

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
December 12, 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, Director of Public Works Chris Carlsen, Police Chief Jennifer Paulus, Building Official Ken Adkins
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Dan Bolton
4. **Public Hearing: Amendment to 1650-22 Executing Annexation Agreement of 4035 Roberts Road**
Public Hearing called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin

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

Attorney Jonathan Kaman on behalf of Jack Doheny LLC. Property annexed in August 20--; use is allowable except for outside storage special use; clarified that use is ancillary to the business. Attorney McArdle: Exhibit A shows location of storage that is acceptable to staff; intent is to limit the storage this type of business; if any other type of business wanted special use, they would have to come back to board. Official Adkins: Will be 8' fence with baffles; no imposed landscaping.

Public statements: none

Motion to close hearing by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Pyne

Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis and Pyne. Nays: none. Hearing closed at 7:06 p.m.

5. **Public Comment** included: none
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, Treasurer Murray in Trustee Ziegler's absence

Action Items

7. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approval payment of bills in the amount of \$215,715.08**
 - b. **Approve minutes of the 11/14/2024 meeting**
 - c. **Approve final payment to Geske and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$15,724.07 for 2024 MFT Resurfacing Program work**
 - d. **Adopt Resolution 697-24 A Resolution Establishing Village of Island Lake 2025 Regular Meeting Dates for the Village Board and Commissions**
 - e. **Approve Parks and Lake Commission request to restrict sledding hill access to Sled Race participants during the sled race on January 25, 2025 or on alternate date of February 15, 2025**
 - f. **Approve Mayor's appointment of Richard "Duke" Hazdra to the Planning and Zoning Commission**

Discussion: No Parks and Lake Commission meeting dates are included in Resolution: will add as an addendum once the new alignment is passed.

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

8. **Approve Ordinance 1688-24 An Ordinance Levying Taxes for all Corporate Purposes for the Village of Island Lake, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois for the 2024 Tax Year in the amount of \$1,628,103**

Discussion:

Motion to approve Ordinance 1688-24 An Ordinance Levying Taxes for all Corporate Purposes for the Village of Island Lake, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois for the 2024 Tax Year in the amount of \$1,628,103 by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Deasey
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis and Pyne. Nays: none. Motion carried.

9. **Adopt Ordinance 1689-24 An Ordinance Amending 1650-22 An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement for 4035 Roberts Road**

Discussion: Motion subject to attorney review

Motion to adopt Ordinance 1689-24 An Ordinance Amending 1650-22 An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement for 4035 Roberts Road subject to attorney review by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Deasey
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis, Pyne and Mayor McLaughlin. Nays: none. Motion carried.

10. **Adopt Ordinance 1690-24 An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow the Use of a Used Car Sales Lot for J&N MC LLC, d/b/a Premier Auto Group for the Property Located at 4001 Roberts Road, Island Lake, Illinois**

Discussion: Attorney McArdle: Asked petitioner if he had a chance to read proposed ordinance: John Kaiteris: will not use ST1; will use State of Illinois Department of Revenue Form ST556 (Sales Transition Form), as he won't sell ancillary products. Attorney McArdle reviewed terms. Trustee Lewis confirmed that the form would be acceptable to Treasurer Murray. Response: Yes. Trustee Pyne expressed concerns about entrance and egress out of that corner. Response: Would prefer right turn for test drive. Trustee Cermak: Just at certain times of day for traffic.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 1690-24 An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow the Use of a Used Car Sales Lot for J&N MC LLC, d/b/a Premier Auto Group for the Property Located at 4001 Roberts Road, Island Lake, Illinois by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Deasey
Comments: Subject to update by Attorney McArdle
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis and Pyne. Nays: none. Motion carried

11. **Approve Robinson Engineering Task Order 24-R0410 for Preliminary Engineering Services to Develop Concept Level Plans for a Crosswalk at Route 176 and Westridge Drive and Initial Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant Submittal Efforts in an amount not to exceed \$35,000**

Discussion: Engineer Zehner: In order to put in a crosswalk, we must connect walking and bike paths. It's concept at this point—a 5 year program. If it's approved tonight, it will make the project eligible for 2029 funds. Mayor McLaughlin: What is the percentage? Response: 80/20; some of engineering will not be eligible. We will get the maximum funding we can. If we are # 1 in selection, we would meet more of their requirements. \$20,000 to \$100,000 project. Trustee Lewis: This is just to start the process to meet the scoring for eligibility. Preliminary engineering is not incorporated into 80/20. Trustee Cermak: Is the plan required to move forward? How long would engineering take. Response: Yes, must pass by 12/20/2024. Engineering would not be more than an hour in this physical year. Trustee Alers: This will be a beneficial project for the Village. Trustee Pyne: Agreed; thanked Engineer Robinson for explaining the numbers at the last meeting. Trustee Lewis: We need connection routes; makes parks more accessible.

Motion to approve Robinson Engineering Task Order 24-R0410 for Preliminary Engineering Services to Develop Concept Level Plans for a Crosswalk at Route 176 and Westridge Drive and Initial Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant Submittal Efforts in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 by Trustee Alers, Second by Trustee Lewis.

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

Discussion Items: none

12. **Mayor Comments** included: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year; successful tree lighting and Lions/Lioness spaghetti dinner. Thanks to Public Works for helping with the completion of Converse Park. We are going to try Summer Camp in 2025; Amy is doing a good job planning. Thanks to people who adopted a tree for holiday lighting; Craft Fair went well; 60 Thanksgiving meals distributed to schools and families in need. Will do a State of the Village at the beginning of the year; will be in the upcoming water bill. Maple Ridge Park is done; Vista Park is next. RE: Senior holiday lunch: Ken from the Island Lake Seniors said: "Fantastic."

Trustee and Staff Comments included: Trustee Deasey: Happy Holidays; enjoy them with your family. It's encouraging to see the community come out for activities; excited about potential for future businesses, but is concerned about potential for other businesses that may require building a facility and will look at the town as a whole; they will look around town and social media to see the climate of the town. If they hear negative things all the time, they will not want to come here and will be uneasy about investing in our town; asks people when they are on social media or in stores, be positive and supportive; think about what you say and how it reflects on us. It's great to see homes that are decorating for Christmas; that also reflects on the town. Trustee Alers: Agrees with Trustee Deasey about positivity; glad to see decorations; thanked Public Works for Converse lights work; encouraging people to get out and use Converse Park; appreciates the visibility. Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas. Trustee Cermak: Agree with Trustee Deasey; shop local; have seen holiday displays all over the Village; encouraged everyone to do it; happy holidays. Trustee Lewis: Thank you to everyone who came out for star lighting and tree lighting and thank you Public Works; happy and safe holidays to all seasonal celebratory traditions. Trustee Pyne: Glad to see cameras are up; tree lighting was nice; like the flood lights; want it on record that Camp will run; enjoy the holidays.

Director Carlsen: Exciting news on water loss on our path to Lake Michigan water; we have reduced it from 30% loss down to 17% due to meter replacement and improving the system; we need to be down to 10% for Lake Michigan water; are improving and repairing street lights; 80% of the lights in town are repaired by ComEd; Village should not touch them; will get quotes for Lake treatment; compliments to Public Works Department who are working hard and appreciate their jobs. Chief Paulus: Was recently elected president of the Path program that is doing a lot of positive things with youth; Adopt a Cop program: Received a success story from Officer Dressner's class; one teacher said student wouldn't come to class when officer was there; during Officer Dressner visit, the student was the most active and inquisitive. Treasurer Murray: Budget templates will be distributed; time to work on new fiscal year. Official Adkins: Things are moving rapidly; Merry Christmas and good New Year.

Attorney McArdle: Does Kelley's Market plan to do any grading? Official Adkins: Not at this time. Clerk Cooper: Wished peaceful and joyous holiday to all and reminded that "peace begins with me"—take it forward; was touched by the holiday lights display at Water Tower Park donated by a veteran and his family to honor our troops who will not be home for Christmas and those who never made it home. Items for the January 9, 2025 agenda will include ordinance dividing the Parks and Lake Commission and realigning the standing board committees; addendum to Resolution 697-24.

13. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Alers
All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper