

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
May 8, 2025, 7:00 p.m.



1. **Call to Order**
2. **Presentation of Official Abstract of the Vote for the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election**
The Village
3. **Roll Call including Newly Elected Officials** Present: Trustees Brittany Alers, Chuck Cermak, Steve Deasey, Thadd Lewis, Wendy Mills and Will Ziegler. Also present: Mayor Richard McLaughlin, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Finance Director Mike Marro, Attorney Brandy S. Quance, Police Chief Jennifer Paulus, Public Works Director Chris Carlsen, Retired Wauconda Fire District Chief Patrick Kane
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Astrid McLaughlin who recently achieved citizenship
5. **Swearing in of Mayor McLaughlin; Trustees Chuck Cermak, Steve Deasey and Wendy Mills; and Village Clerk Georgine Cooper**
6. **Public Comment** included: Resident Lauren asked the Village to consider changing the ordinance prohibiting chickens in residential areas. Outlined advantages including education, sense of community, environmental benefits. Resident attended meeting where company presented information about treatment and statement about transparency; would like to have the specific products used listed; asked Board to consider having product names posted. Director Carlsen stated that there were no restrictions on the treatment used; we would share chemicals. Resident suggested it is difficult for motorists to see people who walk dark colored dogs in dark colored clothes.
7. **Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Audit**
Rescheduled for 5/22/2025 meeting
8. **Committee and Department Reports**
 - a. Public Works, Trustee Mills
 - b. Parks Planning and Development, Trustee Alers
 - 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

9. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Ratify approval payment of April 2025 bills in the amount of \$ 427,894.99
 - b. Approve minutes of the 4/10/2025 meeting
 - c. Ratify acceptance of Aronson Fences proposal in the amount of \$6,368 for installation of fence at Greenleaf Park [Village Hall campus]
 - d. Authorize Mayor to sign 0 N. Dowell Road Easement Agreement with ComEd

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as read by Trustee Alers, Second by Trustee Deasey
Questions: Trustee Lewis: Where is fencing? Director Carlsen: On T-ball field. Mayor McLaughlin: Organizations using the fields have greatly improved them.
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis, Mills, and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

10. **Authorize Mayor to sign letter of agreement ratifying hiring of Finance Director Michael Marro and authorize Mayor's appointment of Michael Marro as Treasurer**

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign letter of agreement ratifying hiring of Finance Director Michael Marro and authorize Mayor's appointment of Michael Marro as Treasurer by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Mills

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

11. Adopt Resolution 699-25 Designating Treasurer Michael Marro as the Principal Authority for The Illinois Funds Investment Account for the Village of Island Lake, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois

Motion to adopt Resolution 699-25 Designating Treasurer Michael Marro as the Principal Authority for The Illinois Funds Investment Account for the Village of Island Lake, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Lewis

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

12. Authorize Mayor to sign the May 1, 2025 – April 23, 2028 Fraternal Order of Police contract between Illinois Labor Council and the Village of Island Lake, Sergeant's Contract

Discussion: Mayor thanked Chief Paulus for her work on the contract.

Motion to authorize Mayor Authorize Mayor to sign the May 1, 2025 – April 23, 2028 Fraternal Order of Police contract between Illinois Labor Council and the Village of Island Lake, Sergeant's Contract by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Deasey

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

Discussion Items: none

- 13. Mayor Comments** included: Thanked the Wauconda Fire District for handling of the 100 acre blaze with a total of 12 departments of responding—no injuries or property damage. We all live in this town; respect other residents, follow the law and be safe. Lake is greatly improved with the new treatments. July 4th Commemoration of Village's 75th birthday.

14. Trustee and Staff Comments included:

Trustee Alers: Thanked all the first responders for handling of the fire; welcomed Wendy. Trustee Cermak: Thanked residents for coming out; thanked the voters for support; lake looks great and fishing is awesome; welcomed Mike Marro. Trustee Deasey: Look forward to a new term and thanked residents for support; reminded people to be safe and careful on the roads especially in construction areas. Trustee Lewis: Thanked first responders for handling of grass fire; fire came 60 yards from his house; welcomed Mike Marro; congratulated newly sworn in officials; look forward to work together. Trustee Mills: Look forward to working together; as a former educator, appreciates the opportunity to work in this role; be more aware of kids and their vehicles in the warm weather. Obey signs and speed limits. Trustee Ziegler: Welcomed Treasurer Marro and looks forward to moving forward; congratulated Mayor and trustees elected.

Director Carlsen: Congratulated newly elected officials; welcomed Mike Marro. Channel Park is still getting a facelift; will be meeting Kelley's Market on Wednesday about going forward with construction work. Janet Drive Water Main work assessment is in progress; easements may be required from property owners; water mains must be away from sanitary sewer lines. TIGRIS is providing data about treatments. Thanked Mike Nickels for running the ground crew. Chief Paulus: Reminder that Cop on a Rooftop to raise money for Special Olympics is Friday, May 16, 2025. Treasurer Marro: After 4 days on the job, is assessing processes to improve them; is happy to be here. Clerk Cooper: Received final grant check for Converse Park in the amount of over \$83,000; version of *About Island Lake* pamphlet is on our website. Read the following quotes: *We need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they're falling in.* — Desmond Tutu. *No member of a crew is praised for the rugged individuality of his rowing.* Ralph Waldo Emerson. *To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.* — Eleanor Roosevelt. All of us here on both sides of this dais are TEAM ISLAND LAKE. Look for sources of problems and find solutions; row together and put your heart in it.

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Alers
All were in favor. Motion carried at 7:53 p.m.p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper