

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
January 9, 2025, 7:00 p.m.



1. **Call to Order** at 7:01 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, Treasurer Dennis Murray, Police Chief Jennifer Paulus, Public Works Director Chris Carlsen, Fire Chief Patrick Kane
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Officer Ryan Dressner
4. **Proclamation Honoring Officer Ryan Dressner**
Chief Paulus read the Proclamation honoring Officer Dressner for saving a life. Acknowledged Snap Fitness customers who called. Took a 5 minute break. In attendance was Steven Meier, who was saved; and Javier Landero who stayed with Mr. Meier. Anthony Reyes, who also stayed with Mr. Meier, was not in attendance.
5. **Public Comment** included: Resident asked if we are getting a grocery store? Response: Yes. Resident: Asked whether Village will be adopting State of Illinois new building codes. Response: Yes.
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

Action Items

7. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve minutes of the 12/12/2024 meeting**
 - b. **Authorize Mayor to sign proposal selected by Public Works Director for installation of door openers for salt shed and storage shed in an amount not to exceed \$8,400, budgeted in Building Maintenance**

Motion to approve Item a and to table Item b of the Consent Agenda by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Lewis
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis, Pyne and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.
8. **Approve Ordinance # 1691-25 An Ordinance Amending Title 1, Chapter 6, Standing Committees, with the addition of Item f: Education under Finance and Administration Committee**

Discussion: Standing Committees are antiquated and needed updating. Trustee Pyne: Concerned that the Club and Camp doesn't appear to fall under any of these and that expertise is needed. Response: Finance and Administration oversees personnel; staff would be responsible. Schools have boards that oversee. Trustee Lewis: Adding a commission would put another layer between the Village Board and staff; lose agility.
9. Motion to adopt Ordinance # 1691-25 An Ordinance Amending Title 1, Chapter 6, Standing Committees with the addition of Item f: Education under Finance and Administration Committee by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Pyne

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

10. Approve Ordinance # 1692-25 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 Parks and Lake Commission

Discussion: Mayor McLaughlin: Want to split Parks and Lake. Fix typo \$50. Ordinance # is -25, not 24. Trustee Pyne: It's hard to staff commissions to do the work; it's hard when it was. Trustee Deasey: Had 7 before. If you split, you have 4 on each and the duties are split. Trustee Pyne: We need more to help with events. Director Carlsen: They can combine for that.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 1692-25 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 Parks and Lake Commission with the correction of compensation for commission members to be \$50 throughout by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Alers

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

Discussion Items: Parks Planning and Development Commission and Lake Planning and Development Commission membership: none additional

- 11. Mayor Comments** included: Met with grocers and will provide details when ink is signed. Will send out State of the Village Newsletter next week as the Winter Newsletter. Complimented Chief, Director Carlsen, Treasurer Murray and Trustees for good work on behalf of the Village. Acknowledged Chief Patrick Kane who will retire next week after 30 years of service. Chief Kane said the department will welcome a deputy chief from another department. Praised our Police Department.
- 12. Trustee and Staff Comments** included: Trustee Ziegler praised Officer Dressner who had responded at a prior time to a fire at his house. Trustee Deasey: Be careful and safe on the ice and on the streets in the winter season; enjoy the ice while it's there; support local businesses. Chief Kane's walkout will be next Friday at Station 1 in Wauconda. Trustee Alers: Thanked Chief Kane; keep off the roads when possible during snowfalls to allow Public Works to do their job; Happy New Year. Lewis: Thanked Chief Kane and wished Happy New Year. Trustee Pyne: Scout Rowan got his Eagle Scout; part of his project was putting benches in parks. Trustee Cermak: Good to see Police Department here tonight; will attend Walk Out for Chief Kane. Fire Chief Kane: Thanks to the Board for cooperation over the years, and a good 2025 to all who work for the Village for a good 2025.

Director Carlsen: Congratulated Chief Kane; told him, "Much of the department's success can be attributed to you"; water tower filter work will begin for Westridge Tower; may affect water pressure, water but water quality will not be affected. Public Works shed door was pulled as we are waiting for additional quotes; will leave the door out on the salt shed; door on storage shed was not completed and it needs a way to be opened safely; most towns don't have a door on salt shed. Trustee Deasey: Is it a safety issue not to have a door on the salt shed? Response: Most towns don't have doors on salt sheds. Chief Paulus: Acknowledged Officer Dressner again. Treasurer Murray: SIC report is 3/4s of the year; the numbers have grown; general merchandise has grown on the McHenry County side; some business has had an uptick. Walgreens and liquor stores are part; liquor stores are split between Counties; big spike in furniture sales and building—believe it is from Senior Lofts who used Island Lake as the selling point. Clerk Cooper: Praised Officer Dressner and stated that our police officers do not just treat their work as a job, but as a compassionate mission; acknowledged the many quiet ways people in our community work to make it a good place to live.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Alers
All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper