

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
August 28, 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, Finance Director Mike Marro
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mike Hensgren

Presentation on Phone System: Mike Hensgren, S-NET Communications, Inc.

60,000 users; in business for 20 year; "large enough to deliver, small enough to care"; a good fit for the immediate term and for the future. Mayor McLaughlin asked how Trustee Ziegler found S-NET. Trustee Ziegler: Our system is old and unsupported; the Police Department has needs for greater capacity; worked with 4 companies for proposals. Computer Help Key was part of process; wanted something simple and affordable; need fiber optic network. Trustee Ziegler: Support is critical; training will be provided. S-NET support; 99.3% retention of clients; 70% of calls are responded to within 15 minutes. Trustee Lewis: Asked about the rental vs. purchase in the two proposals. Trustee Ziegler: It makes sense to buy out right. Trustee Lewis: Break even point will be 2 ½ years. Mr. Hensgren: Lifespan of phones is 5-7 years; program is intuitive; we'll be onsite to do install and training. We will replace broken phones—however they were broken. Mayor McLaughlin: Asked for clarification on charges—monthly and one-time. Cindy Kolek, Communications & Cloud Technology Consultant: Support is ongoing for phones whether purchased or rented; we reduced installation charges by half. Financial Director Marro: In 31 months, we would break even. Trustee Ziegler: It's like rent with option to buy. Attorney McArdle: Wants to assure we have adequate out if needed.

4. **Public Comment** included: Resident: For 2026, think about where to launch fireworks for health of our lake; suggests relocating them over land; some debris landed on the island and in lake. Mayor McLaughlin: We are aware and are working with fire district. Resident on Carriage Hill: Solar panels can only be installed on primary building; would like to be able to have them installed on sheds or ancillary structure. Trustee Lewis: Variance may be a solution for a unique property. Tina Loos representing Island Lake Lions mentioned they would like to bring a band to Fall Fest on October 4. Dave Sobieski asked about fish stocking after fish kill; spring stocking is planned; for fall, call Keystone. Director Carlsen: Will talk to Keystone; we put a lot of money into lake this year and our lake has three times the fish of other lakes around. Lions Secretary Trevor Mock: Thanked the Village for all their help; great event and awesome weather; love the community coming together; did not expect it to be so big this year; moving forward we'll keep it going; only complaint was "not enough porta-potties"; will need more parking if it grows. Last year's Corn Fest paid for pavilion [in Eastway Park] donations from Amrich's helped fund it; ceiling and electricity remain to be done.

Action Items

5. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$ 428,462.41**
 - b. **Approve minutes of the 8/14/2025 meeting**
 - c. **Adopt Ordinance 1712-25 An Ordinance Amending Title 7, 7-7-3 PROHIBITED PARKING AREAS of the Village of Island Lake Code**
 - d. **Approve Island Lake Lions Club request for extended hours to 9:00 [9:30 p.m.] to include live band performance for previously approved [11/14/2024] use of Converse Park on October 4, 2025**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended to 9:30 for the Fall Fest by Trustee Ziegler;
Second by Trustee Mills

Questions: Trustee Cermak: Concerned about adequate parking in the area for new car dealer. Mayor: Problem with junk cars parked along there; we just fixed that road. Trustee Cermak: Those cars are being repaired. Consider allowing on one side. Trustee Deasey: Is there enough room for car dealer customers? Response: Yes, in their lot. Attorney McArdle: This item can be pulled from Consent Agenda. Mayor polled the board for consensus on Item c; there was none.

Trustee Ziegler amended the motion to approve items a, b and d. Trustee Mills amended the Second.
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis, Mills, Ziegler. Nays: none. Motioned carried.

Motion to table agenda item 6c by Trustee Mills, Second by Trustee Alers

Question: Are they still allowed to park on one side of Bassler? Clarified with Chief Paulus about what is currently allowed. Response: Can park on one side of the street.

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

6. Authorize Mayor to sign S-NET Communications, Inc., Master Customer Service Agreement for phone equipment and service of Option

A. Rental option: Monthly recurring service charge of \$1,205.18; one-time fee of \$907.86,

B. Purchase option: Monthly recurring service charge of \$1,056.44; one-time fee of \$5,447.28

Discussion: Are the amounts revised?

Authorize Mayor to sign S-NET Communications, Inc., Master Customer Service Agreement for phone equipment and service of Option 7B with monthly service charge of \$1,055.31 and one-time charge of \$6,035.16.16 by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Lewis

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

Discussion Items: none

7. Mayor Comments included: One of the biggest and best Corn Fests; Oktober Fest coming at the end of September; Trustee Alers and Lewis are looking at new playground for Village Hall; new houses on the horizon for Rolling Oaks and Walnut Glen; a new electronic scoreboard at the ballfields will be donated; the field will be named for them for a few year. Lomeli's in interested in selling food out of concession for ball games. Stay safe and have a great Labor Day; new asphalt by ballfields; sealcoating will be done on basketball courts.

8. Trustee and Staff Comments included:

Trustee Alers: Had a meeting about playground; thanked Mayor for looking into a new local company for playground. Trustee Cermak: Thanked residents for coming out; praised Mayor and Attorney and Finance Director; we are looking for a building inspector. Trustee Deasey: Enjoyed serving at Corn Fest (didn't know he could serve it with 2 hands); excited to see Lomeli's progressing; looking forward to bringing new business to town; enjoy and be safe on long weekend; welcomed new vendor; applauds the community supporting community events; pavilion and kayak launch are samples of what Lions give back. Trustee Mills: Friday night lights on Friday; concerns about vandalism at parks; walked through areas with Scout Charlie; September 19 will be a walk to honor children who were lost and support the families who have lost them (Always and Forever is the non-profit organization); have a great Labor Day Weekend; proceeds go to support families with funeral costs. Trustee Ziegler: Thanked Cindy Kolek and Mike Hensgren for work on phone system.

Director Carlsen: Bassler Drive and Williams Park road will be striped next week; 2 Public Works employees will go to training for CDLs. Clerk Cooper: Encouraged kids on basketball court to report vandalism. Asked if we gave direction for a new E-bike ordinance. Chief Paulus: Whatever the Board directs. Mayor McLaughlin: You have to be 16 years old, driver's license age.

Trustee Lewis: State Code is pretty comprehensive on 3 classes of bikes; the Board received this information; no one has provided direction about adding local restrictions.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Mills.
All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper