

**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE**  
**3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042**  
**July 25, 2024, 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, Stacey Pyne and Will Ziegler. Absent: Trustee Steve Deasey. Also present: Clerk Georgine Cooper, Attorney David McArdle, Treasurer Dennis Murray, Public Works Director Chris Carlsen, Police Chief Jennifer Paulus, Building Official Ken Adkins

Motion to appoint Trustee Cermak Mayor Pro Tem by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Alers  
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Lewis, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: Pyne. Motion carried.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Joe Zeinz

4. **Presentation: Brian Niminski, Smooth Paving**

Smooth Paving has been in business for 16 years; currently in Mundelein; has outgrown the current location and seek for a larger space. Operation would resemble a Public Works type facility. Mayor McLaughlin had expressed to Mr. Niminski in a conversation that the Village would not want heavy vehicles on Burnett Road. Trustee Cermak: How much equipment do you have? Response: 28 trucks; similar to excavating contractor down the road. Director Carlsen: The property has some issues with storm water overlay; it will need to be corrected before any parking; you must park only vehicles owned by the property owner—no leased space; gravel footprint must be reduced. Response: We look to improve it. Official Adkins: Code violations will need to be corrected; look forward to seeing the property cleaned up.

5. **Public Comment** included: none

6. **Committee and Department Reports**

- a. Public Works, Trustee Alers

- b. Lakes, Parks, Recreation, and Education, Trustee Pyne

Lisa Wolford, Director of Business Development for Integrated Lake Management, provided information about lake status. We have great amounts of phosphorus; are doing water and sediment testing to provide data driven treatment; we're on year 2 of lake weed treatment in a 3 year round; the phosphorus absorption of weeds has fed duckweed. Duckweed is this year's issue; it's aesthetic, not a public health issue and a delicate dance to treat it while keeping a healthy fish environment and without harming good native plants Going forward will work closely with Director Carlsen; removal of biomass decreases phosphorous; we are 700% above State standard and have a systemic issue with phosphorous; best tactic is to catch phosphorous upstream. We applied for a \$50,000 T-Mobile Grant to gather data but it is not a complete fix; will get notice in August. Strategy 1 is to get upstream neighbors to cooperate with us. Requesting an invitation to apply for grants from Crown family. There is money out there. Number 1 issue is to keep Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB) from happening. Trustee Pyne: We have had no HABs to date for the first time in 4 years; thanked Director Carlsen who created a mechanism to capture duckweed and Lisa for work on the grant. Director Carlsen: We need to reroute storm sewers that are dumping nutrients into the lake. We need Dissolved Oxygen data for monitoring and guiding treatment.

- c. Economic Development and Grants, (Trustee Deasey was absent.)

- d. Building and Zoning, Trustee Cermak

- e. Police, Public Safety, and Ordinances, Trustee Lewis

- f. Finance and Administration, Trustee Ziegler

## Action Items

### 7. **Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Budget in the amount of \$8,914,235**

Motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Budget in the amount of \$8,914,235 by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Lewis

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

### 8. **Adopt Ordinance 1682-24 An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the Corporate Purposes of the Village of Island Lake, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of May, 2024 and Ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2025 Appropriations in the amount of \$16,342,945**

Motion to adopt Ordinance 1682-24 An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the Corporate Purposes of the Village of Island Lake, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of May, 2024 and Ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2025 Appropriations in the amount of \$16,342,945 by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Lewis

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

### 9. **Consent Agenda**

- a. **Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$473,689.36**
- b. **Approve minutes of the 6/27/2024 meeting**
- c. **Accept the Environmental Aquatic Management proposal in the amount of \$4,200 for 2024-2025 winterization services and spring installation of aerators and compressors**
- d. **Accept the TIGRIS Aquatic Services LLC proposal in the amount of \$7,017.70 for the purchase and installation and of 2hp fountain for Little Island Bay**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by Trustee Alers, Second by Trustee Lewis

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

## Discussion Items: none

### 10. **Mayor Comments** none:

### 11. **Trustee and Staff Comments** included:

Trustee Alers: Praise to Public Works for taking care of lands; Lisa Wolford presentation gave hope. Trustee Cermak: Get more questions about lake than any other; we're not the only ones having lake issues; praised Mayor McLaughlin for seeking business. Trustee Lewis: Thanked all who have been involved in addressing lake challenges; it's not a short-term solution; am grateful for the way issue is being tackled; refreshing to see the planning. Trustee Pyne: Hope is that Lisa's presentation helped people be better able to respond to questions about the lake; is astounding what we do with the resources we have budget-wise; thanked Treasurer Murray. Parks and Lake Commission did an appreciation lunch for Public Works in recognition of work on parks and lake; we don't have more staff—just doing more work. Trustee Ziegler: Great that we will put focus into the lake; thanked Trustee Pyne and those working on the grants; praised Chief Paulus' Lake Fest follow-up report; thanked Treasurer Murray for budget process and creation; good teamwork; thanked Public Works; mentioned progress on disc golf course.

Director Carlsen: Gave a status update on disc golf course. Chief Paulus: August 6 for National Night Out. Building Official Adkins: Busy week with blacktopping of parking lots and monitoring business property improvements; met with Westridge Shopping Center over improvements over a 3-year plan; Senior Lofts building is getting ready for occupancy. Treasurer Murray: Thanked Board for budget approval; reminded that the Appropriation is the legal spending limit but we will not spend that much; Local 150 negotiations are complete; contract should be ready for approval at

next Board meeting. Clerk Cooper: Mentioned on behalf of Mayor McLaughlin that October Fest planning is underway and volunteers are needed; awaiting final information from State of Illinois for April Consolidated Election.

**12. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Lewis  
All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper