

**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE**  
**3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042**  
**February 27, 2025, 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 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, Building Official Ken Adkins, Engineer Steve Zehner
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by John Picchiotti
4. **Public Comment** included: John Picchiotti, Staffer for State Senator Wilcox mentioned fiscal forecast for the state and impact on the Village; State cutting Local Government Distributive (LGDF) funds will have a negative impact on municipalities. Asked Village to provide a list of projects needing funding.
5. **Committee and Department Reports**
  - a. Public Works, Trustee Alers
  - b. Parks Planning and Development, Trustee Pyne
  - c. Business and Economic Development, Trustee Deasey
  - d. Building and Zoning, Trustee Cermak
  - e. Police, Public Safety, and Ordinances, Trustee Lewis
  - f. Finance and Administration, Trustee Ziegler

**Action Items**

6. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. **Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$287,433.22**
  - b. **Approve minutes of the 1/23/2025 meeting**
  - c. **Adopt Ordinance # 1694-25 An Ordinance Amending Title 6: Police and Public Safety Regulations of the Island Lake Village Code**
  - d. **Adopt Ordinance # 1695-25, An Ordinance Amending Title 2, Chapter 2, Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Compensation, of the Island Lake Village Code**
  - e. **Adopt Ordinance #1698-25, An Ordinance Amending Title 1, Chapter 16 Schedule of Fees, Fines and Penalties, Zoning Application Fees**
  - f. **Authorize Mayor to sign Gonzalez Companies, LLC proposal for the Lakeview Bridge Inspection in the amount of \$4,250**
  - g. **Approve final payment of the held retainer to Geske and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$15,724.07 for the 2024 MFT Resurfacing Program**

Discussion: Title 6 was adjusted to non-gender specific terms

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read with the addition of the gender neutral terms for Title 6, and Item f as amended by consultation with Public Works Director Carlsen by Trustee Lewis, second by Trustee Cermak

Questions: Trustee Pyne asked about cost of streetlights in the bill report. Should e-bikes be addressed in Chapter 8 of Title 6? Response: Not at this time; will monitor. Mayor McLaughlin: When was the last time Lakeview Bridge was inspected? Director Carlsen: It's an annual inspection.

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

7. **Adopt Ordinance # 1696-25 An Ordinance Granting a Variance for 121 Hickory Terrace**

Discussion: [Existing variance ordinance 1278-06 from 2006 will need to be revoked.] Trustee Lewis:

Typo on Ordinance: The setback is not 10 foot in the overlay district. Propose that wording be changed

to 5 feet or 10% to.3.5. Petitioner Mike Harbut. Trustee Lewis: It will follow the existing footprint of current garage. Trustee Deasey: We appreciate your upgrading. Official

Motion to Adopt Ordinance # 1696-25 An Ordinance Granting a Variance for 121 Hickory Terrace as amended by Trustee Lewis-, Second by Trustee Alers

Questions:

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

**8. Adopt Ordinance # 1697-25 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1640-21 Relating to Title 3 Liquor Control Regulations of the Island Lake Village Code**

Discussion: Mayor McLaughlin: This allows the existing business that was the first with video gaming to continue.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 1697-25 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1640-21 Relating to Title 3 Liquor Control Regulations of the Island Lake Village Code by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Pyne

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

**9. Authorize Mayor to sign the Intergovernmental Operating Agreement between the Illinois State Police and the Village of Island Lake Police Department Establishing the Violent Crimes Intelligence Task Force**

Discussion: Chief Paulus: This allows us to get a grant related to revoked FOID cards; this will give the Village authority and reimbursement to do this

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign the Intergovernmental Operating Agreement between the Illinois State Police and the Village of Island Lake Police Department Establishing the Violent Crimes Intelligence Task Force by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Deasey

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

**Discussion Items: none**

**10. Mayor Comments** included: There will be a presentation by the new grocers at the March 13 meeting; Converse Park is getting well used; sent a letter to Representative Schakowsky seeking funding. Will have a good working relationship with Nunda Township, Mike Shorten.

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

Trustee Alers: Reminder about no parking on streets during snowfall; excited about new businesses; praised staff for keeping the Village together. Trustee Cermak: Prosperous new season in building; make this a nice community that people want to live in. Trustee Deasey: Reminder that IDOT will do resurfacing between Roberts and Nish Roads—projected for June. Looking forward to thaw and warm weather; be aware of walkers and bike riders and follow the speed limits. Trustee Lewis: Praised sled race and enjoyed participating as a sledder. Trustee Pyne: Fun aspect of sled race was the STEM program; last year's attendees used learnings to build this year's sled. Thanked Public Works Carl Piekarski and Elijah Villarreal for gym cleanup; Public Works rocks the snow plowing. Trustee Ziegler: Excited to see new businesses coming in.

Chief Paulus: Section of Illinois Vehicle Code addresses e-bikes and municipalities can add more stringent regulations, including restricting use on paths. Director Carlsen: March 5 should have quotes for lake treatment contracts for the 3/13/2025 Agenda. Treasurer Murray:

Official Adkins: New rooftops coming into Village; home improvements are coming. Clerk Cooper: SEIs Spring Newsletter submissions for April newsletter.

**12. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Pyne  
All were in favor. Motion carried at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooperp