

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
August 14, 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, Wendy Mills and Will Ziegler. Absent: None. Also Present: Mayor Richard McLaughlin, Village Clerk Georgine Cooper, Attorney David McArdle, Police Chief Jennifer Paulus, Public Works Director Chris Carlsen, Treasurer Mike Marro
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Ayden Marsek
4. **Public Comment** included: Ayden Marsek of Scout 176, who built benches for the disc golf courses, would like to know how they could help prevent vandalism at Puri Family Park; has been repeated damage to the benches. Another scout mentioned damage to the sensory board. Trustee Cermak: Which benches were damaged? Response: One immediately behind Walgreens; another toward the middle. The occurrences are recent. Trustee Ziegler: Create awareness for neighbors and ask them to call. Trustee Alers: We may need to invest in more lighting and cameras. Scout leader: We know people appreciate them. Trustee Mills asked if she could donate for restoration, as did other board members. Trustee Deasey: It is disheartening to have hard work vandalized. Know that what you're doing improves the park and the golf course that is rated #13 in Illinois. Chief Paulus: Add signage that states that damage to the property is a felony and charges will be filed. Scout leader Dawn Rugg: Cameras are at Maple Ridge; are they planned at Puri Family Park? Mayor McLaughlin: Look into grants for cameras. Resident: Another water main leak on Janet Drive; expressed importance of moving the water main project. Resident: Has been here 5 years; wants enforcement for speeding on Spruce and Burnett; has 2 daughters and wants them to be safe; feels there is a need for speed limit signs; has spoken with Chief; reported a Honda Civic and a BMW that are driving recklessly there; traffic is increasing with growth of community; need for more safety measures; suggest speed bumps. Mayor asked Public Works Director to order at Kids at Play sign and to put a 20 mph sign on Spruce Terrace.
5. **Committee 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, Administration and Education: Trustee Ziegler

Action Items

6. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve minutes of the 7/24/2025 meeting**
 - b. **Authorize Mayor to sign Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois, State Police and the Village of Island Lake, effective July 2025 – June 2026 for FOID Revocation Enforcement in the amount of \$6,537.00**

Discussion: Mayor McLaughlin: Does it cover check?

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Mills
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis, Mills, Ziegler. Nays: none. Motioned carried.
7. **Authorize Mayor to sign the 2025-2026 IT Maintenance Agreement F-L with Computer Help Key in the amount of \$3,475 per month for covered services and \$150 per hour for outside of scope services.**

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign the 2025-2026 IT Maintenance Agreement F-L with Computer Help Key in the amount of \$3,475 per month for covered services and \$150 per hour for outside of scope services by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Alers

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

8. Waive the competitive bid process and authorize Mayor to sign JETCO, LTD Proposal in the amount of \$39,793 for upgrades to the Janet Drive water tower

Motion to waive the competitive bid process and authorize Mayor to sign JETCO, LTD Proposal in the amount of \$39,793 for upgrades to the Janet Drive water tower by Trustee Alers,

Second by Trustee Mills

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

Adopt Ordinance 1711-25 An Ordinance Amending Title 1 Schedule of Fees, Fines, and Penalties for Title 4, Water Service Charges

Motion to adopt **Ordinance 1711-25 An Ordinance Amending Title 1 Chapter 16, Annual Fee Ordinance, Water Service Charges, of the Village of Island Lake Code and Title 4, Chapter 2 Schedule of Fees, Fines, and Penalties for Title 4, Water Service Charges** by Trustee Mills,

Second by Trustee Deasey

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

Discussion Items: none

9. Mayor Comments included: A lot of good things going on in town; new Code Enforcement officer; businesses cleaning up their property; Lake looks great; Corn Fest is Sunday; thanked Troop 176 for coming to meeting; road work going on; 6th Annual Oktober Fest at end of September with lots of returning features and some new ones.

10. Trustee and Staff Comments included: Trustee Alers: Thanked Trustee Ziegler and Mills for the work on water rates; necessary for our water system; praised National Night Out; appreciate community effort of police officers; refreshing to see positive feedback on the lake; seeing positive posts on Facebook. Trustee Cermak: We are looking for a part-time building official; Mr. Adkins is retiring but may consult; seeking a building official. Trustee Deasey: Even in the hot and dry weather, the lake looks great; praised National Night Out—was a great time and well done; annual Guns and Hoses Charity Golf Outing on the same day; please be careful on the streets with all the activity in the summer. Trustee Lewis: Support the Lions Corn Fest; it's a fundraiser that goes back into the community. Trustee Mills: Appreciated that scouts brought the vandalism to our attention; praised the pavilion at Eastway. Trustee Ziegler: Thanked Trustees Alers and Mills for their work on water rates; it's the only way to maintain our system; praised the lake condition.

Chief Paulus: Update on E-bikes; had conversation with one kid; reminded board that signs do not change driver behavior; vandalism and E-bike issues will go down with kids return to school.

Director Carlsen: Part of the JETCO Proposal includes removing star; will delay the work until after the star lighting; asked board for feedback. Clerk Cooper: Grateful to work with a dedicated team of public servants and staff who are all dedicated to serving our community. They all go the extra distance.

11. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employment, compensation and performance of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

None.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Ziegler

All were in favor. Motioned carried at 7:51 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper