

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
August 8, 2024, 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, Steve Deasey, Thadd Lewis, Stacey Pyne. Absent: Trustee Will Ziegler. Also present: Mayor Richard McLaughlin, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Attorney David McArdle, Treasurer Dennis Murray, Police Chief Jennifer Paulus, Building Official Ken Adkins, Fire District Chief Patrick Kane
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Wolfgang Neumeier

Island Lake Notables: State Champions in Bass Fishing: Robbie Henderson IHSA State Bass Tournament and 3rd in Nation and Logan Anderson State Bass Tournament Winner were honored. Mayor McLaughlin read a statement from State Representative Martin McLaughlin.

4. **Public Comment** included: Inquiry about work going on by BP; response: utility is repairing gas leak. Inquiry about potential new grocer; response: nothing to announce yet; new owners will release the information. Inquiry about brush and scrub trees encroaching on the road: response: will talk to Director Carlsen. Inquiry about duck weed and about solar farm; response: Mayor reached out to State Reps; residents can, too. Attorney McArdle: County has to approve it with restrictions set by State. Resident expressed thanks for pond cleanup.
5. **Presentation on Northern Moraine Water Reclamation District Research, Donald Saville**
Mr. Saville introduced himself as a resident who was here to discuss research he has been gathering since 2023. He stated that he has not found Northern Moraine Water Reclamation District (NMWRD) responsive to him. He stated that NMWRD operates in 2 counties and that the president of the District is appointed and has served for 28 years. He further stated that NMWRD has a number of Intergovernmental Agreements with surrounding communities and only one with the Village of Island Lake. He feels that the flat rate is unfair to customers who use less water than 10,000 gallons per month/30,000 gallons per quarter. He asked the Village to adopt a resolution for a service fee and asked Mayor McLaughlin to request from NMWRD the facts on establishment of the flat rate for sanitary sewer service. He encouraged the Mayor and Board to review the NMWRD 6/14/2023 Meeting Minutes. He feels that NMWRD did not accurately represent facts at a meeting that included discussion about the Senior Lofts connection to the district. He asked for the following:
 1. A fair NMWRD Board
 2. A fee for "trespass" on Village right of way and an easement agreement and IGA
 3. Fair and honest rate system

6. **Committee and Department Reports**
 - a. Public Works, Trustee Alers
 - b. Lakes, Parks, Recreation, and Education, Trustee Pyne
 - c. Economic Development and Grants, Trustee Deasey
 - d. Building and Zoning, Trustee Cermak
 - e. Police, Public Safety, and Ordinances, Trustee Lewis
 - f. Finance and Administration, Trustee Ziegler (absent)

Action Items

7. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve minutes of the 7/25/2024 meeting**
 - b. **Authorize Mayor to sign Phenix Performance Agreement in the amount of \$1,750 for their 9/27/2024 Oktober Fest performance**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Lewis
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis and Pyne. Nays: none. Motion carried.

8. Authorize Mayor to sign the 2024-2028 Contract with The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, Public Employees Division

Discussion: Treasurer Murray: Contract is on the desk of the president of the Union awaiting signature. It has been reviewed by the Union and Village attorneys and ratified by the Union membership.

Motion to table Action Item 8 by Trustee Alers, Second by Trustee Lewis

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

Discussion Items: none

9. Mayor Comments included: Thanked people in the audience for attending the meeting; thanked the Chief for National Night Out and Pequeña Mariposa for bringing the ice cream truck; mentioned that the Village will celebrate our 75th anniversary next year with an all-day 4th of July event with a concert that is in the planning stages; will do a 75th anniversary picture similar to the one for the 50th. Lions Club Corn Fest is August 18; remodeling is still in progress in the Village Hall; asked for help with a Habitat for Humanity project for a veteran in Island Lake. 5th Annual Oktoberfest is at the end of September—bigger and better than last year; have 50 dachshunds ready to race. Newbury Village roads will be repaved in September; planning for next year's roads is in progress.

10. Trustee and Staff Comments included:

Trustee Alers: Looking forward to the dachshund race; praised National Night Out; attended the Parks and Lake Commission Meeting and thanked residents who came out to stay informed; mentioned that Public Works is out on the lake regularly; encouraged people to attend an informational meeting on the lake; looking forward to Corn Fest. Trustee Cermak: Thanked everyone for coming out; thanked Building Official Adkins for doing a great job and thanked Code Enforcement for making sure people are taking care of their property. Trustee Deasey: Congratulated State Champions Robbie and Logan and looked forward to some fishing lessons from them; thanked people for coming out that progress takes time and things are going in the right direction; commended Director Carlsen and Public Works for their hard work; enjoyed volunteering at Lake Fest and looks forward to doing so at Corn Fest and Oktoberfest; encourages others to volunteer.

Trustee Lewis: Thanked people for coming to the meeting and encouraged them to contact officials, give feedback and ask questions; trying to do what's best for the Village; we are open to hearing from residents and look forward to more input; thanked the Police Department and all who put together National Night Out; encouraged people to attend Corn Fest. Trustee Pyne: National Night Out was fun and well done; wished more people had attended; thanked Clerk Cooper and Public Works admin Elvia Rustman for help with the DCEO grant; and recognized the GWorks program for was instrumental in gathering data; recognizes a lot of interest in the lake and reiterated that ILM Environment offered host a meeting dedicated to the lake (apart from a Village Board or Parks and Lake Commission meeting) for a presentation and question and answer; the last time the presentation was offered, no one attended; encouraged people to listen to the experts; call the Village to express interest and she will set it up.

Official Adkins: Properties on Eastway and on Briarhill are being rehabbed; Habitat for Humanity of McHenry is rehabbing a house for a resident at no charge; it's a \$40,000 - \$50,000 project; call the Building Department if you know of anyone who needs help from Habitat; they have a budget for it. Chief Paulus: Thanked National Night Out attendees; had hoped for more attendees but event went over well—2 kids won a ride in a police car; good deals on attractions; Sundowner donated DJ services for the 2nd year in a row; went live with cameras today; thanked Board for investing in the Police Department. Fire Chief Kane: The Wauconda Fire District supports National Night out; were

called away during the event; expressed regret at missing the karaoke portion; is an Island Lake resident as well. Clerk Cooper: Next Agenda items: Local 150 Contract; sale of property that Chief Paulus is putting together including information from each department; looking at review of purchasing policy and overall Personnel Policy for a future agenda. Trevor Mock of Lions Club: 65th Annual Corn Fest; new this year, a corn eating contest suggested by Chris Carlsen; a great way to get see family members and neighbors; 4,000 ears of corn will be served; would like to increase that corn count; this is the Lions main event; volunteers welcome.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Lewis
All were in favor. Motion carried at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper