlie Friedrich**
Charlie Friedrich: Will use his own materials for the sensory panels; will maintain it; is seeking donations from businesses; will work with Public Works but is willing to dig the supports. Will make it colorful for visual sense; bells and horns for auditory; turf grass for tactile. Will find materials that will weather well. Trustee Lewis praised the idea and asked about inspiration. Charlie: His scout master is an elementary principal; Mayor McLaughlin asked about timeframe. Response: Would like to start in approximately 2 weeks but it must be completed by November 1; hopes to complete by end summer. Trustee Pyne: Met with Director Carlsen; is concerned about vandalism; make sure park access is not obstructed. Trustee Deasey: Make sure not to have small, ingestible items. Trustee Alers praised the idea and asked about structure. Response: Plans to use plastic backboard for durability. Trustee Cermak: Will the items be attached to a fence panel. Response: No; it was just a visual.
5. **Public Comment:** Resident asked about grant for Janet Dr. Engineer Zehner: The Village has made the first step in a multi-step process; it is not a quick one. We have a preapproval; will need to bring an approval package forward with solid numbers. It is a low interest loan, but are applying for a forgiveness for part—which is essentially a grant. We are projecting to get in the next State fiscal year; we may be able to get money in March 2025. Grant money is to get out of the State easement. Resident asked about what can be done with Bassler Drive. Public Works and Engineer is assessing that and other streets that need immediate attention. Engineer Zehner: Enjoyed Lake Fest and commended Mayor, Police Department and staff for safe and efficient evacuation before the storm

Action Items

6. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$ 314,482.23**
 - b. **Approve minutes of the 6/13/2024 meeting**
 - c. **Adopt 696-24 A Resolution Appointing a Director and An Alternate Director for Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm)**
 - d. **Ratify Mayor signing of ILM Water Quality Testing Proposal for 3 monthly water quality tests from June through August, 2024 in the amount of \$9,000**
 - e. **Authorize issuance of a Fireworks Permit to Pyrotecnico for the July 13, 2024 (rain date of July 14, 2024) pending receipt of all required documents and Wauconda Fire District Review**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Deasey
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: Pyne. Motion carried.

7. **Award the contract for 2024 MFT Street Resurfacing Program to Geske and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$337,993.91**
Discussion: Director Carlsen: Had 7 bids; bidders pleased with our new engineer.

Motion to award the contract for 2024 MFT Street Resurfacing Program to Geske and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$337,993.91 by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Alers
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: Pyne. Motion carried.

Discussion Items: none

8. **Mayor Comments** included: Praised Police Department, Public Works, Emergency Management; Sunday had best attendance of a Sunday with the band; disc golf is in progress; meeting with Engineer Zehner on streets for 2025; we are working on business cleanups from west to east; want our corridor to look good; have new electric vehicle leased for building and administrative work
9. **Trustee and Staff Comments** included:
Trustee Alers: Ditto on comments of Mayor and Trustee Deasey; volunteers at events and felt this was the best Lake Fest; looking forward to parade and picnic on 4th of July. Trustee Cermak: Great job on events. Trustee Deasey: Would be great to see more volunteers; commended EMA and Police Department for handling of pre-storm evacuation; it was outstanding; looks forward to debrief how we can improve process. Trustee Lewis: Ditto comments for Police Department, Public Works and EMA and staff; looking forward to fireworks and picnic and parade. Trustee Pyne: Appreciated traffic handling to route traffic away from Rte. 176; grant is almost complete; thank you lunch for Public works by Lions and Parks and Lake. Trustee Ziegler: Budget Meeting next week; happy 4th. Treasurer Murray: Electric vehicle is on our Enterprise fleet system; the building department “Beast” that was declining; great savings—not many miles, no oil, no gas; good opportunity to save money and modernize; it is not the mayor’s vehicle—contrary to rumor. Director Carlsen: Is duckweed on the lake, algae is minimal. Official Adkins: Working down the 176 corridor; Citgo is getting quotes. Clerk Cooper: For the information of future volunteers, the Skinner ticket booth is air conditioned.
10. **Adjournment**
Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Pyne
All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper